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In Memoriam: Prof Iwan V Kityk 1957–2019, Editor of *Materials Letters*



It is with sadness that we record the recent loss of our distinguished editor and colleague, Professor Iwan V. Kityk. Iwan has been an editor of our journal since January 2016, and a member of our Associate Editorial Board for some years before that, and he will be greatly missed. Iwan was an extremely effective editor, handling papers always with the greatest efficiency, fairness and speed.

Professor Iwan Kityk obtained his master's degree in physics from Lviv I. Franco University (Ukraine) in 1979 and then, continuing post-graduate study at that university, completed his PhD in experimental physics in 1985. In the years 1993–2005 he held a series of postdoctoral and visiting professor positions including Moltech GmbH (Germany), University of Angers (France), University du Maine, ENS Lyon (France), University of Reims (France) and University of Perpignan (France). From 1995 to 2008 Iwan held the position of extraordinary professor at J. Dlugosz University (Czestochowa, Poland) and since 2009 he was a full professor at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering of the Czestochowa University of Technology (Poland).

His fields of expertise included experimental and theoretical methods in optical spectroscopy, electronic properties of inorganic and organic molecular materials, nonlinear optics and optoelectronic materials, being the author or co-author of more than 900 articles published in international journals.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Iwan's family and friends at this time, and wish to record our appreciation of his contribution to our journal and to the field of materials science over past decades.

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