

In Memoriam

Editor's Note: The Polish Section recently informed headquarters of the untimely death of two of its members: Kazimierz Basciuk and Cecylia Szmaj.

Cecylia Szmaj was born in 1939 in Chrosno, Poland. She attended the Institute of Telecommunication and Acoustics, Wroclaw Technical University and received an M.Sc. in engineering. She worked on the subjective and objective evaluation of loudspeakers, and room and musical acoustics. The author of many papers published in scientific journals and given at conferences, Szmaj also presented at AES conventions. She coauthored the paper entitled "Influence of Sound Effects on Sound Quality," presented at the 106th Convention in Munich.

As an academic, Szmaj was the guide and friend of all the students she



Cecylia Szmaj
1939—1999

taught. She was a vice dean of the Faculty of Electronics at Wroclaw University of Technology. She died on March 30 after a serious illness.

Kazimierz Basciuk was born in 1952. He worked on problems

connected with noise reduction in speech signals and quality evaluation of speech transmission. He wrote many papers published in scientific journals and presented at conferences and AES conventions. He coauthored a paper on "Perceptual Evaluation of Speech Transmission Quality."

An active member of the AES, Basciuk also belonged to the Polish Acoustical Society, Polish Phonetics Association, European Acoustics Association and International Society of Phonetics Sciences. He died on October 27, 1998 after a serious illness.

Both Szmaj and Basciuk died during major periods of their creative activity, leaving many unrealized plans involving research and teaching. They will be missed and their death mourned by many of us.

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