



PROF. HAB. MAREK NIEDZIELA

Prof. hab. Marek Niedziela, MD, PhD, one of the experts in the field of thyroid tumors in children, is presently the Head of Department, Department of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, University of Medical Sciences in Poznan, Poland. He was born in 1962 at Krotoszyn. He got married in 1987 with Izabela, MD, PhD, and Specialist in Ophthalmology. They have two daughters, Zuzanna and Natalia.

During his childhood and adolescence, Prof. Niedziela attended the primary school in Zalesie Wielkie, Zalesie Male and high school in Krotoszyn. In 1981, shortly after gaining his high school diploma (with distinction) and after completing the preliminary exam, he was selected for medical studies at the

University of Medical Sciences in Poznan (Poland) and received a Medical Diploma in 1987. Starting his medical career in Poznan (January 1988), Prof. Niedziela was employed at the Department of Histology and Embryology of the University and had started to work on Leydig cell function under Andrzej Lukaszyc care. This work resulted in completing the doctoral thesis on "The modulatory influence of melatonin on LH binding and stimulated testosterone secretion by Leydig cells in vitro" (1992). At the same time, as a volunteer, he initiated his pediatric training in the Institute of Pediatrics with Barbara Burchardt and received 1st grade in Pediatrics in 1991. In 1994, he joined the Eberhard Nieschlag's team in Muenster as a fellow of the German Academy of Sciences for 6 months. Shortly after he was positioned at the Department of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes of the University (1995), Prof. Niedziela completed his 2nd grade in Pediatrics in 1997 with distinction, followed by scientific postdoctoral thesis "Polish Habilitation" on "Thyroid nodular disease in children and adolescents in Wielkopolska region - analysis of clinical and genetic factors of the incidence of a neoplasm" (2002) and 2nd grade in Endocrinology in 2004 with distinction.

After Habilitation, Prof. Niedziela

obtained the position of Assistant Professor at the University. He is a member of many scientific societies such as Polish Society of Pediatric Endocrinologists (PTED), Polish Society of Endocrinology (PTE), European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE), European Federation of Endocrine Societies (EFES), The Endocrine Society, The American Diabetes Association (ADA). In 1997, Prof. Niedziela received a LWPES Award as an International Scholar and spent 2 months in Denver at the University of Colorado. In 2000, Prof. Niedziela was awarded by the ESPE Clinical Fellowship (3 months at Humboldt University in Berlin with Annette Grueters). He obtained The Team's Scientific Award of the Ministry of Health in 2000 and 2003 and the award of the PTED for the best article published in 2002. He was also awarded several times by the PTED and The Rector of the University. He took part in many clinical and scientific postgraduate courses, national and foreign, as a participant or speaker which were organized by ESPE, EFES, PTED or PTE. He attended actively 55 conferences in Poland and abroad, gave 5 oral presentations at international scientific meetings. Prof. Niedziela published 12 original papers in foreign peer-reviewed journals, 32 in polish journals (originals and reviews), 7

chapters in books, 105 abstracts to conferences (37 to foreign and 68 to polish ones). He was also involved in many scientific projects, in Poland and abroad.

Prof. Niedziela has spent a lot of time working on regional and multicenter study of the thyroid nodular disease in children” and on expression analysis of neoplastic markers in thyroid nodular disease in children”. He had cooperation with other centers also in Europe e.g. with Department of Pediatric Endocrinology at Humboldt University in Berlin on the role of thyroid peroxidase in congenital hypothyroidism associated with a thyroid nodule or locally in terms of analysis of androgen receptor gene and 17b-HSD 3 gene in children with sexual development disorders (Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of the University) and on adrenal function in children with severe asthma (Department of Pediatric Pneumology, Allergology and Clinical Immunology of the University). Since September 2001, Prof. Niedziela has become a coordinator of the pediatric course in frame of M.D. Program in English and from October 1, 2004 he has become a Head of Department.

Prof. Marek Niedziela has been selected by the World Scientist Forum for “Eminent Scientist of the Year 2005”

International Award from Poland for his research efforts in the field of Pediatric Oncology based on his high profile and excellent work as an academic teacher, clinical and basic researcher and a practitioner of clinical pediatric endocrinology and diabetes.

