

## ***Pro memoria* Tomasz Sosnowski**

On August 26, 2020, an excellent scientist, social pedagogue, experienced academic teacher passed away – Tomasz Sosnowski – doctor habilitatus, professor at the Faculty of Education Sciences at the University of Białystok.

Tomasz Sosnowski was both a practitioner and a researcher. His scientific output consisted of over 100 publications, which consisted of 4 author's and co-author's monographs, scientific co-editing of 8 monographs, over 80 articles in scientific journals and chapters in collective monographs. An active participant and promoter of scientific life. Participant of tens of scientific conferences in Poland and abroad. Co-organizer of the Fifth Congress of Social Pedagogy, which took place in 2013.

His main areas of interest were:

- a) the family in the modern world – the threats to its structure and functioning, forms and directions of support; voluntary activity as a form of help to people in a situation of threat;
- b) the father in the modern world, the source and factors determining his role in the process of raising a child in the modern family in a generational perspective.

Since the beginning of his scientific career he has been associated with the University of Białystok. He was repeatedly awarded by the Rector of the University of Białystok for outstanding scientific, research and didactic achievements.

He was also a great teacher, a master with great passion. He left behind a large group of friends and alumni, significant organizational and scientific

achievements. His life was an example of being an extremely reliable and conscientious person, completely devoted to the Truth and other people. The circle of Polish social pedagogues will remember him as an exemplary scientist, educator and friend who lived his life according to Korczak's motto: "The world cannot be left as it is."

Polish social pedagogy has suffered a huge, irreparable loss.