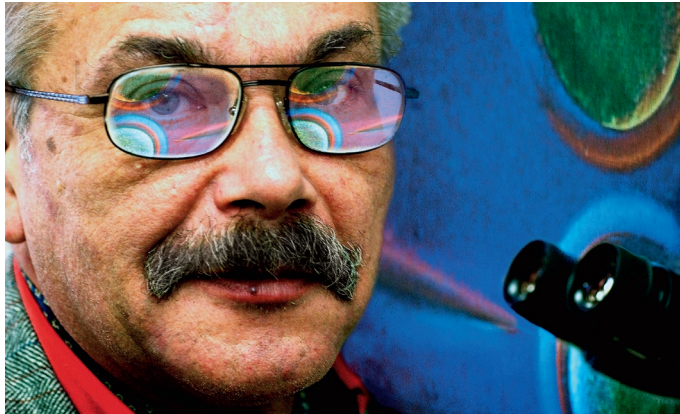


In memory of Professor Jacek A. Modliński

Professor Jacek Andrzej Modliński died suddenly on May 31st, 2021. Professor has been an employee of the Institute of Genetics and Animal Breeding (currently Institute of Genetics and Animal Biotechnology) of the Polish Academy of Sciences for nearly 30 years. We are deeply saddened by the loss of our colleague and esteemed scientist.”



Professor J. A. Modliński devoted his scientific career to experimental embryology. He obtained his PhD at the University of Warsaw under supervision of the late Professor A. K. Tarkowski, and went on to take up several internships and positions abroad, including University College London (UK) and INRA (France), and other scientific institutions in U.S.A. and Switzerland. His scientific interests focused mainly on early mammalian development, in particular nuclear-somatic interactions

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and embryonic and somatic cloning. His seminal work was published in the highest-ranking journals, including "Nature"; he has also contributed to the "Principles of Cloning", the authoritative book on the science of cloning. He was also active in outreach activities, making scientific ideas attractive to the general public.

For over 20 years professor Modliński has been the Head of the Department of Experimental Embryology at the IGAB PAS. He was always very supportive of his students and employees. He inspired many young scientists, supervising numerous PhD projects, and attracted many foreign researchers to join the group. He was instantly ready to discuss any new scientific idea, contributing from his vast experience and broad scientific knowledge. Above all, he made the Department a friendly and stimulating place, where scientific exchange was always encouraged, collaborations were forged and friendships blossomed.

Throughout his scientific career of over 50 years he made numerous collaborations with scientists in Poland and around the world. He influenced many, and even those who interacted with him many years ago still recall his dedication and support. Most importantly, he made a great many of his scientific collaborations last for years or even decades, a testament not only to his scientific prominence, but a true human connection. He will be dearly remembered by his colleagues, collaborators and students, former and present.

We say goodbye to you,

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