

REPORT ON THE CEREMONY OF CONFERRING THE *DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA* DEGREE OF THE LUBLIN UNIVERSITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES TO PROF. DR HAB. MIECZYŚLAW ADAMOWICZ

1. Course of the ceremony

On the 21st of January 2009, at 12.00 a.m., at the Congress Centre of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences there was held a ceremony of conferring the *Doctor Honoris* Degree of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Science to Prof. dr hab. Mieczysław Adamowicz – Director of the Institute of Economy and Management at the Pope John Paul II State School of Higher Vocational Education in Biała Podlaska.

The ceremony was opened by His Magnificence Rector of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences Prof. dr hab. Marian Wesołowski, who welcomed all the guests. Laudation was delivered by the Promoter of *Honoris Causa* Doctorate – Prof. dr hab. Dionizy Niezgoda, who emphasized significant research and educational accomplishments of Prof. Mieczysław Adamowicz – an excellent scientist, son of the Lubelska Land, who owing to his outstanding capabilities, intellectual resourcefulness and immense diligence has significantly enriched the treasure trove of knowledge on the development of food economy in the country and abroad.

Next, a resolution of the Senate of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences was presented by Vice-Rector Prof. dr hab. Edward Pałys, while the diploma with the *Honoris Causa* Degree was read out and handed over to the candidate by the Dean of the Faculty of Agrobioengineering – Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Baran.

In the subsequent part of the ceremony, Prof. dr hab. Mieczysław Adamowicz has received congratulations from, among others: H.M. Rector of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences – Prof. dr hab. Marian Wesołowski, Rector of the Warsaw University of Life Science – Prof. dr hab. Alojzy Szymański, on behalf of Deans Board – Prof. dr hab. Barbara Baraniak, Dean of the Faculty of Economic Sciences Warsaw University of Life Sciences – Prof. dr hab. Bogdan Klepacki as well as representatives of the authorities of the Lubelskie Province and Marshall's Office.

Next, Prof. dr hab. Mieczysław Adamowicz took the floor by expressing his gratitude for this honorary degree to: authorities of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences, namely Rector Prof. dr hab. Marian Wesołowski and his predecessor Prof. dr hab. Zdzisław Targoński, to the entire Academic Senate, Deans of the Faculty of Agrobioengineering – Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Baran and Prof. dr hab. Edward Pałys as well as to all Members of the Faculty Board.

Professor Mieczysław Adamowicz expressed his deep appreciation and thanked to the authorities of his *Alma Mater*, i.e. participating in the ceremony Rectors of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences – Prof. dr hab. Alojzy Szymański, Prof. dr hab. Tomasz Borecki, Prof. dr hab. Jan Górecki, as well as other representatives of authorities of Universities and Faculties who have come from Warsaw, thus making the whole ceremony more splendid and confirming the recognition for the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences. Gratitude was also expressed to Dean Prof. dr hab. Bogdan Klepacki, colleagues from the maternal Faculty of Economic Sciences and to Prof. dr hab. Marian Podstawa – Head of the Department of Agricultural Policy and Marketing, as well as to high officials from other universities, including H.M. Rector of the Agricultural University in Cracow – Prof. dr hab. Janusz Żmija. Especially warm thanks were expressed by Professor Mieczysław Adamowicz to the reviewers – Prof. Andrzej Czyżewski and Prof. Stanisław Urban, and to the promoter – Prof. Dionizy Niezgoda.

Warm words of gratitude for support and presence were expressed by Professor Adamowicz to the closest and numerous friends and acquaintances as well as sympathizers of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences who have joined the ceremony.

Next, Doctor *Honoris Causa* of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences Prof. dr hab. Mieczysław Adamowicz delivered a lecture entitled “Interventionism and development of rural areas and agriculture”, in which he addressed developmental problems of agriculture and rural areas of the Lubelskie Province.

The ceremony of conferring the *Honoris Causa* Degree of the Lublin University of Environmental and Life Sciences was honored by the performance of the University Choir.

2. Merits of Prof. dr hab. Mieczysław Adamowicz in the area of research, educational and organizational activity

The analysis of the research activity Prof. Mieczysław Adamowicz had been engaged in enables distinguishing 7 research areas, including in chronological order:

