

Honorary Members of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society

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The General Assembly, the highest authority of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society (PSRS), awarded the title of Honorary Member to the co-founders of the Society, Professors Julian Jan Auleytner of the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw (in 2003) and Andrzej Kisiel of the Jagiellonian University (in 2004) in recognition of the merits of the creation and development of the PSRS.

Both Professors organized the 1st National Symposium of Synchrotron Radiation Users (1 KSUPS) in Krakow on February 11-12, 1991. During this meeting, the participants decided to establish the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society. The Society was registered in Krakow on May 5, 1991. Currently, the seat of PSRS is located at the Institute of Nuclear Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Krakow. Professor Kisiel became the first president and prof. Auleytner, his deputy; both of them held these positions for the first two four-year terms, that is, until 1999, actively participating in the work of the Management Board and organizing committees of all international and national conferences and symposia organized by the Society, later as Honorary Chairmen.

Professors Julian Jan Auleytner and Andrzej Kisiel were outstanding scientists with enormous scientific achievements. They were open to cooperating with many research centers in the country and abroad. They both started their professional work in 1953 - the prof. Auleytner was several years older, but the second world war and persecution took a precious period of his early youth. They both worked for half a century, prof. Auleytner at the University of Warsaw and the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and prof. Kisiel at the Jagiellonian University. They attached great importance to exchange their knowledge and experience with young scientists (each promoted to over 20 doctors). Their Ph.D. students work in many scientific and research centers in Poland and abroad, on all continents. Both Professors were members of the scientific councils of several institutes. They were awarded for their scientific work individually and with their teams, including state decorations.

Since 1992, in even-numbered years, PSRS has organized consecutively numbered international schools, and symposia called the International School and Symposium on Synchrotron Radiation in Natural Science (ISSRNS), and in odd-numbered years the National Symposia of Synchrotron Radiation Users (KSUPS).

Late prof. Auleytner had extensive experience in organizing scientific meetings. In the years 1964-1992, he organized eight international schools combined with scientific symposia on defects in crystals, which contributed to increasing the level of knowledge and skills in the field of material characterization and to the development of scientific contacts with other countries, both from the West and the East, which was of great importance in the years of the Polish People's Republic. In 1978, he was the Organizing Committee chairman of the International Congress of Crystallography in Warsaw, which was attended by as many as 1,650 participants worldwide.

Professor Auleytner published in the first issue of the PSRS Bulletin an article entitled "My comments on the history of the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society establishment ", while Professor Kisiel wrote about the idea to initiate the Polish Synchrotron Radiation Society and its beginnings in No. 10 of the PSRS Bulletin, and several articles in the following issues, including a comprehensive calendar.

In 1999, the younger members took over the activity of the PSRS. Professor Auleytner passed away in December 2003, while Professor Kisiel continues to provide Society with knowledge, advice, and experience.



The 4th ISSRNS (1998): sitting from the left J. Bąk-Misiuk and K. Jabłońska; standing from the left: D. Nagy (Hungary), J. Auleytner, (Honorary Member of PSRS), L. Datsenko (Ukraine), M. Lefeld-Sosnowska, behind her J. Grochowski, A. Kisiel (Honorary Member of PSRS), D. Żymierska and B.V. Robouch (Italy).