Prof. Jozef M. Pacyna – a short summary

Prof. Jozef M. Pacyna is a Research Director of the Norwegian Institute for Air Research in Kjeller, Norway and Professor at the Faculty of Energy and Fuels of the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, Poland. He was awarded a Visiting Professorship at the University of Michigan (1992-1993), the Chalmers 150th Anniversary Visiting Professor at the Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden (1994 – 1997), and a 2006 Visiting Professorship at the Yale University.

Prof. Pacyna’s expertise is on biogeochemical cycling and fluxes of mercury, other heavy metals, persistent organic pollutants, and radionuclides in the environment. Another field of his expertise is related to the implementation of environmental strategies and policies defined within international agreements on emission and flux reductions, including cost-benefit analysis of this implementation. He has been one of the lead authors providing UNEP with scientific justification for the Minamata convention.

Prof. Pacyna is the author of more than 450 scientific publications, including more than 120 papers in peer-reviewed journals and more than 30 books and book chapters. His works have been cited about 7000 times, bringing his citation index H to 40. In 2012 he received Life Achievement Award for recognition of his outstanding contribution to advancing scientific knowledge of heavy metals in the environment, and their impact upon human health.

Prof. Pacyna has been a reviewer of project proposals for 25 funding agencies in 14 countries, including the U.S., Canada, the U.K., the Netherlands, Italy, Poland, as well as proposals submitted to the European Commission programs. This activity has been done for the last 25 years. This includes also a review of proposals submitted to FCT in a past few years.