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**REPORT FROM THE ACTIVITY  
OF THE POLISH CHAPTER OF THE EXPLORERS CLUB  
2011**

Board of the Polish Chapter (elected on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009):

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**FAREWELL**

**On November 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 Olgierd Budrewicz, FI'96, passed away.** He was a journalist, writer. Born in Warsaw in 1923, he completed the clandestine secondary school in Warsaw, then under Nazi occupation, and went on to study law and journalism at Warsaw University, also clandestinely. A soldier of the *Armia Krajowa* (Underground Polish Army), he took part in Warsaw Uprising 1944. He made his first journey abroad as a stoker on a carfio ship in 1956. As a journalist, he visited 160 countries writing reportages, books, guides and picture albums. He received many prizes and awards, the last one a month before his death. During the ceremony he stressed, in his speech, how happy and proud he was of being the member of The Explorers Club. He was a wonderful journalist, a charming gentleman and a loyal friend.



*Olgierd Budrewicz FI'96, then 83 years old, in Chivay (Colca Valley, The Peru Andes) on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2006. He came there for the ceremony of the unveiling of a monument commemorating Polish canoeists who were the first to pass the Colca Canyon in 1981 - three of them are members of The Explorers Club. (Credit: Monika Rogozinska)*

2.) In 2011 the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club hailed three new members. **Dr Malgorzata Dziewiecka** is a geographer, expert in South Africa cultures, deeply engaged into volunteer activities. She organized and ran schools and orphanages on three continents, among others, in Okavango Delta (Botswana) where she stayed for some years, organizing a school for handicapped children. She teaches at Wroclaw University.



*Malgorzata Dziewiecka*

**Slawomir Makaruk** is a diver and diving instructor, underwater cartographer who rendered great services to underwater archaeology. The artefacts provided by his expeditions increased the collection of the Museum of Ethnography in Warsaw. The explorer of seas and caves, holder of some Polish records in cave diving, water rescuer, producer of TV programs, and owner of a 100 years old whaler which was a base ship during dive expeditions.



*Slawomir Makaruk*

**Wojciech Cejrowski** – traveler, journalist, writer, photographer, explorer of disappearing Amazon tribes, author of cyclic TV and radio programs. As he stays in the United States, he is also the member of the Texas Chapter.



*Wojciech Cejrowski made a presentation on Amazon Indians in The Explorers Club Headquarter in New York on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2011.*

3.) **March 2011**, the Chair of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club Monika Rogozinska represented the Chapter during the **Annual Meetings in New York**.



*During the Chapter Chairs Dinner and Chapter Chairs Meeting, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.*



*The 107<sup>th</sup> Explorers Club Annual Dinner: “Exploring 2012. The Maya Prophecy”. Waldorf-Astoria, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Capitan Don Walsh - The Honorary President is speaking. From the left: David Dolan, Cpt. Don Walsh, Monika Rogozinska, Brian Hanson, Scott Hamilton, Daniel Kopal. (Credit: Monika Rogozinska)*

4.) **Ed Sobey, Ph.D. – Chair of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of The Explorers Club** visited Warsaw with his wife Barbara in May 2011. He took part in the workshops of the European Science Museum Conference in the Copernicus Science Center.



*Monika Rogozinska, Barbara Sobey, Ed Sobey. (Credit: Archive of Monika Rogozinska)*



5.)

**June 3<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Berlin was held the meeting of the Board of Directors.** The Polish Chapter was represented by its Chair, Monika Rogozinska. She gave a multimedia presentation of the Polish Chapter, of the achievements of its members and of the fields of Polish science and exploration represented in the Chapter.



*Berlin, from the left: Scott Hamilton, Monika Rogozinska, Captain Norman Baker (Board of Directors), Bary Moss - Chair of the British Chapter. (Archive of Monika Rogozinska)*

6.)

