

In Memoriam

Docent Janusz Renowski



1933–2022

Janusz Renowski, an associate professor (docent), engineer, was born on 14 May 1933 in Parczew. He completed his higher education at the Wrocław University of Technology, Faculty of Telecommunications. He started his professional career at the Wrocław University of Technology in 1955, while still a student. He received the M.Sc. degree in telecommunications in 1956 and the Ph.D. degree in technical sciences, in 1962 for his dissertation entitled “Immediate comprehension of words as a subjective measure of the quality of telephone transmission and its relation to words articulation” under the supervision of Prof. Zbigniew Żyszkowski. In 1964–1965 he completed an 8-month scientific internship at the Institute of Physics in Marseille. In 1970 he was appointed associate professor (docent). In 1971–1978, he was a head of the Department of Sound Perception at the Institute of Telecommunications and Acoustics at the Wrocław University of Technology. From 1979 to 1984, he worked as a contract professor at the University of Technology (USTO) in Oran (Algeria). There, he co-developed a 3-semester postgraduate programme in electroacoustics. He was the initiator and first head (1986–1999) of the Department of Acoustics at the Institute of Telecommunications and Acoustics of the Wrocław University of Technology. He retired in 1998.

Janusz Renowski’s scientific interest was mainly psychoacoustics, but he was also active in the fields

of electroacoustics and influence of noise on human health. He was the author of nearly 100 scientific papers, including three monographs and four handbooks. In 1993 he developed the programme of a new engineering major called “Audio Engineering” and until 1999 he was its supervisor. Between 1986 and 1999 he was the supervisor of the M.Sc. major “Acoustics”. He was the supervisor of eight completed doctoral theses in Poland and four in Algeria. He received 12 awards from the Rector of the Wrocław University of Technology for his scientific and teaching activities and the Award of the Minister of Higher Education for his achievements in training scientific staff in 1981.

Janusz Renowski was a member of the Polish Acoustical Society, Audio Engineering Society (AES) and Groupement des Acousticiens de Langue Française. From 1991 to 1996 he was a member of the Committee on Acoustics of the Polish Academy of Sciences. For his work he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Wrocław University of Technology, the Gold Cross of Merit, the Knight’s Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, and the Medal of the National Education Commission.

Docent Janusz Renowski died on 8 April 2022.

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