

## Wanda Karaś (1951 – 2020)



Wanda Karaś graduated (MSc) from the Department of Chemistry at Warsaw University in 1974. For the next twenty years, she worked as a specialist on plastics and electroplating in the motor industry.

From 1994, she worked in the Editorial Section at the Institute of Industrial Organic Chemistry, and quickly became the Managing Editor of published periodicals: *Pestycydy/Pesticides and Organika – Scientific Papers of the Institute of Industrial Organic Chemistry*. From the launch of the *Central European Journal of Energetic Materials* (CEJEM), in 2004, she was the Managing Editor, and she retired from this position in 2015.

Wanda was the main driving force that was able to realize the idea of professors from Poland and the Czech Republic (participants at conferences in Ustroń (IPOEX) and Pardubice (NTREM, New Trends in Research of Energetic Materials)) "to establish an international magazine for the field of energetic materials" that would be primarily to help young authors to publish their papers. It should be appreciated that CEJEM emerged at a time when Eastern European scientific and scientific-educational institutions were struggling with a severe lack of funding.

She was dedicated to the success of CEJEM, appearing at a NTREM meeting to persuade members of the organising committee to encourage their research students and collaborators to submit papers for publication in the new journal. We should be extremely grateful to her for her conscientious support to that end.

May she rest in peace.

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