

Prof. Dr. Wojciech Piasecki

In 1981, he graduated from the Faculty of Marine Fisheries and Food Technology (Agricultural University of Szczecin), majoring in Ichthyology, Management and Protection of the Aquatic Resources. In 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis (on life cycle of a crustacean fish parasite). In 1995, he completed his “habilitation” [=DSc].

In 2009, he earned the academic title of Professor in Biological Sciences.

He completed two postdoctoral fellowships in the USA (IREX, 8 months, California State University LB + Smithsonian Inst.) and Canada (NSERC, 2 years, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton).

He also worked 4 months in Germany (TEMPUS, Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin).

His research focused on parasitology and pathology of aquatic organisms, mainly fishes. His favourite systematic group were parasitic crustaceans. He is an editor-in-chief of an international scientific journal *Acta Ichthyologica et Piscatoria* (impact factor 0.629). In 1980 He spent 6 month working as a junior fisherman on a Polish vessel in Namibia.

His association with higher education dates back to 1981 when he started to work at the Agricultural University of Szczecin, Poland as teaching-and-research assistant. He worked there 30 years (excluding his postdoctoral fellowships abroad). In 2007 he became an Assistant Professor and in 1999—an Associate Professor. Within 1996–2002, he was a Deputy Dean. In 2009, through its merger with a local polytechnic his alma mater became the West Pomeranian University of Technology. Working at the Agricultural University of Szczecin, he was head of the Division of Fish Diseases (1996–2010). At the West Pomeranian University of Technology, he was in charge of the Division of Fish Physiology and Pathology (2011).

Now he works at the University of Szczecin, Institute of Marine and Environmental Sciences. He is teaching courses related to fish diseases, parasitology, ecology (also for 11 years—medical parasitology, in English, at the Pomeranian Medical University).