

## EDITORIAL NOTE

We devote this issue of Demographic Studies to Professor Janina Józwiak, who passed away on 19 July 2016. Her departure was a shock to many persons that have had a chance to meet Professor in her various activities. We knew about the Professor's battle against cancer but we still hoped she could survive the disease. There was still so much to do! The Professor's attitude to the disease and treatment, her willpower and the ability to reconcile the heavy demand of the treatment with prudent fulfilment of professional duties kept our hopes alive. Unfortunately, it didn't work...

Numerous condolences send to the SGH Rector professor Tomasz Szapiro, and to professor Tomasz Panek and myself as representatives of the Institute of Statistics and Demography, which Professor Janina Józwiak had directed since 1999, show how much she meant for the research and science community in Poland, for our colleagues and friends from the European demographic community, and for many people from outside the academic world. We are deeply grateful for these.

The spontaneous reaction of our fellow demographers from abroad, who sent condolences by e-mail and posted tributes on websites of their institutions, proved that we constitute a community of European demographers. Its emergence was one of the goals of establishing the European Association of Population Studies (EAPS). EAPS proved successful in many ways and this adds to the list. Professor Janina Józwiak also contributed to the success, as mentioned by our friends and colleagues in their tributes prepared for this issue of Demographic Studies. The Professor was also involved in other 'community' initiatives like the European Doctoral School of Demography or Population Europe. Both their texts and the tributes by Polish demographers from different generations express who she was for the authors or how important her achievements and works are in the Polish and international arena. They also show the fruits of many years of joint effort to create a community of demographers in Europe. Its existence is fundamental and meaningful for us, demographers from the Central-Eastern Europe.

Thank you for all the contributions to this issue of Demographic Studies. They express our gratitude to the Professor and are a tribute to her life and heritage. It's also an obligation for us – her peers, colleagues and friends.

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