

## In memoriam of Professor Jacek Pazdur

On December 22, 2023, Professor Jacek Andrzej Pazdur (born October 26, 1935) passed away.

From 1962 to 1984 and then from 1990 to 2010 he worked at the Institute of Rheumatology in Warsaw. He worked at the Institute with a break in 1978, when he completed an internship at the University of Rochester. In the years 1984–1990 he worked at the Department of Clinical Immunology of the Institute of Pediatrics in Warsaw. Until his retirement, he was the head of the Hematology and Rheumatology Clinic of the Institute of Rheumatology. On 12 April, 1999, he received the title of professor from the President of the Republic of Poland. He also served as the Institute's scientific director and a member of the Scientific Council, and after retiring in 2010, he remained a consultant at the Institute's Rheumatic Diseases Clinic. Initially he served as a Deputy-in-Chief and in the the years 1994–2010 he was the Editor-in-Chief of the scientific journal *Reumatologia* (1997–2005). It was his initiative that the graphic design of *Reumatologia* was changed to the current one. By the rheumatological community he was awarded the stauette *Salix Aurea* (*Oscar Reumatologiae Poloniae*) in November 16, 2007, as a person of merit for Polish rheumatology. During his professional career, he also served as a regional consultant for rheumatology in Poland in the Masovian Voivodeship. He was the author of many scientific works and the scientific editor of book editions, e.g. *Objawy reumatyczne w przebiegu chorób narządów wewnętrznych* (*Rheumatic symptoms in the course of diseases of internal organs*) (Fig. 1), including Polish editions of English-language textbooks, e.g. editor of the Polish edition of *Rheumatology* of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

We say goodbye to a doctor, a scientist, an editor and a teacher.



**Fig. 1.** The cover of the book *Objawy reumatyczne w przebiegu chorób narządów wewnętrznych* (*Rheumatic symptoms in the course of diseases of internal organs*) edited by Prof. Jacek Pazdur.