

70th Anniversary of Professor Maria Olech



Professor Maria Olech in Antarctica 2002.

This issue of *Polish Polar Research* is dedicated to Professor Maria Olech on her 70th birthday to honour her achievements in polar sciences, especially in lichenology and mycology of the Arctic and Antarctic.

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We wish Professor Olech good health, much energy and further success in her scientific life and hope for lasting co-operation in polar research.

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