

PROFESSOR PIOTR L. CHLOSTA

Professor Chlosta is the chairman of the Department of Urology at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. He is a Visiting Professor at the Centre of Postgraduate Medical Education in Warsaw. He has been the president of the Polish Urological Association since 2015. He received his medical degree at the University of Wroclaw in 1992 and went on to specialize in surgery in 1995. He completed his FEBU (Fellow of the European Board of Urology) exam in 1999. In 2000, he received his PhD with first class honors at the Medical Postgraduate University of Warsaw. His PhD dissertation was awarded best urological thesis. In 2010, he became a Doctor of Science. Between 2002 and 2012 he was a delegate of the European Board of Urology. He is a member of the Royal College of Surgeons (Glasgow). Between 2003 and 2012, he was the Chief of the Uro-oncology Department at the Holy Cross Cancer Centre – Institute of Oncology in Kielce, Poland. He has been a Professor and the Chairman at the Jagiellonian University since 2012.

He is the creator and director of the *kult-URO Festival* in Poland, which is an annual meeting promoting science and health in the field of urology. Professor Chlosta has an extensive publication history, he has more than 200 presented lectures and papers, he is the co-author of 15 books in urological topics in Poland and 3 international books (including co-work with Dept. of Urology Semmelweis University in Budapest).

Among many awards he received the Distinguished Service Award of the European Board of Urology for realizing and promoting urological training in Europe and for supporting the goals of EBU to improve urological education. He received the Award of the Polish Ministry for editing the Atlas of Laparoscopic Urology. Professor Chlosta is an Honorary Member of the New York Section of American Urological Association, the Slovak Urological Association, the Hungarian Urologic Association, and of the Video surgery Section of the Polish Surgeons Association.

At Jagiellonian University, Professor Chlosta introduced the minimally invasive techniques in urological oncology and created a full-profile academic and postgraduate urological centre. The Department received EBU certification in 2014. Professor Chlosta was the first urologic surgeon to implant an artificial urinary sphincter in a male patient with a laparoscopic technique. In cooperation with Department of Urology at Semmelweis University and the Hungarian Urological Association, he helped organize the Hungarian-Polish Scientific Sessions during the American Urological Association Annual Meetings in the USA since 2012. Professor Chlosta regularly organizes courses, meetings, and workshops in endourology, laparoscopic and robotic surgery.