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## “Bene Merito” for Jerzy Janiszewski and Czesław Lang

**Minister of Foreign Affairs Radosław Sikorski has honoured Jerzy Janiszewski and Czesław Lang with the “Bene merito” decoration. The decorating ceremony was held on 18 January at the seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

Jerzy Janiszewski is a stage designer and graphic artist of world-wide renown. A graduate of the State Higher Art School in Gdańsk, he has worked in France and Great Britain, and currently in Spain. He has designed the “Solidarity” logo, which became a globally known symbol of the Polish striving for democracy and one of the most recognisable graphic signs in world culture. He also designed the logo of the Polish

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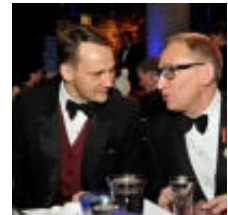
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Czesław Lang is one of the most honoured Polish indoor and outdoor cyclists. A holder of medals from team road cycling world championships, Olympic vice-champion, multiple champion of Poland and winner of the Tour de Pologne in 1980. He was the first professional in Polish cycling and once he stopped competing, he became the first private animator of Polish cycling. Thanks to his efforts, the former Wyścig Dookoła Polski [Tour around Poland] was upgraded to the status of a world-class championship of Tour de Pologne. It is at present a prestigious race, one of the most important ones in European cycling, which translates directly into a positive reception of Poland and its society.

The “Bene Merito” honorary decoration was instigated by the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 5 November 2009 as an honorary distinction presented to citizens of Poland and other countries for activities strengthening the position of Poland on the international arena.

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