



Prof. Dr Stefan Jurga

born in 1946, is a professor of Physics and holds a position of the Head of the Macromolecular Physics Department at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań as well as the Director of the interuniversity NanoBioMedical Centre in Poznań.

From November 2005 till November 2007, he was appointed Vice-Minister of Science and Higher Education of Poland. He has implemented, amongst all, the Bologna Process into higher educational institutions in Poland. He initiated, using Operational Programs of European structural funds, the projects of 1.5 billion euros aimed at the development of infrastructure and human capital of Polish universities.

Prof. Stefan Jurga has held a wide range of responsible functions in the Polish higher education system. In 1990-1996, he was Vice Rector and in 1996-2002 Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. During his term of office, he significantly developed the University, contributing to the dynamic growth of the new university campus in Poznań. Moreover, he was very active in supporting cross-border co-operation with the German European University Viadrina (Frankfurt on the Oder), which resulted in establishing a joint research and teaching institution “Collegium Polonicum” in Slubice, Poland. In 1999-2000, he was elected President of the Conference of Rectors of the Polish Universities and Vice President of the Conference of Rectors of the Academic Schools in Poland. As a former rector he is the head of the Centre for European Integration of the Adam Mickiewicz University.

Professor Jurga is a member of several academies, scientific associations, research councils and research committees. In 2002, he assumed a position of Vice President of the International Scientific Association „Groupement Ampere”. In 2004 - 2008, he was holding a position of the President of European Universities’ Association “Santander Group”. He was also chairing the Steering Committee of the AlBan Program – a European scholarship project addressed to students of Latin America for conducting graduate studies in Europe.

He has been granted many international fellowships and awards, among which were fellowships of the University of Liege (Belgium), University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign (USA), Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research and University of Mainz. Prof. Jurga has been a visiting professor at the Cornell University and North Carolina State University in the USA, at the University of Pretoria in the Republic of South Africa, at the Centre of Atomic Research in Saclay near Paris. He has published numerous scientific papers, delivered a great number of guest lectures at international institutions, schools, and conferences. He has supervised 20 Ph.D. students, with whom he has published articles in the world renowned scientific journals. His major research activities concern nuclear magnetic resonance, dielectric spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy, rheology, x-ray scattering methods, simulations applied to study structure and dynamics of nano-soft-matter.

He has a wide research and teaching co-operation with many European and American institutions, including amongs all, Carnegie Mellon University, North Carolina State

University, Boston College, University of Cambridge, University of Rennes, Free University of Berlin, Max-Planck-Institute of Colloids and Interfaces in Potsdam.

He has been awarded amongs all with a Doctor honoris causa title of the University Warmia and Mazury in 2008, with the Commander's Cross of the Order Polonia Restitute by the President of the Republic of Poland in 2002 and with the Commander's Cross of the Order of St Silvester by the Pope Benedict XVI in 2009.