

# IM MEMORIAM

## Professor Władysław Wojewoda 1932-2010

Władysław Wojewoda was born on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1932, in the small town of Przemyśl in SE Poland. After studies in the Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków he started working in the Jagiellonian University Botanical Garden (1959) and after two years as a junior lecturer in the Department of Plant Systematics and Geography at the Jagiellonian University (1961-1968). During that period he was involved in intensive mycological studies. His doctoral thesis was devoted to “Macromycetes” of the Ojców National Park. Władysław Wojewoda worked also in the W. Szafer Institute of Botany of the Polish Academy of Science in the years 1969-2003. His interests focused on the taxonomy, ecology, chorology and conservation of macrofungi, especially auricularioid, tremelloid, dacrymectoid, tulasnelloid and aphylophoroid fungi. He is an author of monographs on *Auriculariales and Tremellales in Poland and Europe* (Wojewoda 1977), *Red List of Threatened Macrofungi in Poland* (Wojewoda, Ławrynowicz 1986, 1992, 2006), *Macrofungi of North Korea* (Wojewoda et al. 2004) and monumental *Checklist of the Polish Basidiomycetes* (Wojewoda 2003). Not only are many articles and monographs (altogether ca. 300 publications) a great achievement of Professor Wojewoda but also a collection of fungi which he founded in W. Szafer Institute of Botany. This collection includes ca. 53 000 specimens of fungi, and is one of the most important collections of fungi in Poland. In 2000 the first fascicle of *The Atlas of the Geographical Distribution of Fungi in Poland* edited by Professor Wojewoda was published. He was also a good teacher for students, doctoral students and amateurs of mycology. Professor Wojewoda carried out mycological research in Babia Góra, Gorce, Magura, Ojców and Tatra National Parks. His studies in North Korea and Niepołomice Forest near Kraków deserve special attention. He also collaborated with mycologists from the Czech Republic (former Czechoslovakia). Professor W. Wojewoda and Professor B. Gumińska wrote a basic key for identification of macromycetes for students and teachers.

Professor Wojewoda was a recognized authority for mycologists in Poland and Europe and was a kind, good humored man. His last article on *Laricifomes officinalis* was devoted to Professor Gumińska (Wojewoda 2010). Professor died on November 3, 2010, and was buried in the Rakowicki Cemetery in Kraków.

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