

Photographic reminiscences of Jerzy K. Baksalary (1944–2005)

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Abstract

*There are moments, Jeeves, when one asks oneself,
"Do matrices matter?"*

Jeeves: "The mood will pass, sir."

Transformed conversation created by P.G. Wodehouse.

On 18 December 1981, 45 years ago, I wrote, with my colleague Erkki Liski, a letter to Jerzy K. Baksalary and Radosław Kala; below is an excerpt.

"Thank you for very interesting research papers you have published in different journals. We have read them with a great interest. Our own interest lies to a great extent in the same topics and this is why we would like to contact you. We enclose some technical reports and a doctoral dissertation and we would be very glad for any comments. Also we would be very happy if you could send us your papers. By the way, we think that we have at least one common friend: Professor George P.H. Styan, who positively referred to your articles. He visited our department first in January 1976 and second time in July this year. We felt him a very inspiring person."

On 3 June 1984, Erkki Liski and I stepped out of the train at the Poznań Railway Station, and were friendly welcomed by Barbara Bogacka, who kindly guided us to the conference site: *International Statistical Conference in Linear Inference*, held in Poznań, 4–9 June 1984. That was the first time I had an opportunity to see live performances of the Polish Linear Model Stars.

... Oh my holy goodness ... all these memories, they really push me thinking of the Polish-Nordic Party at Jan Hauke's Penthouse ... Thursday, 7 June 1984. The attached two pictures of Jerzy were taken there.



On 14 June 1984, I sent a thank-you letter to Jerzy. In a nutshell it said: *All in all—what a superb Party!*

Last time I met Jerzy in 2004, in Będlewo, near Poznań, at the IWMS meeting. In the photograph below Jerzy is posing for the group photo with Ingram Olkin, T.W. Anderson, Dorothy Anderson, Imbi Traat, Tõnu Kollo, Dietrich von Rosen, Tatjana von Rosen, etc.

In my talk I'll go through some further JKB-memories from 1984–2004.



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