

A tribute to Janina Józwiak: friend and colleague

The European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), is deeply saddened by the passing away of Janina Józwiak, a great friend and inspiring colleague for all of us and a leading person in the advancement of population research in Europe.

Janina has always been a great supporter and a pillar of the European Association for Population Studies. She has played an important role in building EAPS and in establishing and expanding our bonds with Poland and other countries in the Eastern part of Europe. Her institute of Statistics and Demography has always been a strong partner of EAPS.

As a member of our Council (1995-1999), as Vice-President (1999-2003) and as our President (2003-2008), Janina had a leading role in promoting population research in Europe and in building our discipline. She initiated and was actively involved in numerous activities of EAPS. One example was the European Population Conference of 2003 here in Warsaw which we organized together. It was a good conference, and we had a great time working together. It always was a pleasure to work with Janina. As our Honorary President, Janina remained actively involved in EAPS, also when she was ill and until very recently. Janina was deeply committed to European demography and EAPS and we all benefitted from this commitment. Janina did set a great example for us to follow.

For me personally, but also for her many other friends in EAPS, Janina was a wonderful colleague, a warm person, a devoted and dear friend. You could always rely on her and if needed she was always there. You could always have a good laugh with her too, and spend some good time together after the work was done.

I will miss Janina. We will all miss her in EAPS. My colleagues of the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute NIDI in the Hague as well as colleagues from all over Europe, join me in saying that we will always remember Janina.

I am grateful that I have had the privilege to have known her.

Rest well Nina, you will not be forgotten.

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