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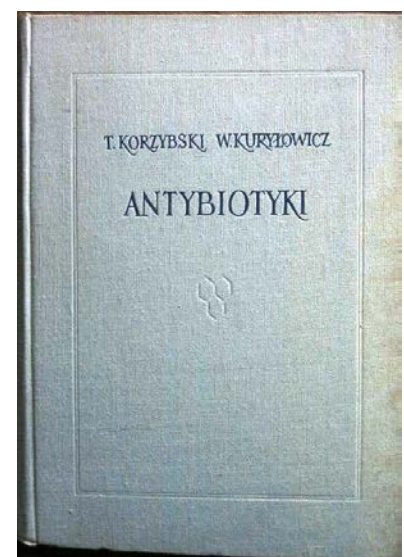
**Prof. Włodzimierz Kuryłowicz (MD) –
pioneer of the antibiotic era in Poland**

Prof. Włodzimierz Kuryłowicz was born on September 26, 1910 in Lvov. He was a prominent microbiologist and an expert on antibiotics. In years 1964-1980 he was director of the National Institute of Hygiene in Warsaw.



In 1936 he received his MD degree from the Jan Kazimierz University in Lvov. Following his work as an Associate Professor of Microbiology Lvov and as a research bacteriologist at the National Institute of Hygiene (NIH) in Warsaw, he became a Professor of Microbiology at that Institute. More than 270 of this research papers covered such topics as: antibiotic biogenesis and biosynthesis, numerical taxonomy of *Streptomyces* spp., evaluation of BCG and microbial fine structure.

When Professor Kuryłowicz was a director of NIH, he established international cooperation with others research and development centers in Europe and the world. There were inter alia: Institute Pasteur in Paris, scientific institutes in Moscow, Germany, Finland and China. This broad cooperation contributed to the development of research and development potential of NIH. Professor Kuryłowicz took care also of scientific development of NIH' employees; he was also the teacher and tutor of Tarchomińskie Zakłady Farmaceutyczne – Polfa employees.



Prof. W. Kuryłowicz was a recipient of the National Prize Award for scientific guidance in construction of the first antibiotic industry in Poland, and the National Prize Award for the co-authorship of the monograph "Antibiotics - Origin, Nature and Properties". He was a scientist well known and respected all around the world. He was also recipient of Doctorates *honoris causa* of: Nicolas Copernicus Medical University in Poland; University of Oslo; University of Lille; Medical University of Debrecen, Hungary; University of Liège, Belgium; Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil; University of Québec, Canada; University of Münster, Germany.

He was appointed the chairman of the Advisory Council to the Ministry of Health (1962 – 1970). He was also a member of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences and Polish Academy of Science.

Włodzimierz Kuryłowicz died on February 21, 1991 in Warsaw.

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