

Czesław Ryll-Nardzewski (1926–2015)

With deep sorrow we announce that Czesław Ryll-Nardzewski passed away in Wrocław on September 18, 2015.

Czesław Ryll-Nardzewski was born on October 7, 1926 in Vilnius, then in Poland. In 1948 he graduated from the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin with a Master's degree, and one year later received a PhD there (under Mieczysław Biernacki). In 1949 he took positions at the University of Wrocław and, at the same time, at the Institute of Mathematics of the Polish Academy of Sciences. In Wrocław he collaborated with Stanisław Hartman, Edward Marczewski, Jan Mikusiński and Hugo Steinhaus, thus greatly contributing to the emergence of the Wrocław center of mathematics, one of the strongest in Poland.

In 1952–1954 Czesław Ryll-Nardzewski held a position at the University of Warsaw. In 1954 he was awarded a professorship at the University of Wrocław. In 1967 he became a member of the Polish Academy of Sciences and later a member of the Polish Academy of Learning. In 1976 he went to the Wrocław University of Technology. His influence was decisive in creating there a new, strong mathematical research group.

Czesław Ryll-Nardzewski was the author of more than 100 mathematical publications. They concern numerous subjects in various branches of mathematics, including mathematical analysis, foundations of mathematics, group theory, functional analysis, probability theory, measure and ergodic theory, and the theory of stochastic processes. The papers have opened new directions of research in Poland.

The role of Ryll-Nardzewski in the reconstruction and development of Polish mathematics after the second world war is hard to overestimate. He was one of the first recipients of the Stefan Banach Medal.

25 of his papers were published in *Studia Mathematica*. He was a member of the Editorial Board of this journal since 1961.

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