**June 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Warsaw took place the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Polish Chapter, attended, as the co-host, by Ms Katarzyna Sobierajska, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Sports and Tourism.** Among the 19 guests were: Captain Don Walsh, Honorary President of The Explorers Club, Lorie Karnath, President of The Explorers Club, Captain Alfred McLaren, former President of The Explorers Club, Scott Hamilton, Dr Ken Kammler, Norman Baker. The Polish Chapter was represented by its Chair Monika Rogozinska, Deputy Chairs Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski and Prof Tomasz Schramm, Dr Malgorzata Dziewiecka, Ewa Wojcik, Andrzej Ciszewski, Prof. Karol Mysliwiec, Dr Zbigniew Preisner, Krzysztof Wielicki, Marcin Jamkowski, Slawomir Makaruk. The Ministry of Sports and Tourism was represented also by Mr Karol Biedrzycki and Mr Rafal Wilczkowski. The members of the Chapter presented their achievements in the field of exploration.

During the meeting **Jur Gruszczyński**, Esp. from Baker&McKenzie Gruszczyński & Partner Attorneys **was awarded with the title “Friend of Exploration”** for his services for the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club. In the program there was also a visit of Warsaw run by Monika Rogozinska.

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*Captain Don Walsh, Monika Rogozinska, Ms Katarzyna Sobierajska - Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Sports and Tourism, Lorie Karnath - President of The Explorers Club. (Archive of Monika Rogozinska)*



*Benjamin Hoy Hulsey (Board of Directors), Ewa Wojcik FI'10, Andrzej Ciszewski FI'99.  
Photo: Monika Rogozinska*



*In front of The President's Palace, Warsaw June 6<sup>th</sup> 2011. From the left: Brian Hanson, Captain Alfred McLaren - former President of The Explorers Club, Monika Rogozinska, Captain Norman Baker - Board of Directors, Ethics and Governance Committee, Constance Difede - Vice President for Flag and Honors, Captain Don Walsh - Honorary President of The Explorers Club, Donald Morley - Vice President for Operations (Archive of Monika Rogozinska)*

7.)

June 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 at noon, in the Old Library of the Warsaw University a **press conference was held devoted to the new studies at the University: Underwater Archaeology. The Honorary Guest at the conference was Captain Don Walsh, Honorary President of The Explorers Club.** The other persons were: Dr Radoslaw Karasiewicz-Szczypiorski (University of Warsaw, Institute of Archaeology) - head of the Underwater Archaeology studies and Marcin Jamkowski - curator of the exposition "**The Deepest Mysteries of our Planet. Polish Underwater Exploration**", journalist, diver, member of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club. Prof. Don Walsh inaugurated the above mentioned exposition devoted to the discoveries in caves and on wrecks in Baltic Sea, to the remnants of ancient cultures, and to the underwater exploration in polar regions. The same day at 6 p.m. in the Tyszkiewicz – Potocki palace, **Dr Walsh gave the lecture "Exploring Inner Space – A Personal Odyssey"**. Both meetings were led by Monika Rogozinska.



Jej Magnificencja Rektor Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego  
Prof. Katarzyna Chałasińska - Macukow


Prezes Oddziału Polskiego The Explorers Club  
Monika Rogozińska

zapraszają na konferencję prasową anonsującą powstanie nowego kierunku studiów: „**Archeologia Podwodna**”

z udziałem Gościa Honorowego, kapitana **Dona Walsha**, Prezesa Honorowego The Explorers Club, profesora inżynierii oceanicznej, jednego z dwóch ludzi, którzy dotarli w 1960 r. batyskafem „Triest” na dno Rowu Mariańskiego.

Konferencja prasowa odbędzie się w wtorek 7 czerwca o godz. 12 w budynku dawnej biblioteki Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (Stary BUW) przy Krakowskim Przedmieściu 26/28.

W konferencji udział wezmą: dr Radosław Karasiewicz-Szczypiorski, kierownik studiów „Archeologia Podwodna” w Instytucie Archeologii UW oraz Marcin Jamkowski, dziennikarz i nurek, członek Oddziału Polskiego The Explorers Club, i kurator wystawy fotograficznej „Najgłębsze tajemnice planety. Polskie eksploracje podwodne”, której wernisaż nastąpi po konferencji.



