

Preface

This volume is an expression of respect for the outstanding **Man of Science, Professor Aleksander Guterch**, our long-time boss and colleague. We have tried to present his professional path and recall his greatest scientific achievements, presenting at the same time the history of the development of deep seismic soundings in Poland, which were inextricably linked to him. We also pointed out his significant, innovative contribution to this type of research conducted on a large scale in international cooperation in Europe and the polar regions. In addition to Aleksander's professional accomplishments, briefly outlined by his collaborators and scholars from the Polish and international scientific community, we paid a lot of attention to his non-professional life, strong ties with his homeland, and memories of his closest relatives and friends. Worth recalling was also his deep interest in history, specifically the history of Polish arms, and his avid passion for collecting *military* memorabilia.

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