

Jerzy Witold Aleksandrowicz

born on July 7, 1936, died on October 17, 2018

Founder and Editor-in-Chief

of Archives of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

Professor, habilitated doctor of medical sciences, full professor at the Jagiellonian University, psychiatrist, psychotherapist, supervisor and teacher of psychotherapy.

Member of Polish Psychiatric Association, former Chairman of Scientific Section of Psychotherapy of Polish Psychiatric Association, Vice Chairman of Committee on Clinical Hypnosis of Polish Psychiatric Association, former Editor-in-Chief of Polish Psychiatry (Psychiatria Polska), former Editor-in-Chief of Psychotherapy, Chairman of the Polish Psychiatric Association Editorial and Publishing Committee.

Member of European Society of Hypnosis in Psychotherapy and Psychosomatic Medicine, International Association of Group Psychotherapy, l'Association franco-polonaise de psychiatrie, World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry, Israeli-Polish Association of Mental Health, Fédération Européenne de Psychanalyse et Ecole Psychanalytique de Strasbourg (International Correspondent), European Association for Psychotherapy (Polish representative), Honorary Member of the Polish Psychiatric Association.

Awarded: Złoty Krzyż Zasługi - Cross of Merit (Poland), Złoty Medal za Długoletnią Służbę - Medal for Long Service (Poland), Krzyż Oficerski Orderu Odrodzenia Polski - Officer's Cross of Polonia Restituta, Medal Komisji Edukacji Narodowej - Order of the Commission of National Education, L'ordre Nationale de la Merite.

He was born in Krakow and in Krakow he graduated from medicine and philosophy. He was associated with the Department of Psychiatry of the Jagiellonian University Medical College, and later with the Department of Psychotherapy of the Jagiellonian University Medical College, which he established.

He investigated the effectiveness of psychotherapy in the treatment of neurotic disorders and personality disorders. He created his own concept of the disorders assuming them to be a way of interpersonal communication. His research tools are based on the phenomenology of neuroses, although the term neurosis itself

disappears from the language of psychiatry. What is more, Professor Aleksandrowicz regarded the symptoms of neurosis as unstable and dependent on the interaction between the sufferer and his surroundings.

He co-organized post-graduate training in psychotherapy. He introduced psychotherapy to the training of medical students.

He survived the Holocaust, being evacuated through channels from the Krakow ghetto thanks to the help of people from the resistance movement.

His appetite for life and energy seemed to be inexhaustible... And yet they were exhausted on the night from October 16 to October 17, 2018.

All who knew and loved Him honor His memory!

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