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zapraszają na prelekcję multimedialną

kapitana **Dona Walsha**

„**Exploring Inner Space - A Personal Odyssey**”

Prelekcja odbędzie się w wtorek 7 czerwca o godz. 18 w Pałacu Tyszkiewiczów Potockich na Uniwersytecie Warszawskim przy Krakowskim Przedmieściu 32

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Prelekcja tłumaczona będzie z języka angielskiego

Prezes Honorowy The Explorers Club, jest jednym z dwóch ludzi, którzy dotarli na dno Rowu Mariańskiego - w 1960 r. w batyskafie „Triest” z Jacquesem Piccardem, profesorem inżynierii oceanicznej, specjalistą technologii podwodnych, oceanografem amerykańskim dowodzący flotą podwodnych US Navy, pilotem, polarkim i honorowym nazwą geograficzną Walsh Spur na Antarktyce, członkiem wielu komisji powiązanych z badaniem Ziemi, wyróżniony licznymi odznaczeniami, mianował na krótki „Blumarca” i inne, obserwował życie oparte na chemosyntezie, prowadził wieloletnie badania w głębokich oceanach.



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Zapraszamy również do obejrzenia wystawy fotograficznej w budynku dawnej biblioteki Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (Stary BUW) przy Krakowskim Przedmieściu 26/28

„**Najgłębsze tajemnice planety. Polskie eksploracje podwodne**”

ilustrującej odkrycia w jaskiniach, wraków Bałtyku, pozostałości antycznych kultur w ciepłych morzach, badania wód rejonów polarnych. Wystawę otworzy Dr Don Walsh - Prezes Honorowy The Explorers Club. Kuratorem wystawy jest Marcin Jamkowski - dziennikarz i nurek, członek Oddziału Polskiego The Explorers Club.





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*After the press conference and the inauguration of the exposition in The Old Library – from the left: Monika Rogozińska FI’93, Dr Radosław Karasiewicz-Szczypiorski, Marcin Jamkowski FI’05, Cpt. Don Walsh, Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski FI’02 Ewa Wojcik FI’10. (Credit: Marzena Hmielewicz/Adventure Picture)*



8.)

**June 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Captain Don Walsh made a trip around Poland.** He visited Warsaw (see above), Torun (Copernicus House, Traveler Museum named Tony Halik – late Vice-Chair of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club), Malbork (Teutonic Knights Castle), Kadyny Country Club, Frombork (Copernicus grave in the cathedral, organ concert), Gdansk (Museum Blue Lion directed by Henryk Paner, member of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club), Hel Peninsula, saved manors in Ruda Pniewnik and Galki (region of Podlasie). Prof Walsh was accompanied by Monika Rogozinska. The host in Torun was Dr Zdzislaw Preisner, member of the Polish Chapter. The host in Galki was Waldemar Gujski.



*Torun, the house of the birth place of Nicolaus Copernicus and Tony Halik Traveler Museum (Credit: Zdzislaw Preisner, Monika Rogozinska, Muzeum Okregowe w Toruniu)*



*Malbork, Teutonic Knights Fortress - UNESCO World Heritage List (Credit M. Rogozinska)*



*Gdansk – Hanseatic Town on the Baltic Coast (Credit: Wikipedia, Monika Rogozinska)*



*Frombork Cathedral with the grave of the Nicolaus Copernicus (Credit, Achives: M. Rogozinska)*



*Podlasie Country: Open Air Folk Museum and manors of Galki and Ruda Pniewnik rescued from ruins by Polish “romantic hothead dreamers”. (Credit: Monika Rogozinska)*

9.)

**The Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club supported the idea of naming a street in the village Lulkowo: Kon-Tiki Street.** We are happy to see that the famous Kon-Tiki expedition – conceived, organized and led by Thor Heyerdahl, a visionary and courageous man seeking the historical truth, defying the fixed ideas – can be an inspiration for the next generations. An inhabitant of Lulkowo, Mr Blazej Rozmarynowicz, has had an idea of naming the streets in the neighborhood of the Kon-Tiki Street after great Polish explorers and thus creating an Explorers Quarter. The idea is strongly supported by the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club as giving an opportunity of memorializing the achievements of these men and women.

10.)

