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In Memoriam Professor Jan Kordos

On behalf of the Statistics in Transition new series' Editorial Board and Editorial Office, I regret to announce the death of Professor Jan Kordos – the founder of our journal and its long-time Editor-in-Chief (1993-2007).

Professor Kordos was a scientist whose passion for statistics distinguished him as an outstanding animator of broadly understood scientific life on many levels, where he also played leadership roles: as a long-term President of the Polish Statistical Association (1985-1994), as an academic teacher devoted to statistics and practitioner in various areas of its application – at home and abroad – and in the management of official statistics, including the function of the Vice-President of the Central Statistical Office (1992-1996).

Professor Kordos studied at the Jagiellonian University and the University of Wrocław, where he graduated from (in 1955) in mathematics under supervision of Hugo Steinhaus. He received a PhD in Econometrics from the University of Economics in Katowice in 1965. From the beginning of his professional career to almost the last years of his active life, he devoted himself to teaching at universities, mainly as a professor at SGH Warsaw School of Economics and Warsaw Management University.

Professor Kordos also trained experts abroad – including in the field of agricultural statistics in China (at the end of the 1980s) and in Nepal (Kathmandu, 1991). In 1994-1996, he served as a World Bank consultant for household surveys and implemented new household budget survey systems in Latvia and Lithuania. His publications included four books and over three hundred articles and other articles.

The community of statisticians in Poland and abroad is deeply saddened by the loss of one of its most outstanding and active representatives.

I express my deepest condolences to the family and relatives of Professor Jan Kordos.

Professor Włodzimierz Okrasa
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