

# Lublin PET/CT Center Opening Ceremony

10<sup>th</sup> October 2012, was a great day for the Chair and Department of Nuclear Medicine, Medical University of Lublin (UML). We can say that the Department of Nuclear Medicine was born again, although as the University Unit, leading research and teaching activities, it exists for more than 30 years. The main scientific topics are nuclear cardiology, including the adrenergic system study, the nuclear neurology, oncology diagnostics and radioiodine therapy. The first head of the Department and a pioneer of nuclear medicine in Poland was worldwide known scientist prof. Anna Tarkowska.

So, on 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2012, the grand opening of the PET/CT and SPECT/CT Center was held in the Chair and Department of Nuclear Medicine, UML, which was chaired by the Rector of UML,

Prof. Andrzej Drop, and SPSK4 Manager, Marian Przylepa, MD, PhD. They made the ribbon-cutting ceremony after the blessing given by His Excellency Bishop Mieczyslaw Ciso. The meeting was attended by representatives of the UML University, the SPSK4 Hospital, local government, managers of hospitals in Lublin, and representatives of the National Health Fund (NFZ). Polish Society of Nuclear Medicine was represented by Prof. Mirosław Dziuk — Head of the Department of Nuclear Medicine, WIM, Prof. Janusz Braziewicz — Head of Department of Nuclear Medicine of the Swietokrzyskie Cancer Center, Prof. Grzegorz Jastrzębski the Heavy Ion Laboratory of Warsaw University and Zbigniew Zuzak, MD, PhD. After the opening ceremony the invited guests visited the Center.

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The installed appliances include: Biograph™ mCT Siemens PET/CT scanner and Symbia™ T16 SPECT/CT gamma camera, Comecer Hot Cells and auxiliary equipment, computer systems including PACS server for the storage and preparation of research. For each component, installed system consists of cutting-edge medical technology, so it is safe to say that the equipment acquired by the University is one of the most modern in Europe.

All invited guests were under the great impression of the modern building specifically designed for the center. The plan for the future is to enlarge the center of classrooms for students and radionuclide therapy department.

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From the left: Prof. Grzegorz Jastrzębski, Prof. Janusz Braziewicz, Prof. Mirosław Dziuk; in the background of the picture: Prof. Andrzej Nestorowicz (anesthesiology department)



From the left: His Excellency Bishop Mieczyslaw Ciso; Beata Chrapko, MD, PhD; Marian Przylepa, MD, PhD, SPSK4 Manager; His Magnificence Rector of UML Prof. Andrzej Drop; His Magnificence Rector UML Prof. Andrzej Książek; Adam Borowicz, MD, PhD, SPSK1 Manager



The guests in the scanner PET/CT room; from the left: Prof. Janusz Braziewicz (behind); Prof. Grzegorz Jastrzębski; Marian Przylepa, MD, PhD, SPSK4 Manager (in the background); Betina Kujawa — Siemens Company; Beata Chrapko, MD, PhD; Rector of ULM Prof. Barbara Jodłowska-Jędrych