September 29<sup>th</sup> **Piotr Chmielinski, member of the Washington Chapter of The Explorers Club was granted the title of the Honorary Citizen of Rzeszow**, the town where he was born. Piotr Chmielinski was a member of the first expedition to explore the Colca Canyon (Peru) and made the first canoeing of the Amazon river from its sources in the Peru Andes to the Atlantic Ocean (6600 km). Presently he is the head of an Environmental Company, an American company dealing with the nature protection. During the ceremony at Rzeszow Concert Hall, Monika Rogozinska stressed the role of the Polish exploration of the Colca Canyon for Peru and presented The Explorers Club. The event was accompanied with two expositions (in the Town Hall and in the Concert Hall) presenting the achievements of Piotr Chmielinski and The Explorers Club.



*Piotr Chmielinski in the Rzeszow Concert Hall. Rzeszow, the Market Place and the Town Hall where exhibitions were presented. (Credit: Monika Rogozinska)*

11.)

**The Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club was engaged in a project realized in the region of Pomorze: arranging of a didactic path in the region of kurgan cemetery from Bronze Age (1100-900 BC) in Uniradze.** The detailed geodetic plan of the area was prepared, the slag heaps remaining after the excavations (made before World War II) have been investigated and arranged. The scientific supervision was provided by Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski, FI'02 (Institute of Archaeology of the University of Warsaw, head of the Centre for Pre-







12.)

**Prof Giuseppe Orefici, FI'2010, was decorated with the Officer Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.** Prof. Orefici is an archaeologist, member of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club, founder and head of the Italian Center for Archaeological Pre-Columbian Research and the Archaeological Project Nasca investigating the center of ceremonies of the Nasca culture (Cahuachi, Nasca Desert, Peru); he also heads the Museum Antonini in Nasca, which he created. Together with Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski, Prof. Giuseppe Orefici runs a research project in Tiawanaku (Bolivia). The ceremony took place on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 in the Golden Hall of the Rectorate of Warsaw University. On that occasion **Prof. Orefici gave the lecture: „Recenti risultati degli scavi archeologici a Cahuachi e della posta in valore del centro cerimoniale in mattone crudo più grande del mondo”.**



*Prof. Giuseppe Orefici, FI'2010, Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski FI'2002, Rector of Warsaw University Prof. Katarzyna Chalasinska-Macukow. (Credit: Monika Rogozinska)*



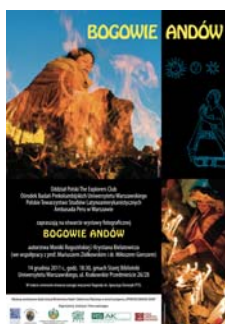
*From the left: Janusz Milewski - Volunteer of the Polish Chapter, employee of the National Bank of Poland, Monika Rogozinska, Prof. Anna Gruszczynska-Ziolkowska -Institute of Musicology of the University of Warsaw, Ambassador of the Republic of Peru Ms Martha Chavarri-Dupuy, Prof. Giuseppe Orefici FI'10, Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski FI'02, Maciej Kuczynski CO'82 - speleologist, polar explorer, writer, Enrique Belaunde - First Councilor of the Embassy of Peru in Poland, Dr Janusz Woloszyn - archaeologist, Jaroslaw Kolczynski - anthropologist, Andrzej Jacek Tomaszewski - archaeologist. (Credit: Archive of Monika Rogozinska)*



13.)

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 in The Old Library of Warsaw University the **exhibition “Sacred Andes”** was inaugurated, presenting the unique photos from Peru and Bolivia by Monika Rogozinska, journalist at the daily *Rzeczpospolita*, Chair of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club) and Krystian Bielatowicz, photographer. The exhibition presents the discoveries of Polish archaeologists: excavation of a major Inca sanctuary in Coropuna (the highest volcano in Peru, 6425 meters), reconstruction of Inca and pre-Inca constructions in the remote regions of the Peru Andes, on a desert shore of the Pacific Ocean and at Tiwanaku in the region of the Lake Titicaca (Bolivia). They witnessed local ceremonies showing the beliefs and traditions originating from the Inca times and combined with catholicism. They took pictures on the plants flowering once every century. Another part of the exhibition are the pictures taken by Dr Milosz Giersz (archaeologist), showing the discovery, made the previous year by Polish archaeologists, of the temple and the palace of Huari culture (northern coast of Peru) – remnants of the first Andes empire (VIII<sup>th</sup> century), being the base of the further coming Inca empire.

The exposition was prepared by Monika Rogozinska and Krystian Bielatowicz with the help of Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski and Dr Milosz Giersz. It was opened up to January 12<sup>th</sup> 2012.



