

IN MEMORY OF JANINA JÓZWIAK

Over a period of two decades ending November 2014, Janina Józwiak and I met and talked at length about once a year. We talked over delicious dinners 6 times in Warsaw (I was Janina's guest), met several times in Brussels, Berlin and Rostock, and interacted other times at other places. Janina was a warm and generous person, engaging, a delightful person to have a conversation with because she always had interesting, insightful, stimulating things to say in a gracious, pleasant way.

Janina worked very hard and effectively to advance the field of Demography in Poland and in Europe. I also have endeavored to further Demography, so she and I were cordial allies and we tried to help each other whenever we could. In particular,

- Janina played a major role in developing the European Association for Population Studies, including serving as its President from 2003 to 2008.
- She helped to establish the European Doctoral School of Demography, served on its Scientific Board from its inception in 2005, and was crucial in hosting the School at the Warsaw School of Economics for the academic years of 2013–14 and 2014–15. She and I frequently worked together to first launch and then develop the School.
- She also helped to establish Population Europe, the network of Europe's leading demographic research centers, and served as a Vice President of Population Europe's Council of Advisors since 2009.
- Another important contribution was Janina's service on several evaluation committees of the European Research Council. She was able to judge which researchers were the most promising younger demographers in Europe and then to persuade evaluation committees, whose members trusted her judgement, to grant them research funding.

Janina did this work of fostering demography in Europe at the same time she was playing major roles at the Warsaw School of Economics. She was a Director of the Institute of Statistics and Demography there and served as the Rector of the School from 1993 to 1999. She was an advisor to Presidents and Prime Ministers of Poland about demographic trends and population issues.

Janina's death is a substantial loss to demography, as well as a profound personal loss to the many people who, like me, greatly admired her judgment, her effectiveness, and her charm.

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