Hania’s first workplace was at Geological Enterprises in Wrocław. She began her career there in 1970, in the Department of Research and Projects. For a few years she was a member of a team working on reports on deposits of raw materials for the construction, ceramics and chemical industries, including deposits of clays, Tertiary bentonites, and barite. She was popular at that firm, for her grace, sincerity and willingness to help. In 1979, when the University of Wrocław opened a Department of Applied Geology, Hania, as a geologist with several years experience in that field, was offered a position there. Without hesitation she decided to make the change and began work in a scientific research environment – an environment she already knew, as her husband, Dr. Stanisław Olszewski, worked at the University. Soon after that, as one of the first, Hania joined the research-documentation team brought together to service open-cast brown coal mines and associated earthworks.

As a worker in the Department of Applied Geology, Hania was not only a geologist and specialist, taking part in putting together reports and documentation and lending her geological-engineering expertise, but also the hostess and guardian angel of the department. Most visitors to the department contacted her first, be they visiting scientists, representatives of the mining industry or students doing degree work there. Hania also became known for her great sense of duty and responsibility when carrying out her work for the mining industry. She had input into significant papers on, among other things, lacustrine Cretaceous deposits as a quarry accompanying the brown coals in Belchatów, and the energetic quality of the brown coals of the "Belchatów" deposit. She enjoyed both the respect of the head of the department, and she had a great deal of authority among her co-workers. Hania won everyone over with her good-naturedness and honesty.

After the reorganization of the Department of Applied Geology in 1999, Hania transferred for a short time to work in the University’s central administration section, in the Graduate Affairs Office. After one year there, she returned to work in the Institute of Geological Sciences.

The other side of Hania’s professional life was her activity with the Society of Former Wrocław University Geology Students, an organization of around 700 members. From her first years as a member of the Society, Hania was exceptionally interested in the workings of this organization, proudly emphasising that her father had been a founder-member. While still working for Geological Enterprises, she took part in the organization of several meetings of Society members. Her strong feelings about the whole idea of keeping in touch with fellow Wrocław University geologists were noticed at the 1978 VII Meeting of the Society, when she was chosen as its sec-
retary. She would continue to hold this function for a fur-
ther six years, which was in its own way how the mem-
bers of the Society showed their trust and belief in her full
engagement in work for Wrocław's geological commu-
nity. Society members above all contacted her in matters
related to the running of the whole organization. She
knew the names of almost every member of the Society,
people from a total of 50 graduating classes. It was her
enormous enthusiasm which encouraged others to get in-
volved in the running of this Society, the only such fel-
lows at Wrocław University.

Hania played a leading role in keeping in touch with
her colleagues from the Class of '70, which, in almost its
full squad, was to meet Hania for the last time at their

Although she had her share of personal trials, they did
not weaken her exceptional liveliness and organizational
fervour. Her unexpected death on the twenty-fourth of
December, 2000, was met by Wrocław’s geological com-
munity with disbelief and deep sadness.

Anna Olszewska, Msc, was buried in her family grave
in the Wałbrzych-Sobićcin cemetery on the second last
day of the last century. Her numerous relatives, friends,
colleagues and co-workers gathered to say farewell to Ha-
nia, and will certainly keep her forever in their hearts and
memories.

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