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Mineralogical Society of Poland

PROFESSOR ANDRZEJ MANECKI – HONORARY MEMBER OF THE POLISH METEORITICAL SOCIETY

During its general meeting in April 2007 in Olsztyn, the Polish Meteoritical Society elected Prof. Andrzej Manecki as an Honorary Member of the Society in recognition of his great contributions to the development of meteoritical studies in Poland, including studies of the famous Pultusk meteorite. The diploma was presented to the laureate at the AGH-University of Science and Technology in Kraków by Łukasz Karwowski (president of the Polish Meteoritical Society) in December 2007.



Andrzej Manecki (left) receiving a diploma from Łukasz Karwowski, in recognition of his election as an Honorary Member of the Polish Meteoritical Society

BEST MSc THESES

The award for the best MSc thesis in mineralogy, petrology, and geochemistry in 2007 went to Irena Jerzykowska, from the Institute of Geological Sciences of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, for her thesis "Weathering of Accessory Minerals from Granitoids in Podzolic Soils in the Tatra Mountains," completed under the supervision of Marek Michalik.

Two other theses were also distinguished: "Variations of Thermodynamic Properties of Pyromorphite–Mimetite Minerals," by Justyna Flis from the AGH-University of Science and Technology in Kraków (supervisor Maciej Manecki), and "Atmospheric Dust Pollution in the Katowice-Giszowiec Area," by Anna Malinowska from the Silesian University in Sosnowiec (supervisor Janusz Janeczek).



Irena Jerzykowska (left), with her supervisor Marek Michalik (center), receiving a diploma for the best MSc thesis from Barbara Kwiecińska

POPULARIZATION OF MINERALOGY

Newly published, the book "Atlas Mineralów i Skał" (*Atlas of Minerals and Rocks*) authored by Eligiusz Szełęg (University of Silesia) contains descriptions of 150 common and rare minerals and 36 rocks occurring in Poland. In the short introduction, the main properties of minerals are presented. The main part of the book is the review of minerals, in which the name, chemical formula, origin of the name, properties, common accompanying minerals, origin, occurrences in Poland, and applications are given for each mineral. The chapter devoted to rocks is organized in a similar way. The book is very well illustrated with color photos representing minerals and rocks

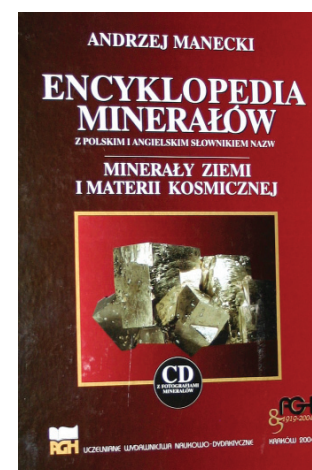


Eligiusz Szełęg proudly displaying his *Atlas of Minerals and Rocks*

from occurrences in Poland. The *Atlas* will be very useful for collectors and amateurs of mineralogy in Poland.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MINERALS – MINERALS OF THE EARTH AND COSMIC MATTER

The first Polish monograph on minerals was published last year by Andrzej Manecki. This state of the art review of minerals (500 pages) comprises three parts: current names of minerals as accepted by IMA, names of minerals in cosmic matter, and names of minerals that are no longer accepted by IMA but are often still used. The most important references on minerals, including their discoverers and a Polish–English dictionary, are important parts of the encyclopedia. Prof. Andrzej Manecki is an honorary member of the Polish Mineralogical Society and is the Polish representative on the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification (CNMNC) of IMA. For the book, he was awarded a Stanisław



Staszic scientific prize by the Department of Earth and Mining Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences.