

**Profesor W.W. Głowacki – aptekarz oraz działacz towarzystw farmaceutycznych**

**Professor W.W. Głowacki – pharmacist and activist of pharmaceutical societies**

SUMMARY

The death of Professor Witold Włodzimierz Głowacki, who passed away in Poznań on 12 July 2001, is a serious loss to science and especially the history of pharmacy

Professor Głowacki, who devoted the many years of his professional career to research in the history of pharmacy and to work with many generations of students of pharmacy, was born on 8 October 1909 in Inowrocław (in the Kujawy region of Poland). He graduated on 1932, obtaining a Master of Pharmacy degree from the University of Poznań, where also studied history.

After his graduation, W.W. Głowacki started work at the Adam Mickiewicz pharmacy in Poznań, and was city pharmacist from 1938. During the Second World War, he worked in a pharmacy in Leszno, but returned to Poznań after the end of the war.

W.W. Głowacki was among the organizers of the Regional Chamber of Pharmacists in Poznań and became its first chairman. At that time he was the joint owner, together with Benon Kantrzonki, of the “Pod Koroną” pharmacy in Poznań. He began to give lectures and seminars at the Pharmaceutical Department of the University of Poznań already in 1945. In 1949 he obtained a doctoral degree in pharmacy, in 1975 he was awarded the post-doctoral “habilitation” degree, and in 1993 he received the title of “professor ordinary” (a full professorship). In the years 1949-1974 he served as a military pharmacist.

During his studies, W.W. Głowacki was active in the learned societies of pharmacists and historians, as well as in the Kujavians Circle. In 1932, when he started his professional career, he also became active in the Pharmacists-Employees’ Trade Union (ZZFP), first as its treasurer and then, since 1936, as its president. He carried on with the activities in the union after the war. In 1947, he was one of the organizers and member of the board of the Poznań Branch of the Polish Pharmaceutical Society. In 1973, he set up the History Section of the Society in Poznań, which he headed for the next 18 years. He co-founded the Polish Society for the History of Medicine and Pharmacy in 1957. He was also one of the initiators of establishing a Museum of Pharmacy in Poznań.

W.W. Głowacki’s editorial work includes his collaboration with the journals “Kronika Farmaceutyczna” [Pharmaceutical Chronicle] and “Wiadomości Farmaceutyczne” [Pharmaceutical News], as well as, from 1937, with Ludwik Rządowski’s “Encyklopedia Farmaceutyczna” [Pharmaceutical Encyclopaedia]. After the war, he was member of the editorial boards of the journals “Farmacja Polska” [Polish Pharmacy] and “Archiwum Historii i Filozofii Medycyny” [Archives of the History and Philosophy of Medicine]. He collaborated also with “Kwartalnik Historii Nauki i Techniki PAN” [Quarterly of the History of Science and Technology of the Polish Academy of Sciences], In 1973 he started collaboration with the Independent Workshop on the History of the Science of Medications of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Professor Głowacki belonged many learned societies in Poland and abroad; among the latter, it is worth mentioning his membership of the International Academy of the History of Pharmacy.

**Analecta – Studia i Materiały z Dziejów Nauki**  
**[Analecta – Studies and Materials on the History of Science]**  
**X, 2001, 2, 31-39**