

PROFESSOR WITOLD A. ZATOŃSKI, MD, ScD

CURRICULUM VITAE

Born: 11 June 1942, Wołomin near Warsaw

Married, five children

University and scientific degrees:

- Graduated from Medical Academy in Wrocław, 1966
- Specialisation in internal medicine, 1st degree – 1970, 2nd degree – 1974, sub-specialisation in cardiology
- ScD (PhD) – 1974, from Medical Academy in Wrocław
- Habilitation – 1978, from Medical Academy in Wrocław
- Assistant Professor at Institute of Oncology in Warsaw, 1980
- Professor of Epidemiology at Maria Skłodowska-Curie Memorial Cancer Center and Institute of Oncology in Warsaw, 1989

Posts related to scientific activity:

- 1967–1979 Assistant, Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor at Medical Academy, Faculty and Clinic of Internal Medicine in Wrocław
- 1978–1979 Humboldt Foundation Fellow in German Cancer Research Center (Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum – DKFZ) in Heidelberg
- From 1979 Head of the Epidemiology Unit, from 1984 Director of Cancer Control and Epidemiology Department, and General Director Plenipotentiary for Prevention Affairs at the Maria Skłodowska-Curie Memorial Cancer Center and Institute of Oncology in Warsaw
- 1980–1981 Visiting Scientist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO) in Lyon
- 1989–1990 Visiting Professor in German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) in Heidelberg
- From 1996 Director of WHO Collaborating Centre on the Action Plan for a Tobacco-Free Europe, Warsaw

Membership of institutions, associations and scientific organisations of major importance:

- From 1979 Member of the Polish Oncologic Association
- 1984–1991 Vice-President of the Polish Medical Association
- 1985–1991 Vice-Chairman of the National Committee for Co-ordination of Oncology in Poland
- From 1985 Member of the Polish Biochemical Association
- From 1989 Founder and Director of European Medical Association “Smoking or Health”, Bordeaux, France
- Member (from 1990) and Chairman of the Epidemiological Board (1993–1996) of the Committee of Human Ecology, Polish Academy of Science
- From 1990 Consultant of World Health Organisation (Disease control and health promotion)
- From 1991 Chairman of Tobacco Control Project for Eastern and Central Europe, International Union Against Cancer (UICC), Geneva

- Member of Sanitary Epidemiological Council (1992–1997), Chairman of the Epidemiological Board of the Council (1992–1994), Vice-Chairman of the Council (1994– 1997)
- From 1992 Founder and President of Health Promotion Foundation, Warsaw
- 1992–1999 Head of Epidemiology and Prevention Division of Polish Oncology Association
- 1993–1999 Member of Prevention Committee of Polish Cardiology Association
- From 1994 Honorary Senior Research Associate in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy
- From 1994 Member of the Polish Internists Association
- From 1995 Consultant of World Bank (Disease control and health promotion)
- 1996–1998 Vice-President of International Doctors Against Tobacco Association
- 1996–2000 Member of the Prognoses Poland 2000 Committee, Polish Academy of Science
- From 1996 Member of Committee of Human Ecology and Health Promotion at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Polish Academy of Science
- 1997–2000 Member of Expert Consultative Group for supervising realisation of World Bank project “Improve health status, close gap between Hungary and Western Europe” (3597-HU)
- 1999–2000 Member of Committee of Epidemiology and Public Health, Polish Academy of Science
- From 1999 Member of Committee for a Tobacco Free Europe, World Health Organisation, Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen
- From 2000 Member of Sub-Board for Public Health, Open Society Institute, New York
- From 2001 Director of Polish Union of Oncology
- From 2002 Council Member of European Association for Cancer Research

Membership of editorial boards:

“Nowotwory” from 1984, “Health Promotion” from 1986, “Polish Journal of Occupational Medicine & Environmental Health” 1987–2000, “European Journal of Oncology” from 1990, “Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention” from 1991, “Polish Population Review” from 1991, “Tobacco Control” from 1992, “The Breast” 1992–2001, “Zdrowie Publiczne” from 1993, “Medycyna po Dyplomie” (“Postgraduate Medicine, Poland” in Polish) from 1993, “Journal of Epidemiology and Biostatistics” from 1995, “Nicotine & Tobacco Research” from 1998, “Antyaging” from 2003.

