
Professor

Janusz Filipiak

Founder and President
of the Management Board
of Comarch SA

Janusz Filipiak holds the title of Professor of Technical Sciences. In 1993, he established Comarch – the first Polish company based on knowledge. Janusz Filipiak is an editor and author of journals, and consultant for domestic and foreign institutions.

In the 1990s, he was an ordinary professor at the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków. By the age of 39, he had been awarded the title of Professor by the President of the Republic of Poland.

Professor Filipiak has written six books on teleinformatics, including “Modelling and Control of Dynamic Flows in Communications Networks”, Springer-Verlag, 1988, and “Real Time Network Management”, North Holland, 1991. He is the author of more than 100 papers on data transmission and teleinformatics, published in the IEEE Transactions on Communications, IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, Operations Research, and other journals known worldwide. In addition, he edited Telecommunication Services for Developing Economies, Elsevier, 1991 and other journals.

He completed a managerial course in Japan. He also worked as a scientific consultant for France Telecom and held the function of Director Plenipotentiary at the Teletraffic Research Center at the University of Adelaide. He conducted research projects in laboratories in the United States and Canada.

In 2004, Professor Filipiak was honored by the President of the Republic of Poland with the Knight's Cross



of the Order of Polonia Restituta for outstanding contributions to the development of telecommunications and information technology, and in 2012 he was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta for his outstanding contribution to national economic development and achievements in charity and social activities. In 2013, Professor Filipiak also received the prestigious IEEE Communications Society Distinguished Industry Leader Award 2012 for his contribution to the development of the communications industry and IT technologies.

Since 2015, he has served as an expert on the National Development Council, formed by Andrzej Duda, President of the Republic of Poland. In 2016, President Duda recognized Professor Janusz Filipiak for his services to Polish business, awarding him an individual prize. Since 2019, Professor Filipiak has been the Chairman of the University Council of the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków.

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The company began operations on the premises of AGH (AGH University of Science and Technology), and Professor Filipiak combined the management of the business with his responsibilities as an academic at the university. When he realized the company could not operate without him, he resigned from his position at the university and focused on business.

"The same business model was the basis for the development of American companies such as Google, Intel and Hewlett-Packard", reminisces Janusz Filipiak. Soon Comarch got its first big contract:

the filing system of network devices for Telekomunikacja Polska (Polish Telecommunications Company). It debuted on the Warsaw Stock Exchange six years later.

"Comarch's dynamic development was made possible by a business mix of tangible assets and intellectual capital", stated Professor Filipiak. "Well-qualified staff are a company's most precious asset", he added.