1. 1965-1972 – problems faced by the agriculture of developing countries, especially the Arab countries, in that period Prof. Adamowicz wrote his Doctoral Dissertation entitled „Socio-economic transformations in the agriculture of Egypt after the II World War”,
2. 1973-1975 – the role of institutions in the development of rural areas and agriculture in Poland; in that period Prof. Adamowicz prepared his Post-Doctoral Dissertation entitled “Farmers’ Associations vs. the functioning of individual farms”,
3. 1976-1991 – developmental tendencies in the world agriculture and international agricultural trade and their links with the food economy of Poland,
4. 1991-2001 – development of marketing systems and competitiveness on the main agricultural markets,
5. 2001-2005 – bases of the modeling of a balanced development of rural areas and agriculture,
6. 2005 and later – the role of knowledge, innovation and social capital in the development of rural areas and agriculture under conditions of international integration and globalization; the role of institutions and local authorities in building territorial competitiveness, the utilization of development strategy and territorial marketing, devising complex marketing products of a specified territory as well as support of the social capital through the development of group and territorial activities, a network of cooperation, clusters and assemblies of resourcefulness; the latest focus of research interests of Prof. Adamowicz are consumer studies in respect of innovations, especially in the sector of fruits and fruit products.

Scientific achievements of Prof. Adamowicz encompass about 600 research works, including a number of books written, edited and co-written by Professor. In total, publishing achievements of Prof. Adamowicz account for about 500 publications, including *ca.* 350 theoretical works (monographs, studies, dissertations, articles, *etc.*). Amongst books published by Prof. Adamowicz, worthy of special attention are: „Egipt. Rewolucja społeczno-gospodarcza” (“Egypt. Socio-economic revolution”) (1971); „Kółka rolnicze w rozwoju wsi polskiej” (“Farmers’ Associations in the development of the Polish country”) (1989); „Handel zagraniczny a rolnictwa” („International trade vs. agriculture”) (1987); or „Ochrona konkurencji a rynek rolny” (“Protection of competitiveness vs. agricultural market”) (1998). Prof. Adamowicz received the Minister’s Prize for his Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Dissertations as well as for his book „Handel zagraniczny a rolnictwo” (“International trade vs. agriculture”).

Prof. Mieczysław Adamowicz was a supervisor and coordinator of a number of research projects. His most significant Polish projects include:

- Developmental tendencies of the world agriculture and their links with the food economy of Poland. Resort Research Programme No. II.7, 1976-1990,
- Multifunctional development of rural areas at borderland areas, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development of the Polish Academy of Sciences, 1990-1996,
- Polish Agriculture in the process of Poland association with the European Community, Project of the State Committee for Scientific Research, 1993-1996,
- Development of marketing systems on agricultural markets, Project of the State Committee for Scientific Research, 1997-2000,
- Adjustment of main Polish markets to integration with EU, Project FIESTA, 1998-1999,
- The role of enterprises, institutions and local communities in balanced development of rural areas and agriculture, Project of the State Committee for Scientific Research, 2001-2004,
- Adaptation of rural households to market changes and conditions of the European integrations. International Research Project of the USA, Poland, Slovak Republic and Hungary.

In addition, Prof. Adamowicz participated in 15 foreign research programmes, under which he was supervising the realization of activities undertaken by the Polish side. The most important ones include:

- Beef production In Eastern and South Eastern Europe, FAO, 1978-1979,
- Project PHARE of Support to the Minister of Agriculture and Food Economy in the area of affecting the agricultural policy through economic changes, 1998-2000,
- Increasing Fruit Consumption through a trans disciplinary approach learning to high quality produce from environmentally safe, sustainable method. Project ISAFRUIT under the VIth Framework of EU Research, 2006-2009.

Professor Adamowicz was additionally a head of 12 promotion projects of the State Committee for Scientific Research, being a basis to doctoral theses.

The list of Ph.D.s promoted by Professor Adamowicz (originating both from Poland and abroad) contains 30 names (by the year 2008) and is successively increasing. Worthy of emphasizing are also rich reviewing achievements of Prof. Adamowicz, including: 51 reviews in procedures of con-

ferring Doctor's degree, 24 reviews in procedures of conferring Post-Doctor's degree and 23 reviews in conferring Professor's degree.

Professor Adamowicz was a supervisor of over 600 M.Sc., M.Eng. and undergraduate theses. In his considerable academic achievements, Professor has been conducting classes addressing, among others, international economic relations, economic policy, economic geography, spatial development, tourism and recreation, agricultural policy, common agricultural policy of the EU, comparative economy of agriculture, competitiveness strategy, competitiveness protection, economy of cities and regions, territorial marketing, strategy of local development, *etc.* Recently, Prof. Adamowicz has also prepared programmes from regional policy, social policy, multi-functional development of rural areas and agriculture, and bases of the European integration. In each case, he was the creator of original programmes of studies and methodology of conducting classes. He has also implemented didactic programmes: TESSA, Jean Monet, Minerwa and Sokrates supported from funds of the European Union.