Studies:

Epidemiology of cancers; determinants of health status of Poles and inhabitants of Central-Eastern Europe.

Publications:

Author and co-author of over 300 publications including over 20 books, many of them in English. According to a prestigious list made on the basis of Science Citation Index, American reference database for 1965–2001, he is one of few Polish scientists and one of four cancer scientists included in the number of the most frequently cited authors. At least 1000 scientific citations in peer-reviewed publications and at least one publication cited in 100 papers or more are the inclusion criteria (in case of W. Z. these figures are respectively 1417 and 2).

Original works:

Zatoński W., Przewoźniak K. et al. *Is tee a protective factor in cancer of the pancreas?* Journal of Cancer Research and Clinical Oncology 1990, 116: 351

Zatoński W., Becher H. et al. *Tobacco, alcohol and diet in the etiology of laryngeal cancer: a population-based case-control study.* Cancer Causes and Control 1991, 48: 390–394

Zatoński W., Boyle P. *Commentary. Health transformations in Poland after 1988.* Journal of Epidemiology and Biostatistics 1996, 1(4): 183–197

Zatoński W., Lowenfels A. et al. *Epidemiological aspects of gallbladder cancer: a case-control study of the SEARCH programme of the International Agency for Research Cancer.* Journal of the National Cancer Institute 1997, 89: 1132–1138

Zatoński W., McMichael A. J., Powles J. W. *Ecological study of reasons for sharp decline in mortality from ischaemic heart disease in Poland since 1991.* British Medical Journal 1998, 318: 147–1051

Handbooks, books:

Atlas of Cancer Mortality in Poland, 1975–1979. Springer Verlag, Heidelberg 1988

(with N. Becker)

Nowotwory złośliwe w Polsce [Cancer in Poland]. Wydawnictwo „Wiedza i Życie” i Centrum Onkologii, Warszawa 1993 [in Polish]

Atlas of Cancer Mortality in Central Europe. IARC Scientific Publications, Lyon 1996 (with M. Smans, J. Tyczyński, P. Boyle et al.)

Jak rzucić palenie? [How to quit smoking?] Fundacja Promocja Zdrowia, Warszawa, twelve editions 1994–2002 (total print-run ca 100 000 copies)

Democracy is healthier. A health miracle on the Vistula. Centrum Onkologii – Instytut, Warszawa 1999, 2000, 2002

Medals:

1991 Awarded Medal by WHO (Geneva) for Tobacco or Health

1993 Awarded Medal by Jacques Chirac (Paris) for Disease Control in Eastern Europe

1997 Awarded title “The Best in the Mission for Health ‘96” by Zepter International Poland

1997 Awarded “Krzyż Oficerski Odrodzenia Polski” (Cross of Rebirth of Poland) by the President of the Republic of Poland

1997 Awarded Medal on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of Polish Radio

1998 Awarded Yearly Prize for Activity in Health Protection by Polish Committee for Social Aid

2002 Rewarded Hugo Steinhaus Award by Polish Foundation for the Popularization of Science and Society for the Propagation and Support of Sciences

2002 Awarded by Minister of National Defence

2002 Awarded Gold Medal by the 1st Congress of Polish Oncology

Non-scientific activity:

- Co-ordinator of National Program to Reduce Health Consequences of Tobacco Smoking, Ministry of Health, 1995
- Appointed Public Health Advisor to the Premier Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, 1996–1997
- Appointed Public Health Advisor to the Vice-Premier, Minister Prof. Leszek

Balcerowicz, 1997–2000

- Member of Program Board, Mazovian Center of Social Policy 1999–2003
- Consultant of Public Health Advisors Group to the Premier Leszek Miller, 2001

Hobby:

Sport, garden, history

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