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**1. Who was your supervising tutor when you visited the University of Würzburg?**

Prof. Dr. Dr. Josef Stoer

**2. We would be happy to get to know something about your academic/professional career and it would be nice if you could describe your professional work in a few words.**

I was born in 1942 in Kaunas, Lithuania, in a Polish family (Polish minority in Lithuania is quite substantial in size). In 1964 I graduated from Kaunas University of Technology and continued studies at the PhD-level at this high school. After defending my thesis in 1969, I moved to the capital of Lithuania and continued my academic career at Vilnius University of Technology.

Since 1973 I live in Poland and work at the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research (IPPT) in Warsaw – the largest research unit of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN). My present fields of interest are Mobile Robots and Artificial Intelligence. The institutes of PAN conduct research and have also rights to give PhD-degrees. Hence, in my group there are usually 2-4 doctoral students and few students searching for BSc- or MSc-degrees at Warsaw University of Technology.

In 1978 I spend one year as the Humboldt scholar at the University of Stuttgart. After that I moved to Wuerzburg and was hosted by Professor Josef Stoer at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science of the local University. The stay in Germany was very profitable for me: I wrote my habilitation thesis and defended it in Warsaw in 1979. Since 1987 I lead the Laboratory of Intelligent Systems at the IPPT.

**3. What's your image from India? Do you have any experience regarding a scientific or economic exchange between India and the European Union?**

I think that the idea of organizing India-EU-Week is excellent. Most forecasts regard India as one of the main players in the future world. In my professional field it is already the case. India has very strong record in Computer Science, both in terms of achievements in the past and the reputation on current level of teaching and research. Each year I obtain several requests for summer practice from Indian students and I regret to decline them because of lacking financial support. The issue of how to support such exchange could be discussed during our meeting in Wuerzburg.

**4. What do you think about the importance of Alumni in terms of the cultural, academical and economical exchange?**

There are many parallel channels of academic exchange between Germany and Poland. The most significant one in terms of the number of mutual visits is the exchange conducted through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Alumni Clubs constitute very good supplement of this activity, because they introduce a flavor of attachment to particular university and stimulate personal contacts.