

It is with deepest sadness and regret that we convey the news that our Collaborator, Boss, Colleague and Friend

Professor Marek Cieplak

passed away on December 31, 2021.

Professor Marek Cieplak was a graduate of the Faculty of Physics at the University of Warsaw and the University of Pittsburgh (USA), an outstanding scientist conducting research on statistical physics, condensed matter physics and biological physics, initially at the Institute of Theoretical Physics, Faculty of Physics at the University of Warsaw, and since 1989 at the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and at many academic institutions in the USA, Sweden, Germany, Italy and Mexico. He was an author of several hundred publications cited about five thousand times. For a quarter of a century, he serve as a lecturer at summer physics courses at Rutgers University and Johns Hopkins University (USA). He supervised over a dozen doctoral and master's theses, was a member of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, initiated biophysical studies at the Institute of Physics PAS and was the founder and a long-term head of the Laboratory of Biological Physics. He was the *spiritus movens* of the series of international scientific conferences called "Biomolecules and Nanostructures" as well as a member of scientific societies and editorial boards of scientific journals.

He will remain in our memory as a man constantly looking for new inspirations, with tireless energy, determination and scientific passion, and of many interests in the humanities.

We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

The Management, the Scientific Council, collaborators and colleagues from the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences.



The funeral will take place on January 19, 2022 at 1.30 PM at the Funeral Home at the cemetery in Wólka Węglowa.