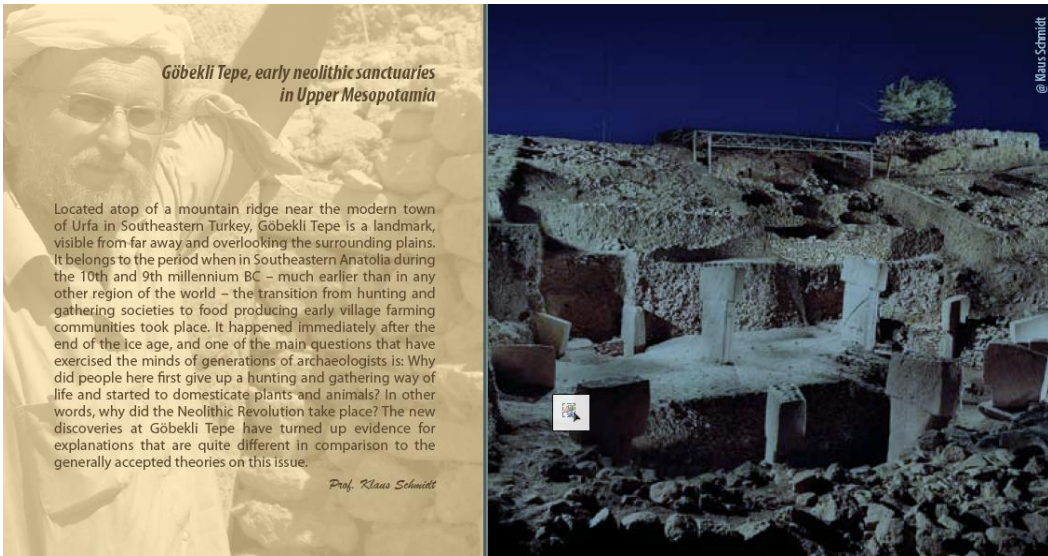
*On the poster there are the pictures by Krystian Bielatowicz. (Credit: Monika Rogozinska)*

14.)

December 15<sup>th</sup> 2011, **Prof. Klaus Schmidt presented a lecture „Gobekli Tepe, Neolithic Sanctuaries in Upper Mesopotamia”**. Gobekli Tepe (Turkey) is the oldest known sanctuary in the world built by mankind (10 thousand years B.C.). Most probably, the Neolithic revolution (transition from gathering and hunting to agriculture) took place in this region. Prof. Schmidt investigates also the megaliths at Stonehenge (Great Britain, 6000 B.C.). The lecture was the second one in the **annual cycle of “Lectures on Anthropology” commemorating Prof. Andrzej Wiercinski (1930-2003), anthropologist, member of The Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club, promoter of interdisciplinary debates on “Peculiarity of Man”**; the first one was presented in 2010 by Prof. Gary Unton (Harvard University).





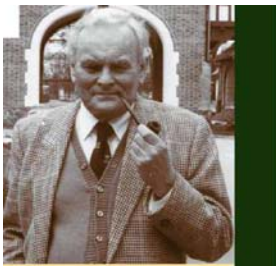


**Göbekli Tepe, early neolithic sanctuaries in Upper Mesopotamia**

Located atop of a mountain ridge near the modern town of Urfa in Southeastern Turkey, Göbekli Tepe is a landmark, visible from far away and overlooking the surrounding plains. It belongs to the period when in Southeastern Anatolia during the 10th and 9th millennium BC – much earlier than in any other region of the world – the transition from hunting and gathering societies to food producing early village farming communities took place. It happened immediately after the end of the ice age, and one of the main questions that have exercised the minds of generations of archaeologists is: Why did people here first give up a hunting and gathering way of life and started to domesticate plants and animals? In other words, why did the Neolithic Revolution take place? The new discoveries at Göbekli Tepe have turned up evidence for explanations that are quite different in comparison to the generally accepted theories on this issue.

