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Tribute to Professor Milton Simões da Costa

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Prof. Dr Milton Simões da Costa. We would like to express our condolences to the Family, the Authorities of Coimbra University and the Professor's coworkers.

We highly appreciated the long-lasting cooperation with Prof. Dr. Milton da Costa - an outstanding scientist, a recognized world authority in the research on microorganisms in extreme environments, a promoter of young talents and a dear friend. As the President of the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS), in 2008 he supported the organization of the international conferences The Workshop on Microbiology in Health and Environmental Protection Microbiot 2008, 2010, 2013 and 2017 at the Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection, University of Lodz, during which he delivered plenary lectures and participated in scientific discussions. These conferences have been appreciated by the scientific community in Poland and many scientists from around the world. Our Microbiot conferences in Lodz will never be the same without Prof. Dr. Milton da Costa. In 2008 Professor da Costa participated in a meeting of the Microbiological Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences, where he presented the objectives and forms of FEMS activities and offered support for the participation of young researchers in international microbiological conferences.

Among the major merits of Professor da Costa for the University of Lodz, we would like to emphasize his initiative to set a new direction of microbiological research in our Institute, which is a study of halophilic bacteria and their potential application in designing new strategies for regulating human immune functions and supporting environmental protection.

We remain proud and grateful to Professor Dr. Milton Simões da Costa for his activity in presenting the latest achievements in the field of environmental microbiology and biotechnology, as well as in educating microbiologists and biologists of other specialties. In recognition of Prof. da Costa's merits in the development of our University, the Senate awarded him the Universitatis Lodziensis Amico Medal, in 2016. He will live on in our memories forever.

We feel we have lost a precious Friend and a prominent man of science, who played an inspiring role in setting new challenges for scientific research.

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