

From the Editors

In April 2005, we were celebrating 80th birthday of Professor Marian Kryszewski, prominent scientist in the field of physics and physical chemistry of polymers in Poland and founder of the scientific school of polymers in Łódź. On this occasion, Department of Molecular Physics of the Technical University of Łódź organised the International Seminar *Nanomaterials – Simulations and Experiments*.

The Seminar was organised under the auspices of the Network of Excellence of 6th Framework Programme of the European Union *NANOFUN-POLY (Nanostructured and Functional Polymer-Based Materials and Nanocomposites)*. Several distinguished scientists, both members of and from outside the Network, delivered lectures to over 100 participants taking part in the sessions and in vivid discussions.

The lecture hall was full when a special session, honouring Professor Marian Kryszewski, was arranged on the first day of the Seminar. The event gathered many representatives of universities and research centres, friends, co-workers and former students from all over Poland and from abroad. The title of honorary professor was conferred on Professor Kryszewski by the Wrocław University of Technology. Professor Marian Kryszewski was accepting the honours, congratulations and wishes with some embarrassment. He was taking active part in the scientific sessions of the Seminar and in the discussions, and it was clear that for him it was the scientific programme that was the main point of the event.

Several participants accepted invitation to submit papers to a special issue of *Materials Science-Poland*, dedicated to Professor Marian Kryszewski on his 80 birthday. We were not aware that only few months later we would gather again: Professor Marian Kryszewski passed away on 5th October 2005. This special issue is dedicated to his memory*.

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