

IN MEMORIAM



COMMODORE PROFESSOR LESZEK PIASECZNY

Cdre Professor Leszek Piaseczny, PhD, D.Sc. (Eng). was born on 1 January 1947, in Puławy. In 1968, he graduated from the Higher School of Naval Forces in Gdynia with the title of mechanical engineer and a specialization in “Machinery and engine rooms” and the military rank of acting sub-lieutenant. In 1976, he was awarded the degree of doctor of technical sciences, conferred by a resolution of the Council of the Ship Research Institute of the Gdańsk University of Technology.

In 1995, the Council of the Faculty of Machines and Motor Vehicles of the Poznań University of Technology conferred upon Dr Leszek Piaseczny the degree of doctor of technical science (habilitatus).

In 1996, Dr Leszek Piaseczny, D.Sc. Eng. was appointed to the position of Associate Professor of the Naval Academy. In the years 1993 – 2003, Professor Leszek Piaseczny held the position of Head of the Scientific Department of the Naval Academy, and then in the period 2003 – 2006 he was the Commander-Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering of the Naval Academy. In 2003, Polish President conferred on Leszek Piaseczny the title of Professor of technical sciences.

Professor Leszek Piaseczny's professional interests involved the operation and design of technical facilities with particular emphasis on ships and internal combustion engines. Professor Leszek Piaseczny concentrated his research on the durability and reliability of the technical systems of vessels and the optimization of their maintenance systems, including the technology of the repair of internal combustion engines of ships and the use of polymer composites in the processes of repairing marine equipment. Of particular interest is the pioneering work of Professor Piaseczny, both theoretical and practical, in the field of internal combustion engines. Professor Piaseczny's research on the emissions of pollutants from internal combustion engines of vessels has been applied in practice.

Overall, Professor Piaseczny's scientific contribution includes the authorship of three monographs, two patents, and more than 200 scientific articles.

Professor Leszek Piaseczny promoted four doctors and was involved as a reviewer in numerous doctoral and habilitation proceedings as well as applications for the title of professor.

Professor Leszek Piaseczny was a founding member of the Polish Scientific Society of Combustion Engines and member of the Polish Maintenance Society. Professor Piaseczny was member of the Scientific Board of the quarterly *Eksplatacja i Niezawodność – Maintenance and Reliability*.

He educated many generations of engineers and masters of science and was a respected lecturer and an author of original lectures and graduate seminars.

He combined his undisputed professional position with a rich personality of a man of letters and an erudite in many areas of culture. On account of his activity, knowledge and scientific expertise, as well as extremely positive features of his personality, Professor Leszek Piaseczny was a widely respected and liked colleague.

He died on April 4, 2014 after a long illness

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