

Professor Aleksander Guterch in Memoriam

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I worked with Professor Aleksander Guterch for seventeen years, first at the Association for Deep Geological Investigation, then also at the Institute of Geophysics, Polish Academy of Sciences, in the Department of Lithospheric Research (see its staff in Fig. 1). Professor was a remarkable person and a very good boss. He always calmly and with great patience helped me implement myself in topics that were new and unfamiliar to me, since I am not a geophysicist by education.

In addition to issues related to our work, we sometimes talked about other problems that interested him, whether it was history or current events. He was the President of the Association of Old Arms and Uniforms and sometimes shared his knowledge on these interesting matters



Fig. 1. The staff of the Department of Lithospheric Research, 2013. Standing from the left: Andrzej Górszczyk, Michał Malinowski, Aleksander Guterch, Ewa Mazurek, Tomasz Janik, Piotr Środa, Jarosław Grzyb. Seated from the left: Mariusz Majdański, Anna Adamczyk, Wojciech Czuba, Edward Gaczyński.

with me. Such moments were not frequent, though, because the Professor had no free time left, working tirelessly on his main scientific projects of searching deep into the earth's lithosphere; he invented, organized, implemented and interpreted the world-breaking seismic experiments in various regions of Earth.

Of course, it is not my role to write about the tremendous scientific and organizational achievements of this Great Man; I just wanted to say that the death of Professor Aleksander Guterch is not only a huge loss for world science but also for all who worked with him, whatever their position was. I am sure, his personality left a mark on all who were fortunate enough to be his collaborators.

I also wish to express my deepest condolences to his wife Barbara, daughters, and grandchildren.

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