

*Obituary:*

## Professor Wiktor Kemula

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death of Professor Wiktor Kemula in Warsaw on 17 October 1985 at the age of eighty-three.

We in the 'Inclusion Community' will be most familiar with his pioneering work on inclusion chromatography which he surveyed in the Inaugural Review in the first issue of this Journal. That topic however represented just one of his many scientific interests which resulted in over 400 publications covering the fields of electrochemistry, spectroscopy, chromatography and analytical chemistry.



His research work was widely recognised throughout the scientific world which honoured him with Honorary Membership of several scientific societies including the Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher 'Leopoldina', The New York Academy of Sciences, Société de la Chimie Industrielle, The Japanese Society of Analytical Chemistry, The Czechoslovak Chemical Society and the Royal Society of Chemistry. He also served as a National Representative to the Analytical Division of IUPAC and as President of the Division from 1969 to 1972.

Professor Kemula was a co-founder of the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences and was still actively engaged in the work of the Institute at the time of his death. Those of us who were fortunate to be present at the Symposium on Clathrate Compounds and Molecular Inclusion Phenomena, which was organised by the Institute at Jachranka in 1980, will have fond memories of him and his conviction of the scientific importance of inclusion phenomena.

His conviction was vindicated by the fact that the Symposium turned out to be the first of a series of Symposia which have successively grown in size and stature and have undoubtedly contributed to the growing international interest in inclusion phenomena.

The Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Polish Scientific Community, the Editors, his fellow Editorial Board members and the readers of this Journal, together with the wider International Scientific Community will all mourn the passing of Professor Kemula.

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