



## The Rector of the University of Cologne

His Magnificence  
Prof. Dr. Wojciech Nowak  
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Magnificence, dear Rector Nowak,

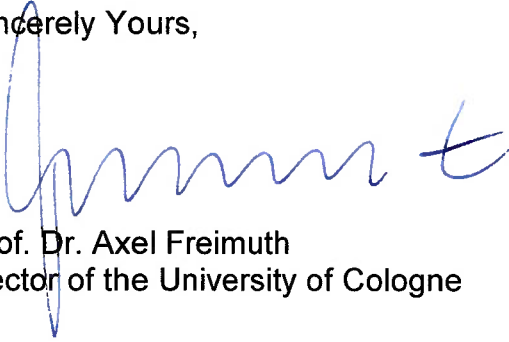
It is with great sadness that we heard about the death of Prof. Franciszek Ziejka.

Jagiellonian University and the University of Cologne are not only both members of the Coimbra Group but also have strong bilateral relations since 1984. The cooperation between Jagiellonian University and the University of Cologne has been supported by the German Academic Exchange Service since 1990 without interruption. This to a large part is due to Prof. Ziejka's engagement. During his rectorship between 1999 and 2005 he supported our cooperation strongly which led to a remarkable broadening and intensification of our cooperation until today. A lot of our joint scientific efforts in all academic fields - from economics to the social sciences, from the different disciplines in law to archeology and the philologies and in the different fields of the natural sciences - as well as the precious personal relations would not have been possible without the enthusiastic help of Prof. Ziejka.

Prof. Ziejka with his teaching and research in different European countries was honoured with many national and foreign medals, particularly his merit for the German – Polish cooperation with the Grand Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. He was a European scientist and academician at his best.

We at the University of Cologne feel the loss of Prof. Ziejka very deeply. We send our sincere condolences. Our thoughts are with his family and friends, and with the Jagiellonian University community.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Axel Freimuth', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Prof. Dr. Axel Freimuth  
Rector of the University of Cologne