In Memoriam of Professor Wioletta Podgórbska

Professor Wioletta Podgórbska passed away on November 14, 2019.

We have lost an eminent scientist, well known and respected in our chemical engineering scientific community.

Wioletta Podgórbska was born in Radom in 1963. In 1988 she graduated from the Warsaw University of Technology Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering with a Master’s degree in engineering. In 1993, while a member of the Faculty, she completed a PhD diploma, while in 2007 she obtained a habilitation degree based on the dissertation entitled Dispersion and coalescence of droplets in intermittent turbulent field.

Professor Wioletta Podgórbska, PhD., DSc. was an outstanding researcher in the field of chemical engineering and her achievements in the field of droplet coalescence and breakage modelling – dissertations, papers, etc. – made a significant contribution to the subject.

Particular attention was paid to her last work, a book on Multiphase particulate systems in turbulent flows, CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group, 2019. Professor Podgórbska received numerous awards and honors for her scientific achievements. She was awarded the Scientific Prize of the Polish Academy of Sciences as well as several times the Prize of Rector of the Warsaw University of Technology.

Professor Podgórbska was also an excellent academic teacher – highly evaluated by students – who was distinguished with the Medal of the National Education Commission.

Since 1988 she worked at the Warsaw University of Technology, Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering, where she held several functions – a head of the Division of Chemical Reactor Engineering and Dynamics (2005–2012) and a head of PhD Studies (2012–2019).

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