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Issue dedicated to Professor Waldemar Pfeiffer on his 80th birthday

This year we celebrate the 80th birthday of Professor Waldemar Pfeiffer, the honorary Editor of *Glottodidactica. An International Journal of Applied Linguistics* and the Director of the Institute of Applied Linguistics (IAL) at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (AMU) – the publisher of our journal – from 2005 to 2010. As the Editor-in-chief of eleven volumes of *Glottodidactica*, issued between 1977 and 1995, Professor Pfeiffer enabled the gradual evolution of the journal into a periodical of international prestige, offering a forum for exchanging research findings and observations in all fields of applied linguistics, especially with reference to aspects vital for foreign language learning and teaching in Poland and abroad.

The birthday of Waldemar Pfeiffer on October 30th offers a suitable opportunity to tell him how much we respect the wealth and universality of his activities. We are referring here, in particular, to his outstanding work as a researcher and organizer, author and publisher, invaluable mentor of young researchers and initiator of new research directions. Furthermore, as his curriculum vitae on the next few pages shows, he boasts a vivid academic profile and a list of enormous didactic and organizational output. Below, we are briefly naming only some of his major achievements.

Professor Pfeiffer is an outstanding specialist in such scientific fields as the general methodology of teaching foreign languages, German as a foreign language, language policy in Poland and Europe, the theory and practice of the preparation and evaluation of teaching materials, multiculturalism and multilingualism. Professor Pfeiffer is also the author and publisher of several series of German language textbooks. On top of that, he

founded and published two publishing series, one at Peter Lang and the other at AMU Press. His contribution to academia is also evidenced by the more than thirty PhDs and over 200 MAs and BAs completed under his guidance at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and the European University Viadrina.

As the first Director of IAL, Waldemar Pfeiffer greatly contributed to its formation, internationalization and steady development. Apart from this function, he is the initiator and later Director for Research at Collegium Polonicum in Słubice. His achievements also include managing the Chair of Foreign Language Teaching at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder). In addition, he has been active throughout his life in many Polish and foreign academic associations (Der Internationale Deutschlehrerinnen- und Deutschlehrerverband e. V., Internationale Vereinigung für Germanistik, Societas Humboldtiana Polonorum, Polish Association of Modern Languages, Association of Polish German Philologists), acting as Chairman, Secretary General or President. He also found time and energy to organize numerous congresses and academic conferences in Poland and abroad, and to publish numerous conference materials and collective works. The professor's activities and achievements have been appreciated many times by various bodies – he has received countless distinctions, awards and medals.

On his anniversary, we wish to honor our esteemed jubilarian by dedicating this and the following issue to him. The fact that so many eminent academics from Poland and abroad have submitted their contributions to this issue of *Glottodidactica* proves how many people appreciate the magnitude and significance of the Professor's achievements. Apart from the authors included in this volume, the following persons have declared their intention to submit a celebratory paper for the next issue of our journal (46/1, due in June 2019¹): Camilla Badstübner-Kizik, Monika Janicka, Beata Karpińska-Musiał and Izabela Orchowska, Monika Kowalonek-Janeczarek, Tomasz Lis and Marta Janachowska-Budyń, Anna Michońska-Stadnik, Krzysztof Nerlicki, Agnieszka Pawłowska-Balcerska, Victoria Storozenko, Joanna Targońska, Reinhold Utri, Stephan Wolting, Władysław Zabrocki.

¹ Depending on the results of the reviewing process.

Dear Professor Pfeiffer,

the Editorial Team of *Glottodidactica*, the Director and all employees of the Institute of Applied Linguistics, in particular the staff of the Department of Intercultural Glottopedagogy, together with many academics from Poland and abroad wish you many years in the best of health, plenty of positive energy and the best of luck. The long congratulatory list in this jubilee volume goes to show how valued and well-known you are among Polish and overseas researchers.

Ad multos annos!

We would like to thank the contributors and reviewers with whom we worked jointly on this issue of our journal for their cooperation.

Sylvia Adamczak-Krysztofowicz,
Izabela Prokop
and Anna Szczepaniak-Kozak

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