

MD Daria Haust

(b. 1921)

Professor of pathology



POLISH SPIRIT



Maria Daria Haust is recognized as one of the founders of pediatric pathology as a discipline. The seminal research that she conducted on atherosclerosis has revolutionized the diagnosis and treatment of this potentially life-threatening condition.

Ms Haust obtained her primary and secondary education in Poland before World War Two, graduated summa cum laude from medical school of Heidelberg University in Germany in 1951, and a year later immigrated to Canada via the USA. In 1959, she obtained her M.Sc. degree from Queen's University in Kingston. The same year, she gained qualifications in anatomical and clinical pathology at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and in the following year became the first woman to be appointed to the Medical Faculty of Queen's University as assistant professor in pathology, as well as pediatric pathologist at the Kingston General Hospital. In 1967, Prof. Haust moved to the University of Western Ontario, where she was promoted to full professor of pathology in the Department of Pediatrics in 1968. She was the first president of the Canadian Atherosclerosis Society.

Prof. Haust has received many awards for outstanding contributions to her field, including the Gold Medal of the International Atherosclerosis Society, the Alexander von Humboldt Distinguished Service Award from the International Symposium on Atherosclerosis, a Special Recognition Award from the American Heart Association, the Special Distinguished Colleague Award from the Society for Pediatric Pathology, the Distinguished Pathologist Award from the US-Canadian Academy of Pathology, the Andreas Vesalius Medal from the University of Padua in Italy, and the Killam Award in Health Sciences from the Canada Council.

In 1996, she was named the Honorary President for Life of the Polish Pediatric Pathology Society, and has received honorary doctorates from the Jagellonian University in Krakow, the Charles University in Prague, and the University of Havana.

In 2006, Canadian Society of Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology instituted an annual award to Canadian female scientist, named the M. Daria Haust Research Award.

In 2007, Prof. Haust was awarded the Order of Canada.

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• Prof. Daria Haust as a recipient of the Order of Canada from General Governor of Canada, xxxxxxxx / Photo – private archives • Clinic hospital of University of Western Ontario at London / Photo – Ewa Szozda • A facsimile of the letter written by Prof. D. Haust to organizers of the exhibition Polish Spirit • A cover page of the Prof. Haust's hospital magazine

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A Newsletter for the staff of London Health Sciences Centre

Canadian First
A Canadian first in the treatment of lung cancer



Dr. Richard Malhaner and Dr. Edward Yu work together to create the brachytherapy mesh used in Wes O'Grady's surgery.

Windsor resident Wes O'Grady, the first Canadian patient to undergo a new physicians removed a small wedge from O'Grady's lung and then applied a surgical

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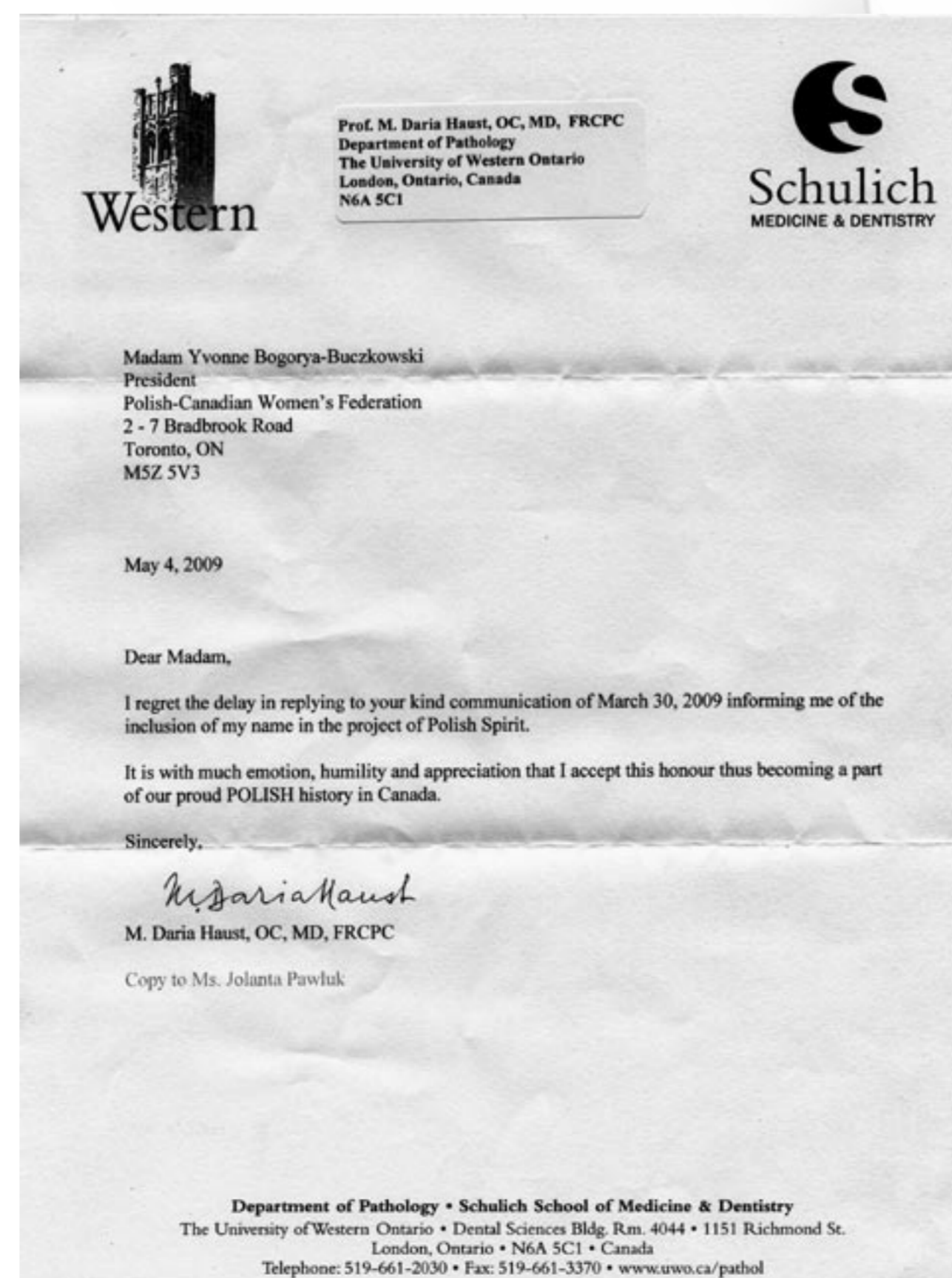


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