

Professor Irena Hausmanowa-Petrusewicz and the Warsaw School of Neurology

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Professor Irena Hausmanowa-Petrusewicz headed the Department of Neurology of the Medical Academy in Warsaw for 30 years from 1958 up to 1988. During that time she promoted 63 doctoral theses and 14 habilitations. Due to her very high position in the world of neurologists most of the promoted doctors were offered by Professor Irena Hausmanowa-Petrusewicz a possibility to go for at least one year fellowship to best neurological centers in Europe and America. This was a reason why several of her pupils became later heads of various departments of neurology in Warsaw and also abroad. Professor Irena Hausmanowa-Petrusewicz created first in the Polish history of neurology stroke unit in the Department of Neurology and Intensive Care Neurology Unit. She formed for the first time Children Ward of Neurology. She was the one who organized first Post-stroke Rehabilitation Ward located in Konstancin near Warsaw. Due to her involvement in muscular disorders she created Morphology of Muscles and Nerves lab. She organized first in Europe Muscular Disorders Out-patients Clinic. Definitely Professor Irena Hausmanowa-Petrusewicz had an enormous impact on Polish neurology and merits the title of Creator of Warsaw School of Neurology.