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Editorial

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This special issue recognizes the former Editor of our journal, Professor Andrzej Górak, and his substantial contribution to the areas of fluid separations and process intensification. His-ground-breaking research on reactive and hybrid separation processes has received wide attention and his relentless efforts to strengthen interdisciplinary European research have established enduring ties between academia and industry. As one of the founding members of the European Process Intensification Centre and a long-term delegate of the EFCE Working Parties on Fluid Separations and Process Intensification, he has been a major driving force in the development and implementation of process intensification.

Born in Andrychów, Poland, Andrzej Górak graduated from Łódź University of Technology, where he also received his PhD on the distillation of multi-component mixtures in 1979. In 1988 he moved to Germany commencing his Habilitation at RWTH Aachen in 1991, while working at Henkel KGaA. He was appointed a Full Professor at TU Dortmund in 1992, where he headed the Laboratory of Fluid Separations, with an intermitted 4 year leave to the University of Essen in 1996, until his retirement in 2019. He further acted as Vice Rector of Research at TU Dortmund from 2011–2014 and has been appointed Professor at Łódź University of Technology since 2003.

Andrzej Górak supervised more than 50 PhD students, authored far more than 350 scientific publications and patents, and promoted the academic career of several young researchers. He received national and international scientific and federal awards and decorations for his outstanding achievements, including the Emil Kirschbaum-Medaille, a Prose award, as well as the Federal Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

On behalf of the contributors to this Special Issue, the Editorial Board of our journal and the entire chemical engineering community we congratulate Andrzej Górak – a pioneer and inspirational academic leader in the field of process intensification – on his 70th birthday.



Mirko Skiborowski, Andrzej Stankiewicz and the rest of the editorial board.

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