



Memorial of Professor Janusz Stanisław Keller (1933–2017)



With a deep regret we inform that the Professor emeritus Janusz Stanisław Keller passed away on February 2, 2017, at the age of 83.

Professor Janusz Stanisław Keller PhD, DSc, was born in Puławy. He studied animal science at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences – SGGW and received his master's degree at the Agricultural University in Cracow in 1959.

He began his scientific career at the Institute of Animal Physiology and Nutrition of Polish Academy of Sciences in Jabłonna under guidance of prof. Jan Kielanowski who introduced him in the ongoing research on energy and protein metabolism in growing organisms. This was the beginning of his lifelong interest in these two vital processes, continued in research and summarized in the publication of two treatises on human bioenergetics and one on protein as a component of human organism and its role in nutrition – published, alas, only in Polish.

Prof. Keller received his PhD degree in 1964 and DSc in 1970. He continued his work at the Institute of Genetics and Animal Breeding of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Jastrzębiec and in 1981 he started his academic career at the Faculty of Human Nutrition and Consumer Sciences Warsaw University of Life Sciences – SGGW. This was the longest and most fruitful period of his life.

Besides teaching, he was involved in many scientific and organizational activities which extended and intensified formation of human nutritionists in Poland. The most important were the creation and heading of the Chair of Physiology of Nutrition, organization of post-graduate studies for the nutrition and dietetic advisers, and tutoring student's scientific Nutritionists and Dieticians Societies. Prof. Keller supervised eight PhD students, including students from Nigeria, Syria and Mexico.

He was an excellent teacher, highly appreciated by his students. He was also a member of many scientific Polish and foreign societies, was a co-founder of the Christian Forum of Scientists deeply involved in its activities. He officially retired in 2005 but was employed at SGGW till 2011.

Privately, Prof. Keller during whole his life held a deep passion for dogs and was known as a devoted dog breeder.

He spent his last years with his wife in a country house situated in a beautiful north-eastern region of Poland where he became an estimated member of the rural community.

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