

Scientific and clinical input of E. Flatau

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Professor Edward Flatau was born in 1968 in Płock. Graduated with honors in medical studies from the Moscow State University. His lecturers there included, among others, professors Aleksiej Kowzewnikow and Siergiej Korsakow. Then he conducted academic research in Berlin, where he deepened his knowledge of anatomy, histology and pathological anatomy of the nervous system. Despite many scientific offers (i.e. university of Buenos Aires) he returned to Warsaw. His work was in the clinical and scientific field. As the head of the Department of Neurology at the hospital on "Czyste" he undertook a wide variety of clinical activities. He was the first organizer of the neurobiological laboratory, which he initially founded in his own home. Later it was transformed into the Neurobiological Laboratory of the Institute of Marcei Nencki, which he directed for the rest of his life. Scientific studies resulted in many prominent publications. One of the most outstanding is: "Atlas of the human brain and fiber course" published in Berlin in 1894. The contribution to research on dystonia, which he made with Władysław Sterling, is quoted to this day and is a most important piece of study. Edward Flatau was an outstanding scientific researcher, a talented clinician and a first-class educator. He was characterized by a rare perseverance at work, tireless energy and an exceptional ability to organize teamwork. He died in Warsaw in 1932.