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B.V. L'vov Receives the Fijalkowski Award

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Professor B.V. L'vov with his wife after the award ceremony.

This award was established in 2005 in honor of Dr. Jerzy Fijalkowski, the founder of the Polish Commission on Spectral Analysis, Chair (1975–1990) of the Commission on Analytical Atomic Spectrometry of the Committee on Analytical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The award is bestowed for the outstanding achievements in atomic spectrometry and cooperation with the Polish Spectroanalytical Society.

Jerzy Fijalkowski (1924–1990) was born in Lublin in 1924. After the liberation of Poland in 1944, he was arrested by the People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs and spent two years in exile in the town of Borovich in the Novgorod region. Having returned to Poland, he entered Wrocław Technological University (WTU) and graduated from it in 1951. After working for two years as an assistant at WTU, he came to the General Aviation Institute in Warsaw (1952–1956) and to the Institute of Nuclear Researches in Świerk

(1956–1990). Simultaneously he was a professor at the University of Warsaw. Professor Fijalkowski's scientific interests were in the elaboration of methods of the spectrochemical analysis of radioactive materials and the expansion of spectral methods in Poland. Fijalkowski was an initiator and a scientific organizer of some all-European conferences (including the CANAS series of conferences). Over recent years, Leon Pszonicki, Poland; Philip Taylor, Belgium; Adam Hulanicki, Poland; Gerhard Schlemmer, Germany; Rajmim Dyczynski, Poland; and Tibor Kantor, Hungary have received the Fijalkowski award.

In September 2010 (at the conference in Wrocław), the Fijalkowski award was given to Professor Boris Vladimirovich L'vov "for his contribution to the development and application of atomic spectrometry with graphite furnaces and continuous cooperation with the Polish Spectroanalytical Society."