

EXPLORING THE WORLD WITH MATHEMATICS

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Abstract. This is an account of my scientific and personal friendship with Prof. Andrzej (Andy) Aleksander Lasota from 1977 until his death 28 December, 2006. It is a tale that fascinates me because of the intertwined links between many people both East and West of several generations, and it illustrates what I feel is the strength and beauty of the personal side of the scientific endeavor.

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