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In the Living Memory of Professor Czesław Kupisiewicz

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There has been a great grief and sorrow over the death of Professor Czesław Kupisiewicz, member of the Polish Academy of Sciences, doctor honoris causa of Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw. The Professor shall remain in our memories as an eminent educationalist, but first of all, as our Teacher and Friend.

Professor Kupisiewicz was the author and scientific editor of more than 30 books, which were frequently reissued and translated into many languages. Those have now found their place in the canon of pedagogical literature. Their topics focus on the issues of problem teaching, programmed teaching, history of education, comparative pedagogy and general didactics. What is noteworthy are also the Professor's accomplishments in the sphere of translation from English, French and German. One could hardly list all the positions held by Professor Kupisiewicz; among his numerous responsibilities were those of the head teacher of the complex of vocational schools, vice-chancellor of the University of Warsaw, chairman of the Expert Committee for National Education and scientific editor of the "Pedagogical Annual."

The interests and passions of Professor Kupisiewicz were never restricted to the educational sciences. Committed to painting, he was involved in the restoration of churches and rural dwellings, rescuing such characteristic landmarks from oblivion. Not many would know that he was an author of fairy tales for children.

He always managed to spare some time for us, here at Maria Grzegorzewska University, to express his criticism of our research proposals, pointing to new directions of scientific investigation and recommending the latest literature. A true scientific authority, he was also a man of great challenge. Never resting on his laurels he continued to set his sights on new objectives. He appeared as an example for our undergraduates as well as doctoral students, who had an opportunity to

meet the author of their handbooks. What we could all learn from the Professor were diligence, perseverance and unwavering work towards his goals.

On behalf of the community of Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw.

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