

IN MEMORY OF JANINA

It was a very sad day, when the message came that Janina passed away. It did not come as a surprise but Janina's premature death is not fair.

We met in the 1980s, when Professor Jerzy Z. Holzer organized the annual Training Workshops on the Use of Population Projections for Socio-Economic Planning. I had the privilege to teach in the training workshop for consecutive years. It was a period of historical changes in Poland with prospects for a better life. Janina embraced change, notwithstanding the many uncertainties involved. I remember vividly the lively discussions with Janina and colleagues on pros and cons of different directions of social change. These discussions were enlightening and helped to shape my worldview. They taught me the significance of an emic, context-specific, perspective for understanding social change and the significance of solidarity for a peaceful transition and a sustainable development.

Janina was instrumental in the development of demography in Poland. She was a bright researcher, able to spot new ideas and turn ideas into innovation. Her "Mathematical models of population" habilitation thesis and other publications illustrate that capability. Janina developed new population models for population analysis and projection, including multiregional models. Her habilitation thesis was a remarkable achievement at the time when multiregional demography was not yet a coherent body of knowledge. Janina was able to make the emerging field more coherent. The book was translated and published in English. It was reviewed by John Pollard in *Population Studies*, one of the few top journals of demography and population studies at that time. Pollard concluded the review of Janina's book by stating that multiregional demography "*is now firmly established in the literature*".

Janina followed Professor Holzer's footsteps and created an excellent research environment for the study of population and the processes that cause demographic change. The strong position of the Polish demography in Europe today results from the sustained focus on the recruitment of excellent junior researchers and teachers. Janina motivated and endorsed bright young scholars, used her extensive social network to pave the way for young scholars to participate in international networks and projects. As a result, the international community learned more about demographic research in Poland. That increased awareness resulted in a steadily growing recognition of the achievements and unique skills of demographic researchers in Poland. The community of demographers in Europe increasingly turned to Poland

for leadership to strengthen and further develop the profession. Janina was instrumental in making the European Association of Population Studies (EAPS) a success story, as a member of the Council (1995–1999), its Vice-President (1999–2003) and President (2003–2008). In 2003, she brought the European Population Conference to Warsaw. In 2005, Janina was a founding member of the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) and had been an active and inspiring member of the Scientific Board since. Her insight, wisdom, drive, strong capabilities in science and management, and empathy in her interpersonal relations were most valuable assets in the take-off and development of the EDSD. In 2013, Janina brought the school to Warsaw, strengthening the involvement of the Polish population scientists in the training of the next generation of demographers in Europe.

Janina was an exceptional person and a great colleague and friend. She had the values, enthusiasm and energy it takes to make the world a better place for all. We need persons like Janina.

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