



Editorial

Maria Skłodowska-Curie, analytical chemist

The International Year of Chemistry 2011 coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize awarded to Maria Skłodowska-Curie for the discovery of polonium and radium, and this is the reason this year was selected. Her success was in part due to her training in analytical chemistry for performing separations, as she pointedly states. Professor Boguslaw Buszewski (President of the Polish Chemistry Society and of the European Society of Separation Science) and his colleague Monika Michel from Poland, Maria's birth country, have prepared a special historical account of her life and achievements, very relevant for our series on analytical chem-

istry in this International Year of Chemistry 2011. It is fascinating reading.

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