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## OUR PEARLS IN SCIENCE AND ECONOMY



### PROF. ELŻBIETA MAĆZYŃSKA

Professor of economic sciences, president of the Polish Economic Society, member of the National Development Council attached to the Polish President, member of the Poland 2000 Plus Forecast Committee and of the Economic Sciences Committee at the Polish Academy of Sciences. She is one of the most recognisable and sought-after economists in Poland. She is the author, co-author and editor of about 200 publications dealing with economic analysis, finances, valuation of companies, economic systems and socio-economic development strategies.

*“It’s a great honour to receive such a wonderful award. But awards always make me anxious. I felt particularly anxious when I saw the list of previous Honorary Pearl winners. Bearing this in mind, I am all the more grateful. I feel honoured and I wonder if I’m up to the challenge. An award like this is a major obligation. I feel that I must share it with the team I work with. What we do on a daily basis is making sure that economics is not all about chrematistics, that is the art of getting rich. Economics is about people and their use of resources. If you take away the human factor, economics loses its soul. We try to ensure that it doesn’t. Thanks for noticing that.”*

### ALICJA ADAMCZAK

President of the Polish Patent Office, lawyer, university lecturer, patent attorney. In 2000 she was decorated by former President Aleksander Kwaśniewski with the Officer’s Cross of the Polonia Restituta Order for her outstanding achievements in drafting the industrial property protection law, and for her services to the Association of Patent Attorneys.

*“The Patent Office is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. It was set up after Poland regained independence and continues its activities to this day. We not only deal with issues related to granting exclusive rights to intellectual property in Poland, but we also strive to protect our intellectual property abroad. In this respect we promote various systems for the protection of industrial property. Our inventions, trademarks and industrial designs, our intellectual and cultural achievements, make the Polish economy known in the outside world. I think it is the Patent Office itself, and above all my colleagues, that should receive this great prize.”*

