

IN MEMORIAM**STEFAN KOZARSKI**

(1930 –1996)

Professor Stefan Kozarski, an eminent Polish geomorphologist and a polar explorer, died on 19th January, 1996. His entire life was associated with the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. This University awarded him degrees and scientific titles and opened its premises to His scientific, didactic and organizational work. Professor Kozarski was also a great asset to all geographers and geographic sciences outside the Adam Mickiewicz University, performing important functions in ministerial committees and teams, and at the Polish Academy of Sciences.

What Professor Kozarski liked most, was research. He was mainly interested in problems of glacial, Pleistocene and modern relief and processes, and in periglacial phenomena. Jointly with the others, He investigated marginal zones

and forelands of modern glaciers of Iceland and Spitsbergen. This research helped to gain insight into the deglaciation of the foreland of the Sidujökull (Iceland) which had not been investigated earlier. It also helped to formulate the genesis of ablation taluses and provided lots of information about developmental phases of ice-cored moraines and internal structure of fluted moraines. Results of these investigations were quoted and widely discussed in the literature. In the forelands of the glaciers in Spitsbergen, Professor Kozarski discovered geomorphological traces of orientated icing depressions (icings). Observations made in the polar areas were skillfully used in the analysis of the relief of areas occupied by the last continental glaciation.

In addition to the glacial and periglacial problems, Professor Kozarski was also interested in aeolian forms and deposits, fluvial relief and processes, and stratigraphy of the Vistulian in the Wielkopolska Lowland. Investigations carried out mainly in northwestern Poland, were very exact and precise. Exactness and precision were features characteristic for Professor Kozarski's entire work. Results of the investigations were quickly published, often in renowned Polish and foreign journals. Professor Kozarski authored 265 publications — various articles, monographs and books. His findings were often quoted and discussed. For a very long time to come, all His writings about the Quaternary period will be very topical and often referred to.

In recognition of his scientific achievements, Professor Kozarski was appointed the corresponding member of the Polish Academy of Sciences (1989), active member of the Polish Academy of Skills (1994), member of the New York Academy of Sciences (1980), member of Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher-Leopoldina (1987), honorary member of the Polish Geographical Society (1978).

The death of Professor Kozarski is a great loss to the academic community and geographers. Any longer we can approach an outstanding scientist, a great teacher and excellent organizer, a person exceptionally good to the others. The memory of Professor Kozarski will be cherished for ever.

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