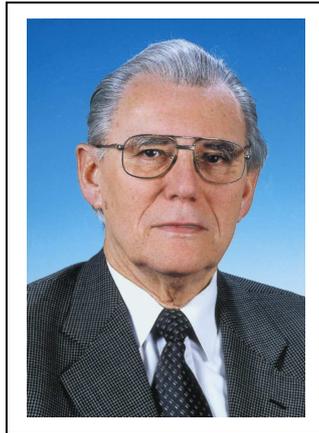


**PROFESSOR  
KAZIMIERZ EMIL OCZOŚ  
1931–2012**



**Editor in Chief  
of “Advances in Manufacturing  
Science and Technology”  
2003–2008**

Professor KAZIMIERZ EMIL OCZOŚ passed away. Deeply saddened, we say farewell to this outstanding and educated man. Vice Editor (1997-2002) and Editor in Chief (2003-2008) of quarterly journal *Advances in Manufacturing Science and Technology*, co-creator of Rzeszów academic centre and former Rector of the Rzeszów University of Technology, an activist in organisations and creative unions of technicians and engineers. As a co-worker in editorial staff of *Advances in Manufacturing Science and Technology* and *Mechanik*, and a friend of the late Professor, I would like to take the opportunity to present his achievements, so as to emphasize the loss suffered by science and the Rzeszów University of Technology, as well as all his students, co-workers and friends.

Profesor Kazimierz Emil Oczos was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1931 in Rzeszów, where he graduated from a high school in 1951, then continued

education in the Faculty of Mechanics at the Wrocław University of Technology, and afterwards the Cracow University of Technology, graduating in 1957 as M. Sc. in Mechanical Engineering.

He started scientific and educational work during his studies at the Cracow University of Technology as an assistant in 1954. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1957 he was transferred to the Rzeszów Faculty of Mechanics, where in years 1957-1963 he worked in turn as an assistant, a senior assistant and a lecturer.

He got the PhD degree in 1969 in the Faculty of Ceramics of AGH University of Science and Technology. On the 1st of October 1970 he was granted an academic title of an associate professor, and in 1990 a title of a full professor.

Technical activity of Professor Kazimierz E. Oczóś was mainly focused on problems related to ceramics shaping and abrasive machining of metallic and non-metallic materials. It was brought to life through projecting, crafting and industrial use of many automated machining devices and professional tools designing high shape-dimensional accuracy technology of edging and polishing spherical surfaces, used mostly in alloartroplastic and in medical implants production, including hip joint endoprosthesis. He was an author or co-author of more than 20 patents. The effects of this activity were appreciated with awards from numerous ministries and the Polish Federation of Engineering Associations – NOT.

Professor Kazimierz E. Oczóś scientific activity was mostly related to creating basics of construction of materials edging, shaping of technical ceramic materials and surface geometric structures classification. He presented the gist, importance and applications of innovative means of detrimental and incremental products shaping. Professor Oczóś is an author or co-author of 10 books, over 250 articles and almost 150 treatises presented during domestic and international summits. He conferred a technical science doctor's degree on 8 students, reviewed nearly 100 PhD dissertations and habilitation theses, as well as many professor motions.

Professor Kazimierz E. Oczóś greatly contributed to creation and evolution of the Rzeszów University of Technology in which he held the position the Dean of the Faculty of Mechanics (1969-1972) and the Rector (1972-1981, 1982-1987, 1993-1996). For his activities he was awarded many first-level prizes by the Minister of Science and Higher Education, as well as 1st grade award from the Rzeszów President in 1996.

Professor Kazimierz E. Oczóś was a member of many central organisations related to science and higher education, to name but a few: Main Council of Science, Higher Education and Technology, (1977-1980), Main Council of Science and Higher Education (1987-1991), Central Qualifying Committee (1988-1990), Scientific Researches Committee (1991-1993, 2000-2004), Polish Academy of Sciences' Machines Construction Committee (since 1990), Engineering Academy in Poland (since 1994), Central Committee for Titles and

Degrees (since 2003). He was the editor-in-chief of *Mechanik* scientific journal, as well as vice editor-in-chief and editor of the Polish Academy of Science quarterly journal *Advances in Manufacturing Science and Technology*.

He was awarded with many national and departmental honours, including Medal of Commission of National Education, Order of Polonia Restituta, an honourable title 'Teacher of Merit', Order of the Banner of Work II class, and Order of Rebirth of Poland (Knight's Cross).

Professor Kazimierz E. Oczóś remained unwaveringly faithful to his activity of promoting technical knowledge, especially in the area of building and utilizing machines. He left significant marks of his work and guidance for all of us – in many of his articles, monographies, books and presentations.

We will miss him greatly. He passed away in Rzeszow on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2012.

*Goodbye my Teacher  
and my wonderful Friend*

*Jan Sieniawski*