*Prof. Klaus Schmidt*

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**Andrzej Kazimierz Wierciński (1930-2003)**

Andrzej Wierciński's choice of career had a huge impact on the academic scene in Poland and abroad. Born on 22 April 1930, in Chorzów (Upper Silesia), he began his scholarly path with studies in physics at the University of Warsaw. After the first semester, however, he switched to anthropology, a decision that would lead him into the world of international travel and unexpected recognition. He almost single-handedly, and certainly single-mindedly, re-created the ailing Chair of Anthropology at the University of Warsaw, still in the throes of post-war reorganization. Despite his young age, Andrzej Wierciński, employed at the time as an assistant, contributed enormously to the Chair's revival. His dedication to anthropology and the University of Warsaw was to continue until his death. Dr. Wierciński's interests were numerous and included human phylogenesis, and especially African historical anthropology, a much discussed topic in Polish anthropology in the 1950s. He contributed many papers to this area of studies as well as being the subject of his PhD dissertation (1957). A significant chapter in Dr. Wierciński's academic career and a new development in the studies of man, was his long-term stay in Egypt, which lasted from 1957 to 1958. Together with Helen and Egyptian colleagues, he took part in several important field expeditions, collecting both archaeological skeletal remains and measurements of many individuals from Egypt's living population. The fieldwork data, supplemented by the research at the University of Toronto (1965) formed the basis for the habilitation thesis of Dr. Wierciński, concerned with the anthropological structure of Egyptian population in the Pre-Dynastic period (University of Wrocław, 1968). After Dr. Wierciński's return from Egypt, anthropology at the University of Warsaw was in a dire crisis, which led to the Department closing in 1969. The 4th vice Dr. Wierciński embarked on his major research projects; he was involved with the work of the Harazin-Santon Polish Middle Ages, and later, together with his wife, Dr. Alina Wiercińska, passed over thousands of skeletons excavated chiefly in southern Poland, consequently publishing numerous reports and research

papers, including the study on the process of brachycephalization in Whites. At the same time, Andrzej Wierciński started investigating pre-Columbian cultures, an interest that would be the foundation of present day Centre for pre-Columbian Studies. In the 70s, his focus began to change gradually, shifting from physical anthropology and bio-archaeology to the theory of culture and anthropology of religion. Initiating Prof. Wierciński's many interests was the interdisciplinary Team of the University of Warsaw and the State Archaeological Museum for Research on the Peculiarity of Man, established by him in 1982 as a discussion forum for representatives of all branches of science and humanities oriented in the peculiarity of our species. As of 1996, he organized an annual multidisciplinary scientific conference at the Psychological University in Katowice, publishing their proceedings in the series titled "The Peculiarity of Man". It is not easy to summarize Prof. Wierciński's illustrious career and contribution to the world of science and humanities. Although perhaps not the best way of underlining his many achievements and the scope of his singular intellect, is a numerical listing.

Professor Andrzej Wierciński gave lectures at 13 foreign universities, took a part in more than 20 scientific congresses and conferences, including those to 25 international ones. He was a member of at least 14 scientific societies and committees, editor of four scientific journals or series (The Journal of Anthropology, Studia Historiae Anthropologicae [Warsaw], Mitteilungen Philosophisch-Historische Klasse [München], Rasenarchiv der Menschheit [Wien, München], Global Biocentric [Princeton], Studies in Physical Anthropology [Dordrecht]). The list of his publications includes three books and about 230 papers. He was one of those few scholars who go far beyond the limits of their own scientific disciplines and explore the nature of the world with a hunger for knowledge and true passion, without straying from strict methodological approach. Professor Wierciński died in Warsaw, on December 10th, 2003, one day after the last annual multi-disciplinary conference in this area, "On the nature of man".

Edited by Dorota Kucharska on the basis of her notes and comments by Alina Wiercińska, Andrzej Szepietowski and Marzena Zdobych.

**Coordinating Team of the Annual Anthropological Lectures in Memory of Prof. Andrzej Wierciński**

Professor Wierciński was an ardent promoter of interdisciplinary debates about basic questions concerning what he called "The Peculiarity of Man". It seems that the most appropriate form of commemorating his inspiring contribution to discussions on the subject would be an annual meeting during which, as invited, specialists in both biological and cultural anthropology would have a chance of presenting the results of their research towards what he regarded as the heart of the University of Warsaw. This idea was undertaken by Her Magnificence Rector, hence the inaugural lecture. The Coordinating Team, called into being by Her Magnificence, shall oversee the continuity of this initiative.

