

Wiesław Sadowski, 1921-2010. In memoriam

We were deeply saddened to learn about the death of Professor Wiesław Sadowski, member of the CEJEME Editorial Board, corresponding member of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Fellow of the Econometric Society, former Chairman of the Committee of Statistics and Econometrics, Polish Academy of Sciences, and chairman of Scientific Statistical Council, a prominent scientist specializing in the fields of econometrics, statistics and operational research.

One of the best known scientific works of Professor Wiesław Sadowski is his paper discussing the assortment problem, which has become a permanent element of economic monographs and has found numerous continuators. Textbooks constituted an important part of Professor's academic activity. "Statystyka matematyczna" published in 1965 was the first Polish textbook on mathematical statistics that was specifically written to meet the needs of economists. It was also published in English by the Pergamon Press and translated into the Italian and Slovak languages.

Owing to Professor Sadowski's efforts, the European Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM) was organised in Warsaw in 1965 as well as the International Statistical Institute Congress in 1975. Remaining active also after his retirement, Professor Wiesław Sadowski studied data mining problem and vigorously participated in new initiatives launched by the academic community. Looking at the more than fifty five-year-long history of econometrics, operational research and mathematical statistics in Poland, we see Professor Wiesław Sadowski as the spiritus movens of scientific research and educational activities.

The Professor's ostensible dryness covered a sensitive, warm-hearted and thoroughly honest person. He will be remembered as a model of scientist's and academic teacher's culture and authority.