

IN MEMORIAM

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Dear Editor,

I am very sad to inform you that on August 24, 1981 passed away Prof. Zygmunt Dobrowolski, 90 years old, eminent, world-known classificationist, retired professor of the Warsaw Technical University, former Assistant Director of the Central Institute for Scientific and Technical Documentation (now Institute for Scientific, Technical and Economic Information - Polish acronym IINTE), of many years outstanding member of FID/CR, participant of the Second International Conference on Classification Research (Helsingör, 1964), author of many books (i.a.: "Construction of a Classification" in Polish and "Etude sur la construction des systèmes de classification" in French) and papers in the field of classification, Honorary Chairman of the Polish Classification Research Group, originator of the system of short signs (SC - signes courts) and author of the classification system of the International Institute of Welding.

Indeed, there was an ill fortune for classification in our country this year. On September 1, 1981 prematurely passed away another Polish outstanding classificationist Dr. Olgierd Ungurian, born 1927, member

of FID/CCC in the period 1963-67 and secretary of the Polish Classification Research Group 1965-1967. Late Dr. Ungurian was the author of many books and articles. Among his books the most important are the following (all in Polish):

Introduction to Universal Decimal Classification (three editions in 1966, 1970 and 1978).

Ranganathan's faceted classification: theory and practice (1975).

Elements of the theory of indexing languages (1976).

Olgierd Ungurian devoted a great part of his activity to the promotion and dissemination of S.R. Ranganathan's ideas. In 1977 he took his Ph. D. on the base of the thesis "Utilization of S.R. Ranganathan's theory of faceted classification for the categorization of Polish scientific and technical onomastics (for the needs of information retrieval). General structure of the vocabulary of an indexing language and its organization".

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