



In memoriam of Profesor Jolancie Saczko

(01.03.1964-23.06.2023)



„I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...”
(2 Tm 4,7-8)

Prof. Jolanta Saczko, PhD (1964-2023) Prof. Jolanta Saczko occupied an exceptional position at Wroclaw Medical University, especially at the Faculty of Pharmacy, being an extraordinary person. Throughout the years, she combined theoretical knowledge with practical application. In 1998, under the supervision of Prof. Maciej Zabel, she obtained a PhD with honors in medical biology at the Faculty of Medicine. She started her career in the Department of Histology and Embryology, with which she was associated until the end due to her involvement in numerous research projects. After completing her doctoral studies, she began her scientific and teaching adventure in the Department and Division of Medical Biochemistry, first under the supervision of Prof. Teresa Banaś and then Prof. Andrzej Gamian. In 2012, she was awarded the PhD title in medical biology by the Poznan University of Medical Sciences. She was granted the title of Professor of Medical Sciences in 2019. In 2018, she undertook a new challenge and created a new Department of Molecular and Cell Biology at the Faculty of Pharmacy at our Wroclaw Medical University from scratch. As it turned out, it was a remarkable impulse to conduct research works with redoubled energy. Since then, the unit headed by Prof. J. Saczko has been at the forefront of scientific rankings. Prof. Saczko received many awards for her scientific achievements, including the Gold Medal For Long Service. She was a leader of a team dealing with experimental anti-cancer therapies. The author of over 200 articles, she devoted her life to science and educating young staff. She was a promoter and supervisor of many MSc, MA, and PhD theses. She completed many scientific internships, e.g., at the Cancer Research Institute in Great Britain, and the Institute of Oncology in Ljubljana. Work was her passion, and the didactic skills of Prof. J. Saczko attracted many students, as evidenced by the achievements of the Student Scientific Association. Without a doubt, she was a great mentor and inspiration for her colleagues. Her passing away is a huge loss to our community. Thanks to her sense of humor, empathy, and joy in life, everyone appreciated and respected her. Her honesty, scientific enthusiasm, great generosity, availability, and willingness to help others were invaluable.