

Curriculum vitae

Eugeniusz Wyzner

Education

Law degree (international law), Warsaw University; postgraduate studies at the Hague Academy of International Law.

Professional experience of executive and personnel management and responsibilities in public administration

He has served as member of the International Civil Service Commission (1999-), including seven years as its Vice-Chair.

At the United Nations Secretariat, he served as Under-Secretary-General for Public Information (1992-1993) and Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services and Special Assignments (1982-1992). While managing those two large departments, he was personally involved in the development and implementation of various reform and efficiency measures, in order to provide professional and effective conference and information services to Member States.

Over a long period of time, he participated in the work of United Nations bodies dealing with various aspects of personnel issues. He was Chair of the Appointments and Promotion Board (1991-1993) of the Steering Committee for the Improvement of the Status of Women in the Secretariat (1989-1992) and of the Publications Board (1982-1993). He was also a member of the Programme Planning and Budgeting Board (1984-1993), and the Secretariat Group on Administrative Reform (1983-1984).

In his country's Civil and Foreign Service, he held a wide range of posts requiring managerial competence. In 1998-1999 he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations. He was the Secretary of State and First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland in 1996 and 1997. From 1994 to 1995, he was the Parliamentary Secretary and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland. During that period (1994-1997), he was Vice-Chair of his country's delegation to the General Assembly.

From 1973 to 1978 he was his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva. In 1978, he became Director of the Department of International Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. His executive career at the Foreign Ministry began as Head of the Treaties Section. Later, he became Director (1971) of the Ministry's Legal and Treaties Department.

Other professional and United Nations activities

Delegate to numerous sessions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council

Chair, Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

United Nations Commissioner-General for Expo 1993 taking place in the Republic of Korea

Chair, United Nations Exhibits Committee (1992-1993)

Chair, United Nations Senior Advisory Board on Services to the Public (1992-1993)

Chair, International Annual Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications, 1982-1991

Chair, United Nations Disarmament Commission (1982)

Chair, Legal Subcommittee, United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (until 1982)

Member of the Boards of Directors of the International Peace Academy (New York); the International Institute of Space Law (Paris); and the International Congress Institute (Salzburg, Austria)

Other functions in Poland

Currently Vice-President, Jan Karski Society; Member of the Ambassadors Board, European Academy of Diplomacy

Vice-Chair, Poland's Committee on the Observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations (1994-1996)

Chair, Governmental Board on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (1996-1997)

Member, Committee on Space Research, Polish Academy of Sciences (1996-1997)

Decorations and citations

Numerous Polish decorations, including Grand Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta and title of "Poland's Diplomat of the Year" (1996); Order of the Légion d'Honneur awarded by the President of France; Order of the Phoenix awarded by the President of Greece; testimonial from the United Nations Secretary-General in recognition of dedicated service in support of United Nations peacekeeping operations

Publications

Writings on various international subjects, including the United Nations

Languages

Polish, English, French, Russian