

Obituary -

Colonel Retired, Professor Tadeusz MOSINIAK (1927 – 2011), MD, PhD

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In great grief and sorrow we say goodbye to the colonel ret. Professor Tadeusz MOSINIAK, MD, PhD. He was born on October 8, 1927 in Łódź. Until the outbreak of World War II, he attended a private school of Social Society of a Polish Male Gymnasium in Łódź (Prywatna Szkoła Towarzystwa Społecznego Polskiego Gimnazjum Męskiego w Łodzi). After the end of the war, he graduated from high school and after receiving his school diploma in 1948 he joined the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Lodz, from which he graduated in 1952 with a Master's degree in pharmacy. In 1952, he was appointed to a training for healthcare officers at the Military Centre of Medical Training in Łódź, after the completion of which he was directed to serve in the Military Unit in Wrocław, and then in Poznań again. In 1954 - after training at the Higher School of Infantry in Rembertów - he was selected for a specialist Higher Academic Course at the Kirov Military Medical Academy in the then Leningrad. After returning home in 1956 he was appointed to the position of the deputy director for science at the Military Centre of Medical Training in Łódź. In 1958, at his own request, he resigned from his high administrative position and transferred to the division of teaching and scientific work, taking the position of a senior assistant in the developing Military Medical Academy that he co-organized.

In 1964 he defended his thesis and received his PhD in pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University of Lodz. In the same year, he became an assistant professor at the Military Medical Academy. In 1969, he was appointed as the Head of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the Institute of Military Medicine, Military Medical Academy, and the Commandant of the University entrusted him with the function of the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Laboratory Medicine. In 1975 he received a post-doctoral degree in medical sciences at the Faculty of Medicine of the Military Medical Academy. In 1978 he was appointed to the position of the Deputy Commander for Research at the Institute of Military Medicine, Military Medical Academy, and in 1984 he became the Commander

of the same Institute. On 11 July 1985, he received the title of a professor. The professor supervised 5 postdoctoral degree conferral procedures. Under his supervision, 12 dissertations were prepared and defended at the Faculty of Medicine of the Military Medical Academy, as well as many master's theses at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University of Lodz. For many years he was the Chairman of the National Examination Committee at the Ministry of National Defence granting 1st and 2nd degree specializations in the field of military medicine. Under many years of his supervision, 51 officers-pharmacists obtained the 1st degree of specialization, and 66 - the 2nd degree of specialization in the field of Organization and Tactics of the Health Care and Medical Supply. Since 1958 he ran lectures, classes and seminars on organization of medical supplies and sanitary materials, for students of the Faculty of Medicine, School of Dentistry, School of



Pharmacy at the Military Medical Academy, as well as students of the Training Centre of Health Service Reserve of the Military Medical Academy, and for many years - from 1959 to 1975 - he gave lectures and classes for students of the Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry at the Medical University of Lodz. He filled successively all the positions of an academic teacher, from assistant to the head of the Faculty and the Commander of the Institute. For his achievements in science and teaching and educational work, the President of the Military Medical Academy awarded him in 1977 the prestigious title of the Leading Academic Teacher.

Retired colonel Professor T. Mosiniak, MD, PhD was an active member of the Polish Pharmaceutical Association. With the consent of

the Board of this Association, he established the only Military Pharmacy Section in the country, at the Department of Łódź, of which he was the chairman. For many years he was a member of the board of directors of the Łódź Department of the Polish Pharmaceutical Association. With many years of devoted work for the Association, the Department in Łódź awarded him with a diploma for the 30th anniversary. He was also a member of the Board of Directors and the vice-president of Łódź Division of Maria Skłodowska-Curie Polish Radiation Research Society.

Retired colonel Professor Tadeusz Mosiniak, MD, PhD held responsible positions such as: member of the Editorial Collegium at *Biuletyn Wojskowej Akademii Medycznej*, a member of the Scientific Council, Editorial Board and Honorary Editor of the quarterly *Wojskowa Farmacja i Medycyna*, a member of the Council of the Faculty of Medicine, Military Medical Academy, the Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Inventions and Innovation at the Military Medical Academy, a member of the board of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University of Lodz. He also held the honourable position of the chairman of the Scientific Council of the Institute for Organization of Health Care

of Soldiers at the Military Medical Academy, a member of the Committee of the Practical Application of the Council of Fundamental Medical Sciences, Faculty VI of the Polish Academy of Sciences, member of the Senate Committee for the development of scientific personnel of the Military Medical Academy and a many-year member of the Polish Red Cross.

For all the research and teaching and educational work he was awarded: the Officer's Cross and Knight's Cross of the Order of the Rebirth of Poland, the Gold Cross of Merit, the medal of the National Education Commission, the gold, silver and bronze medal of "Merit for National Defence", the gold, silver and bronze medal "Armed Forces in the Service of the Fatherland", the medal "for exemplary work in health care", the gold, silver and bronze medal of Military Medical Academy, The Red Cross Medal of Honour of III and II class, the silver medal "Dedicated Member of the League of National Defence", "Badge of Honour of the City of Łódź", the silver medal "Youth for Progress", the medal "In recognition of the contribution to enhancing the defence readiness of health and social care", the Diploma, Medal and Title "Military rationalizer", Commemorative Medal of the



Medical University of Lodz, “for many years of teaching students of Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy”.

Retired colonel Professor Tadeusz Mosiniak, MD, PhD was repeatedly awarded numerous awards and diplomas of recognition, among others by: the Minister of National Defence, the Chief Inspector of Technology of the Polish Armed Forces, the Quartermaster General of the Polish Armed Forces, the Minister of Health and Social Welfare, the Minister of Science and Higher Education, the President of the Medical University of Lodz, the Commander of the Military Medical Academy and the Commander of the Navy.

Retired colonel Professor Tadeusz Mosiniak, MD, PhD worked and participated actively until the last moments of his life in teaching and research at the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Medical University of Lodz, lecturing, reviewing doctoral and master’s dissertations - sadly he did not manage to read the last review. The professor always offered us good advice and it was always possible to count on his help and great knowledge not only scientific or didactic, but also life-related. The professor was buried on 22 December 2012 at the cemetery in Łódź, with military honours, led away with a flag by the Guard of Honour of the 25th Air Cavalry Brigade of the Polish Army.