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CMU Professor Selected to Receive “Outstanding Polonian” Award

Pittsburgh, PA -- The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation will present its annual *Outstanding Polonian Award* to Carnegie-Mellon Professor Krzysztof Matyjaszewski, PhD at a luncheon to be held Saturday, September 17, 2016.

As a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Chemistry within CMU’s Mellon College of Science, Dr. Matyjaszewski is an internationally recognized polymer chemist who is renowned for his vision, educational leadership and research innovation. His discovery of Atom Radical Transfer Polymerization (ATRP) led to significant innovations in the field of polymer chemistry and revolutionized how macromolecules are made. Macromolecules are necessary for life and include carbohydrates, lipids, nucleic acids, and proteins.

Dr. Matyjaszewski has received considerable international recognition for his contributions to science. In 2004 he received the annual prize of the Foundation of Polish Science, often referred to as the "Polish Nobel Prize." In 2005 he became a foreign member of the Polish Academy of Science and in 2007 received an honorary degree from Lodz Polytechnic (Poland). IN recognition of his accomplishments the Polish Chemical Society awarded him the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Medal in 2012.

He has received honorary degrees from the University of Ghent (Belgium), the Russian Academy of Sciences, the University of Athens (Greece), the Polytechnic Institute of Toulouse (France), the Pusan National University (South Korea) and the Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Sorbonne (France).

Most recently Professor Matyjaszewski joined a research team at CMU under a \$3 million grant to provide the US Military with drones, gliders and other delivery vehicles that can “vanish” once they safely deliver supplies or intelligence to troops.

“Dr. Matyjaszewski is truly an inspiration to Polish-Americans throughout the Pittsburgh region and across our nation,” explained Mary Lou Ellena, President of the of the Kosciuszko Foundation, Pittsburgh Chapter. “His accomplishments and international recognition reflect great credit on our region and are a true source of pride for Polonians throughout Western Pennsylvania.”

To schedule interviews with Dr. Matyjaszewski contact Mary Lou Ellena at 412-855-8330. Tickets for the event may be ordered from the Kosciuszko Foundation by calling the Pittsburgh Chapter at 412-855-8330. The deadline for purchasing tickets to the luncheon is September 1.

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