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EDITORIAL

Barbara Burchard (1930-2016), throughout the entire period of her professional activity, was associated with the Kraków branch of the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. She was fascinated by the Middle Neolithic period in Central Europe. Her field research focused on the famous sites of the Lesser Poland Neolithic, including Samborzec, Niedźwiedź, Bronocice and Zagaje Stradowskie. For many years she co-organized the scientific life of the Kraków center. She also served on the editorial team of *Sprawozdania Archeologiczne*, coordinating work in some sections of the journal.

Though many years have passed, the research problems formulated by Barbara Burchard in the second half of the 20th century have remained with us. She liked to share these problems with numerous friends who belonged to several generations of European Neolithic researchers. For their part, they liked to hear once again about „assemblages of Niedźwiedź type”, „tombs of Niedźwiedź type”, the unclear chronological position of ceramics from Giebułtów or the current socio-political situation. Many of the authors of this volume of *Sprawozdania Archeologiczne* continue these discussions through their contributions to this field. The collection of articles presented here honours the work of an outstanding researcher. For many of us, it is an opportunity to return for a short conversation with her.

