

In Memoriam

Professor Jozef Zwislocki



1922 – 2018

Professor Jozef Zwislocki D.Sc. of Fayetteville, NY, passed away on May 14, 2018 at the age of 96. He was a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Neuroscience at Syracuse University. Professor Zwislocki was born on March 19, 1922 in Lviv, then part of Poland. His grandfather, Ignacy Mościcki was the President of Poland in 1926. During the Second World War, Zwislocki and his family were forced to flee to Switzerland, where he then attended the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. His studies in electrical engineering and pioneering research in psychoacoustics culminated in a D.Sc. from this institute, in 1948. From 1945 to 1951, he headed the Electroacoustic Lab in the Department of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology at the University of Basel. Zwislocki came to the US in 1951 as a Research Fellow in the Psychoacoustic Laboratory at Harvard University. He joined the Syracuse University faculty in 1957 as the Research Associate Professor of Audiology. In 1958 he established the Bioacoustics Laboratory in the School of Education, later renamed the Institute for Sensory Research and served as director

until 1984. Named Distinguished Professor of Neuroscience in 1988, he retired from teaching in 1992 but continued to perform research at Syracuse University.

Based on his research, Prof. Zwislocki authored over 200 scientific articles, two fundamental books and obtained numerous patents. His 2002 publication *Auditory Sound Transmission: An Autobiographical Perspective* summarizes his life's work. He belonged to numerous scientific societies such as: the Acoustical Society of America, the Association for Research in Otolaryngology and the Psychonomic Society. He received the Acoustical Society of America's first Békésy Medal in 1985 for contributions in auditory science, the Hugh Knowles Prize in 1992 for distinguished achievement in the diagnosis and prevention of hearing disorders and many other awards. In 1990, in recognition of his distinguished achievements in original research, he became the first faculty member from Syracuse University elected to membership of the National Academy of Sciences. In 1991, he received a Doctorate Honoris Causa from the Adam Mickiewicz University of Poz-

nań in his native Poland. Other honors and awards include the Medal of the Medical Academy in Poland, membership of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Chancellor's Citation for Exceptional Academic Achievement at Syracuse University. In 2006, Prof. Zwislocki was honored as a Legend of Auditory Science by the American Academy of Audiology because of the landmark advances he has made in diagnostic methods in audiology.

Professor Zwislocki is recognized by the scientific and academic community as an outstanding scholar, always attentive and sympathetic towards young researches. He will be remembered by many as a charming person and a wonderful friend.

Other than his love of science and education, Prof. Zwislocki's passions included sailing, fishing for trout, horseback riding and skiing. He is survived by his wife Marie Zwislocki and other close members of his family.

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