

JANINA JÓŹWIAK AND EAPS
– A FRUITFUL COLLABORATION

Others will highlight Janina Józwiak's major achievements in the field of research, teaching, and academic administration. As an Honorary President of the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), I will rather focus this eulogy on Janina's considerable involvement in EAPS' successful adventure. EAPS was established in The Hague in 1983 to bring together demographers from all over Europe, both east and west, whatever the political and socioeconomic system in their countries. From the very beginning, colleagues from central Europe sat on the EAPS Council (Zdenek Pavlik and Andreas Klinger) and the power of attorney of the very first document establishing EAPS was signed by Professor Jerzy Z. Holzer, from Poland, with 29 other scholars representing 21 different European countries (van de Kaa, 2011).

It is in this context that Janina Józwiak eventually became involved in the management of EAPS, first as a member of the Council, from 1995 to 1999, then as a Vice-President while I served as its President, from 1999 to 2003. I greatly enjoyed working with her; one was always sure that what she decided would be thoroughly done. And, among others, I much liked her sense of humor, a valuable asset when coping with the ego of some colleagues! Later, she was elected President of EAPS for the period 2003 to 2008. She applied to the direction of EAPS the same humane and organizational qualities she showed as the Rector of the Warsaw School of Economics, mobilizing the energy of all individuals concerned. Finally, at the end of her term as a President of EAPS, Janina became an Honorary President of the Association but nevertheless remained in close contact with EAPS. During these dozen or so years, participating intensively in the management of EAPS, Janina was instrumental in forging new ties and strengthening old ones between the institutions and scholars of the countries of Europe. I personally fondly remember the numerous trips I have made to the Warsaw School of Economics, to foster collaborative research and participate in various meetings.

Two outstanding population events at the international level can be traced back to the initiative of Janina Józwiak and that of her colleagues from the Institute of Statistics and Demography in Warsaw. The first was holding the *European Population Conference* in Cracow in 1997, in collaboration with the Cracow Economic Academy (now University of Economics in Cracow). As recalled in the EAPS archives (EAPS website), in addition to a plenary session on “converging and diverging patterns in Europe's population”,

29 simultaneous sessions and an “open forum” were organized in the beautiful city of Cracow. The conference was attended by some 190 participants, with 140 presentations. It was highly appreciated by the numerous demographers who took part in this event.

Participants loved Poland so much and our colleagues from Poland were so active that in 2003 – this time in Warsaw – another international conference on population issues was organized by EAPS with the Institute of Statistics and Demography of the Warsaw School of Economics, in collaboration with the Committee of Demographic Sciences at the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Polish Demographic Society, the Central Statistical Office of Poland and the Polish Governmental Population Council. The Conference was a great success, being attended by more than 400 participants. In addition to the plenary session, 50 simultaneous and special sessions took place, in which nearly 300 papers were discussed. Furthermore, about 70 posters were presented in 8 poster sessions. Once again, Janina was a key person in the organization of this conference.

Another very important event in the population field has been the *European Doctoral School in Demography* (EDSD) organized by the Institute of Statistics and Demography at the Warsaw School of Economics during the academic years 2013–2014 and 2014–2015. The European Doctoral School of Demography was founded in 2005 on the initiative of the European Association for Population Studies. From the beginning, Janina served as a member of the Scientific Board of this Doctoral School. The EDSD is an eleven-month program in demography aimed at training the future generations of demographers, with no fees attached! Every two years, the program is run by a different institution, though the preparatory courses are held at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock. Once again, the considerable reputation of Janina Józwiak and of her colleagues in Warsaw was decisive in the choice of the Warsaw School of Economics as the host institution.

To conclude, one can say that Janina Józwiak’s successful European career parallels that of Polish demography. Since my first visit to Poland, *i.e.* to the Poznan Department of Economics in the mid-1960s as a young post-graduate, I have been able to observe and esteem the great strides forward made in research and teaching in the population sciences in Poland, putting Poland firmly at the vanguard of European demography. Janina Józwiak’s contribution to this success story is invaluable, and she is dearly missed by those, all over Europe and beyond, who admired and loved her.

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