

**Prof. Jan Madey, laureate of the Prof. Maciej W. Grabski Award for activity furthering the understanding of science in society**

Prof. Jan Madey is a computer scientist affiliated with the University of Warsaw. For over 30 years he has combined his scientific career with social activity supporting exceptionally talented children and youth.

He is the chairman of the executive board of the Polish Children's Fund, a person whose support and commitment have brought about the growth of this programme for young people of exceptional talent. Serving as the national organizer in the EU Contest for Young Scientists, Europe's most prestigious competition for research work by teens, he has played a huge role in Poland's winning a high ranking in the contest (the international jury has awarded Polish pupils 25 main prizes and 28 additional prizes). Prof. Madey has served in the competition as a juror for works in the Polish phase of the contest (since 1995) and as an adviser to the Polish team in the international finals (since 1998). He also helps attract well-known scientists to work in the contest as volunteer jurors, reviewers, and scientific advisers to the finalists.

Prof. Madey is also the initiator and organizer of the success of young Polish computer scientists in the world's most prestigious coding competition, the International Collegiate Programming Contest. Teams from the University of Warsaw, coached by a group headed by Prof. Madey, have advanced to the ICPC finals for 25 years, twice winning the world championship and twice finishing second. In 2017 the organizers of ICPC recognized Prof. Madey with the Lifetime Coach Award.

Prof. Jan Madey's work at developing young people's interest in science and involving them in research, as well as promoting social awareness of the successes and high global standing of young Polish computer scientists, has undoubtedly contributed to the social perception of science as a vitally important factor for the culture and advancement of our country and its place in the international community.