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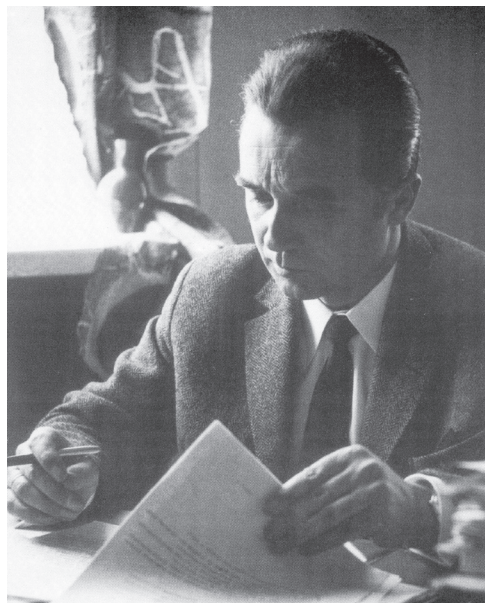
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*We dedicate this number – with our best wishes  
to Professor Stanisław Tabaczyński,  
on the occasion of his upcoming ninetieth birthday  
Students, Collaborators and Editors*

Professor Stanisław Tabaczyński (born in 1930), archaeologist, member of the Polish Academy of Sciences was an author, initiator and editor of many scientific publications. Initially, he dealt with the issue of coinage and trade relationships in the early Middle Ages (“Z badań nad wczesnośredniowiecznymi skarbami srebrnymi Wielkopolski”, 1958). He devoted his habilitation thesis to the issues of the economic foundations of Neolithic societies in Central Europe (“Neolit środkowoeuropejski. Podstawy gospodarcze” 1970). He was also a pioneer in the field of medieval archaeology, and his work “Archeologia średniowieczna: Problemy. Źródła. Metody. Cele badawcze” (1987), became one of the seminal works of archaeology, like many of his other publications.

In 1953–1956 he was an employee of the Department of Polish Archaeology at the University in Poznań, and from 1956 until his retirement in 2000 – a researcher of the Institute of the History of Material Culture (currently the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology) of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS). As part of the research

project celebrating the millennium of Polish statehood, he took part in excavations in Poznań, Wrocław, Biskupin, Kołobrzeg, Czeramno, conducted research in Nakło, in Sandomierz (publication “Sandomierz, badania 1969–1973”, vol. I: 1993; II: 1996), and in 1996–1999 at Zawichost (publication „Zawichost we wczesnym średniowieczu”, 2018). He also directed fieldwork at early medieval multilayer sites abroad: in Italy – the island of Torcello in the Venetian Lagoon, Castelseprio in Lombardy and Capaccio Vecchia and Civita di Ogliara in southern Italy, he also participated in research of abandoned medieval villages in France and research in Algeria (Algiers and Tlemcen). He was a participant in the Polish-Italian Interdisciplinary Working Group of Applied Sciences in Archaeology and Protection of Cultural Heritage (established in 1972). The result is a three-volume publication “Theory and practice of archaeological research” (vol. I: 1986, II: 1995, III: 1998).

Professor Tabaczyński was the initiator of the establishment of the Committee for Pre- and Proto-historical Sciences (KNPiP) of the Polish Academy of Sciences (in 1990), its first chairman for many years, and is currently the Honorary President.

Many of Stanisław Tabaczyński’s scientific projects, as well as numerous important papers, both individual and joint, concerned cultural theory and the methodology of archaeological research. He also created through the KNPiP an interdisciplinary Anthropological Commission (currently Group) of Prehistory and the Middle Ages, bringing together researchers of different generations from various research centres in Poland and abroad. In effect of the Commission’s activities two publications were created: the thematic volume of the journal *Archeologia Polona* entitled “Archaeology – Anthropology – History: Parallel tracks and divergences” (2006) and a monumental work involving the participation of over 60 authors titled “Przeszłość społeczna. Próba konceptualizacji” (2012). Professor Tabaczyński was also an academic teacher at several universities in Poland: of Warsaw, of Łódź, in Lublin, as well as abroad: Paris-Sorbonne, Rome, Salerno, Bari, Venice, Siena, Milan, Syracuse, Viterbo.

Professor Tabaczyński is a member of a number of national and international scientific organizations, i.e. the Scientific Association of Polish Archaeologists and the European Association of Archaeologists. As a member of the Polish Academy of Sciences, he was the delegate of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the PAS to the Standing Committee for the Humanities of the European Science Foundation in Strasbourg (1996–2002).

Stanisław Tabaczyński was honored with several state awards. Also his 1970 book on the central European Neolithic was awarded by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the PAS, and he received the award of the Scientific Secretary of the PAS for the 1987 book on the sources, methods and research goals of Medieval archaeology.

The bibliography of the professor’s works was published in 2000 in the festschrift “Archeologia w teorii i w praktyce”, [11–24] and in *Archeologia Polski* (LX: 2015: 15–20).