Professor M. Adamowicz has been developing cooperation with numerous research centres in Poland and abroad. He was paying longer visits as a trainee or a lecturer in Egypt, Italy, USA, United Kingdom and countries of the Central-Eastern Europe. He is a member of the International Association of Agricultural Economists and the European Association of Agricultural Economists. In the EAAE, he was twice holding the position of a member of the Programme Committee of European Congresses in Hague and Warsaw. He was also serving the function of an FAO expert in developing countries. In addition, Prof. Adamowicz is a member of the International Association of European Ideas, the New York Academy of Sciences, and the European Association of Contemporary European Studies. In 2007, he has become a member of the American Association of Agricultural Economists and the International Association of Agribusiness Managers.

Amongst duties and functions held by Prof. Adamowicz at his *Alma Mater* – Warsaw University of Life Science – worthy of special notice are: establishing the Department of World Agriculture, holding the position of Vice-Dean of the contemporary Faculty of Economic Sciences in the years 1978-1981; and then Dean of the Faculty in the years 1981-1987, as well as holding intermittently for 18 years the position of the Head of Department of Agricultural Policy and Marketing (from the 1st of January 1991 till the 31st of December 2008).

Over 46 years of work at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Professor Adamowicz was a member of various advisory boards, commissions and scientific boards (to the Ministry of Agriculture, President of the Republic of Poland, President of the Rural Development Agency, Scientific

Board of the Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Academic Senates of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences and Pope John Paul II State School of Higher Vocational Education in Biała Podlaska), and Editorial Boards (ZER, Wieś i Rolnictwo, Roczniki Naukowe SERiA, Publishing House of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences and Publishing House of the Pope John Paul II State School of Higher Vocational Education in Biała Podlaska etc.).

For his outstanding accomplishments in the research and didactic work, Prof. Adamowicz has been awarded with the Golden Cross of Merit, Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, Medal of the National Education Commission, Golden Badge of Merit to the Warsaw University of Life Sciences, and a Badge of Merit to the Agricultural University in Gődöllő. He additionally received several Minister's Prizes and a number of Prizes awarded by H.M. Rector of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences.

In justification to the application for conferring the *Doctor Honoris Causa* Degree to Prof. zw. dr hab. Mieczysław Adamowicz, Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Czyżewski and Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Urban pointer out the following arguments:

- expertise in operating with the methodology of global economy,
- integration of theoretical thought with effective analysis of empirical materials,
- interdisciplinary character of searches that enables combining different areas and majors of economic sciences, including the element of space; the capability of merging macro- and microeconomic, social and environmental issues,
- outstanding achievements of Prof. Adamowicz as a teacher and tutor of several generations of students attending his lectures and seminars,
- multi-dimensional organizational activity for the benefits of international cooperation; holding a number of responsible positions and functions in many educational and research institutions, supervision and coordination of ten or so domestic and international research projects and programmes.

Corresponding arguments were advanced by the promoter – Prof. dr hab. Dionizy Niezgoda, who additionally emphasized:

- appraisal to and comprehension of the theory; mastering – to an outstanding extent – capabilities of formulating and testing research hypotheses,
- Professor Adamowicz's attitude oriented to the creation of information significant to the development of food economy and theories with a different extent of generalization with consideration given to the discontinuity principle.

3. Activities for the benefits of the Pope John Paul II State School of Higher Vocational Education in Biała Podlaska

Professor Mieczysław Adamowicz has been bound with the Pope John Paul II State School of Higher Vocational Education in Biała Podlaska from its establishment in the year 2000. He has designed and implemented educational programmes from the major of Marketing, which he has been supervising from the very beginning. Over a very short period, Prof. Adamowicz has managed to promote 5 Doctors – staff members of the Institute, who have undertaken the following research problems:

- Role of non-governmental organizations and group forms of activities in diversified development of rural areas on the example of the Lubelskie Province – dr Ewelina Dresler,
- Adaptation of rural household to conditions of market economy – dr Agnieszka Siedlecka,
- Role of enterprises in multifunctional development of rural areas on the example of the Lubelskie Province – dr inż. Magdalena Zwolińska-Ligaj
- Competitiveness of territorial units on the example of Districts of the Lubelskie Province – dr Danuta Guzal-Dec
- Role of a District Government in accomplishing stable and balanced development of rural areas on the example of selected Districts of the Lubelskie and Mazowieckie Provinces – dr inż. Agnieszka Smarzewska.

Professor Adamowicz was an initiator and organizer of 4 international scientific conferences, including one co-organized with the Institute of Tourism and Recreation, and then an editor or co-editor of post-conference materials. He is very engaged in the promotion of young scientists of the Institute of Economy and Management at the Pope John Paul II State School of Higher Vocational Education in Biała Podlaska, as an initiator and co-author of manuscripts published in renowned Polish and international periodicals (as many as 28 manuscripts in the period of 2000-2007).