

Miscellanea

“Friendship Award”

On 27 September, 2008, Profesor Włosiński, the Chairman of the IV Division of the Polish Academy of Science was prized by the Chinese Government with the “Friendship Award”, the award bestowed upon foreign experts in appreciation for their contribution to the technological and civilising development of China. Profesor Włosiński was nominated for this award by the Chinese Academy of Technical Sciences for his contribution to the scientific cooperation with scientific institutes and universities.



This year the “Friendship Award” was bestowed upon fifty experts from eighteen countries, among them seven from USA, five from Austria, Japan and Germany, respectively; two from England and France, respectively; and one expert for each of the rest countries.

Profesor Włosiński is the only Pole who was awarded this prestigious prize. This year, the laureates of the “Friendship Award” were remarkable professors, architects, engineers, culture creators, and recognized economists who give their contribution to the technological and civilising development of China.

The celebration of bestowing the “Friendship Award” was of a very solemn character and took place in the representative rooms of the Chinese National Assembly with the participation of the highest state authorities, including Prime Minister and ministers as well as deputies to the Parliament.

Profesor Włosiński has been cooperating with Chinese professors since 1988. Twenty years ago he was asked to organize together with Professor Xu Bin Shi a school devoted to the physical and chemical principles of welding modern materials. The participants of this school, lasting almost four weeks, were Chinese scientists from the most important Chinese scientific centres. Profesor Włosiński as an organizer

and lecturer within the scope of this school taught more than 80 specialists in the discipline of joining modern materials with ceramic composites and metals. In this time the applications of the Professor Włosiński’s solutions found the use in mass production in Poland such as thyristor and diode housings as well as the housings for integrated and hybrid circuits, in other words, for widely understood electronics. Today these technologies are widely used in motorisation and in energetics. The initiative to carry out training was the beginning of the scientific cooperation between our countries within the scope of engineering knowledge.

In 1990–2003 the Department of Joining Advanced Materials at the Production Engineering Faculty of the Warsaw University of Technology was attended by more than 20 Chinese student assistants. Professor Włosiński, as a director of this Department, enabled them studying, even for three years, within the range of joining advanced composite ceramic materials and multi-layer ones. Some of them defended their doctoral thesis, three of them achieved honourable posts as the dean, the institute director and the full professor of the Pekin University of Technology. Within the scope of cooperation the Polish scientists also visit China for apprenticeship because the knowledge transferred by Professor Włosiński bears fruits as a development of the cooperation and an exchange with Chinese universities are concerned. The rich exchange of scientific information, expert literature and also highly technologically advanced apparatus, produced by Chinese men, are the results of twenty year-old cooperation.

In 2005 Professor Włosiński was chosen as a foreign member of the Chinese Academy of Technical Sciences in the recognition of his merits, which were brought in to the Chinese science. Then, the Chinese Academy of Technical Sciences nominated Professor Włosiński for the prestigious “Friendship Award”. In 2006 the official contract of the scientific cooperation between PAS and the Chinese Academy of Technical Sciences was signed and therefore from the next year in the institutes of PAS there will appear young Chinese doctorate students.

Actualities

With the exceptional satisfaction we announce that members of the Editorial Board of the Bulletin of the Polish Academy of Sciences: Technical Sciences **Professors Andrzej Tylikowski** and **Tadeusz Kaczorek** were honoured with the titles of the Doctor Honoris Causa of the Łódź University of Technology on 5 November 2008 and 3 December 2008, respectively. We would like to congratulate Professors A. Tylikowski and T. Kaczorek and wish them further successes.