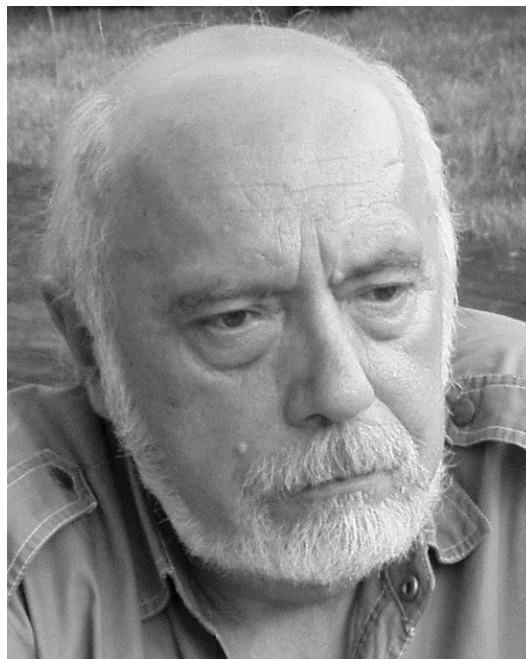


## MEMORIES OF PROFESSOR JERZY MROCZKOWSKI (1944 – 2009)

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In June last year we bid the final farewell to the late professor Jerzy Mroczkowski. He passed away unexpectedly after a brief but serious disease. A seemingly innocent infection developed into complications which proved to be fatal. He died at the age of 65 just when he was getting ready to retire and when all of us were gradually getting used to the idea that he would visit our Institute more and more seldom. This departure happened to be permanent.



Prof. Jerzy Mroczkowski

We shall remember him above all as an outstanding expert in descriptive geometry, as our Master and authority whom we could always consult in the case of a didactic or scholar debate. Soon after he finished his studies at Wrocław Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, in 1968, he started his career as a lecturer of descriptive geometry at our Technical University, first as a trainee, then as an assistant lecturer. As a student and then postgraduate student of professor Konrad Dyba, who continued the traditions associated with Lvov Technical University, in 1975 he was awarded his doctor's degree in Technical Sciences and became a tutor. He was very active as a scientist and was the author of numerous publications, including two monographs, two textbooks and 19 unpublished papers on geometry and descriptive geometry. In 1976 he received a scientific and didactic training at Moscow Institute of Architecture, Chair of Descriptive Geometry. In 1977 he became the head of the Division of De-

scriptive Geometry and Drawing Perspective at Wrocław University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and in 1990 he became an associate professor. He supervised 3 doctor's dissertations in descriptive geometry. Being active in the field of science and didactic work at the same time he was a member of the foundation committee and later the Vice President of the Polish Society of Geometry and Engineering Graphics and the chief editor of the editing board of the intercollegiate scientific magazine 'Descriptive Geometry and Engineering Graphics'.

We shall remember him as a great superior at work, as "Our Boss" as we used to call him, although for us he was more a colleague than our superior. Despite the age difference many of us addressed him by his first name. He never used to stress the gap that might result from his position, his degree or his immense knowledge. As the head of the Institute he never made autocratic decisions and his instructions were more like requests than orders. Thanks to his attitude there have never been any conflicts or arguments at our Institute. He never forced us – his subordinates – to obey him against our will. That was his approach and he possibly expected the same from us with regard to himself, since in the last weeks of his life, despite our numerous requests we failed to persuade him it was necessary that he should undergo medical treatment. Until the last moment he believed, as was often the case, he would be able to recover without the help of doctors. That, sadly, did not happen. Life's fortune prepared a more cruel scenario.

We shall remember him as an incredibly friendly person, an older friend. Despite his immense knowledge and the position he held he was an extremely modest person. Although he gave an impression of somewhat crude style in reality he was shy and sensitive, however those who knew him more closely could often experience his helpfulness, kindness and cordiality. In his relations with students he showed his understanding and tolerance. He used to devote a lot of his private time to his colleagues and postgraduate students by assisting them in gaining knowledge and attaining higher level of scientific competence.

We have lost an outstanding scholar and a great person. We shall miss him a lot. We shall miss his friendly nature, authority, his quiet steps in the corridors of our Institute, his slightly hoarse voice and his repetitive coughing, so typical of him.

We shall remember you, we shall never forget you dear Professor!

## **WSPOMNIENIE O PROFESORZE JERZYM MROCZKOWSKIM (1944-2009)**

Jerzy Mroczkowski - doktor habilitowany nauk technicznych, profesor Politechniki Wrocławskiej był uczniem i doktorantem profesora Konrada Dyby, kontynuatora tradycji związanych z Politechniką Lwowską. Prowadził szeroką działalność naukową, był autorem licznych publikacji, w tym dwóch monografii, dwóch podręczników i 19 prac niepublikowanych z geometrii i geometrii wykreślnej. Wypromował trzech doktorów z zakresu geometrii wykreślnej. Kierował Zakładem Geometrii Wykreślnej i Perspektywy Malarskiej przy Wydziale Architektury Politechniki Wrocławskiej. Był zastępcą prezesa Polskiego Towarzystwa Geometrii i Grafiki Inżynierskiej, członkiem komitetu redakcyjnego Biuletynu tegoż Towarzystwa, przewodniczącym komitetu redakcyjnego międzyuczelnianego czasopisma naukowego „Geometria Wykreślna i Grafika Inżynierska”.