

## Obituary

### Włodzimierz Surewicz (1918-2007)



Professor Dr. Włodzimierz Surewicz

Prof. Dr. Włodzimierz Surewicz passed away on July 19, 2007. He was a member of the Editorial Board of *Folia Forestalia Polonica Series B Wood Science*, as well as of the Committee on Wood Technology of Polish Academy of Sciences. During the Second World War he was a soldier of *Armia Krajowa* (the Home Army) and fought in the Warsaw Uprising. Professor was known as a prominent scientist, co-author of *Polish Pulp and Paper Industry* and as an academic teacher and youth-educator.

Since 1946 he started his professional work at the Central Board of Paper Industry in Łódź. In 1947, he was assigned to Pulp and Paper Central Laboratory. Thanks to his devotion and efforts the Laboratory was transformed into the Pulp and Paper Research Institute with allocated the Department of Cellulose, which was later changed into the Laboratory of Fibrous Materials managed by him till 1953. Since 1954, he moved to the Łódź Technical University, where he firstly became an assistant professor and finally a full professor. During his next 33 years of his professional career, he was in charge of the Laboratory of Cellulose at the Department of Pulp and Paper Technology and then at the Institute of Papermaking and Paper Machines at the Faculty of Chemistry of the Technical University

of Łódź. He was the Vice-Director of the Institute for Science from 1971 till 1975 and in years 1981-1984 he was the Dean of the Faculty of Chemistry.

Professor Surewicz published over 200 scientific papers including 18 books and 240 articles and more than 90 papers presented during national and international scientific conferences.

Prof. Włodzimierz Surewicz held the position of the editor of the scientific journal Paper Review and he was an activist of the Central Board of Engineers and Technicians of the Paper Industry Association, Main Council of the Polish Federation of Engineering Associations and some of its central divisions. He was also a honorary member of the Polish Papermakers Association.

Professor was honored with the numerous distinctions and awards including the Cross of the Restitution of Poland, Order of the National Educational Commission, Cross of the Warsaw Uprising, honorary awards of Łódź and the Technical University of Łódź. He was also honored by Polish Federation of Engineering Associations and the Polish Association of Engineers and Technicians of Paper Making Industry.

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