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Editorial

Congratulations and Happy Birthday, Professor Czeslaw!

On behalf of the Editorial team and the global readership of Drying Technology as well as the IDS "family", it is great pleasure and distinct honor for me to extend to Professor Czeslaw Strumillo hearty congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy, long and productive life on the occasion of his 85th birthday on February 17, 2015.

Professor Strumillo's outstanding lifetime achievements in drying research as well as higher education are well known and greatly admired by the drying community worldwide. His pioneering research in drying has been a source great inspiration for me to engage in R and D in this field and devote a major part of my research career to it. Professor Strumillo's books and his establishment of the Polish Drying Symposium Series gave me the incentive needed to establish the International Drying Symposium series at McGill University in 1978. It was not considered a wise initiative at the time. It was necessary to globalize the symposium due to the fact that research activity in drying was nearly non-existent in North America those days. It was a huge risk but after some years of continuous hard work the series became a success. Indeed this journal as well as the numerous international conferences devoted to drying are a testimonial to Professor Strumillo's vision and proactive participation in this effort.

Professor Strumillo has been one of my mentors ever since I met him at IDS1978. I have learnt a lot from him not only about drying but also about higher education and even about how to live a productive and meaningful life. He has been instrumental in mentoring a large number of excellent researchers and educators. I have benefited from this activity as well; several of his mentees worked with me at McGill and helped me develop significant research activity in drying. I am truly grateful to Czeslaw for his continuing support.

We have already published short summary of Professor Strumillo's career accomplishments. Suffice it to say that the state of Drying research today would not be where it is without his pioneering effort, guidance and vision.



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Many happy and healthy returns of the day, Czeslaw!

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