- Members:
- Prof. Alina Wiercińska - Honorary Member
  - Prof. Roman Gałus - Wrocław University of Technology
  - Prof. Aneta Lubińska - Jagiellońska University in Kraków
  - Prof. Lech Młoc - University of Warsaw
  - Prof. Jerzy Prószyński - Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań
  - Prof. Aleksander Prosz-Dziubiński - Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań
  - Prof. Marzeta Zdobych - University of Warsaw

**PROGRAMME**

The Second Annual Anthropological Lecture in Memory of Professor Andrzej Wierciński

University of Warsaw's Senate Hall  
Kazimierzowski Palace, 15th December 2011  
Patronage Her Magnificence, Rector of University of Warsaw

11:00 - 11:15 Opening and Presentation of the Annual Anthropological Lectures in Memory of Professor Andrzej Wierciński

Introduction word

- Prof. Katarzyna Chulewska - Maculski, Rector of the University of Warsaw
- Mr. Monika Roguska, President of the Polish Chapter of the Evolution Club
- Prof. Marzeta Zdobych, Coordinator of the Lectures

11:15 - 12:30 Lecture "Göbekli Tepe, early neolithic sanctuaries in Upper Mesopotamia" Prof. Dr. Klaus Schmidt, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Berlin

12:30 - 13:30 Discussion with the participation of Prof. Piotr Balcini, Prof. Przemysław Marciniak, Dr. Franka M. Roguska, prof. Radosław Szczygiła, prof. Marzena Zdobych, and other specialists.

Following the lecture and the discussion, a commemorative photo of the Participants will be taken in front of Professor A. Wierciński's bust sculpted by renowned Polish sculptor Teresa Brzozkiewicz.

13:30 - 14:30 A glass of wine at the Gold Hall, Kazimierzowski Palace.

**History of the Annual Anthropological Lectures in Memory of Prof. Andrzej Wierciński**

On 9th December 2010 the first Annual Anthropological Lecture in Memory of Prof. Andrzej Wierciński "The Structure of Hominid and Cult in Ancient Persian Photo-Work" was held by Dr. Gary Urton, Distinguished Professor of Pre-Columbian Studies at the Department of Anthropology, Harvard University.



After the lecture of Prof. Klaus Schmidt, in the Kazimierzowski Palace - Univeristy of Warsaw. (Credit: Archives of the Pre-Columbian Studies Centre UW)



15.)

December 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 was the “**Day of Underwater Archaeology**” at the University of Warsaw, in the New Library. Dr Hubert Kowalski (University of Warsaw) and Marcin Jamkowski FI’05, presented the new discoveries: “**The Wrecks in Dead Vistula**” and “**Monuments from the Royal Castle (Warsaw) found in Vistula**”. Those monuments date from the period of the Swedish invasion in the mid-XVIIth century. Dr Piotr Nykiel (Jagellonian University, Cracow) and Roman Zajder (candidate for membership of The Explorers Club) presented their report and a film from the first Polish Expedition “Gallipoli 2011” exploring the wrecks of the ships sunk during the Battle at Gallipoli (1915). Also presented was the **photo exhibition “The Deepest Mysteries of our Planet. Polish Underwater Exploration”** (curator: Marcin Jamkowski). Some photos were shown at this occasion for the first time.



<p>10.30 <b>Wraki z Martwej Wisły – najnowsze odkrycia</b> Waldemar Ossowski</p> <p>10.50 <b>Archeologia Podwodna</b> – studia niemal dla każdego Nowa oferta dydaktyczna Instytutu Archeologii UW Radosław Karasiewicz-Szczygiński</p> <p>11.00 <b>UROCZYSTOŚĆ WRECCZENIA MEDALI PAMIĄTKOWYCH</b> Popularyzatorom Archeologii Podwodnej</p> <p>11.30 <b>Gallipoli 2011 - raport</b> z Pierwszej Polskiej Ekspedycji Nurkowej (Stan wraków jednostek zatopionych podczas bitwy o Dardanale) Piotr Nykiel, Roman Zajder, Piotr Wytykowski</p> <p>12.15 <b>Ocalone przed Potopem</b> Zabytki Zamku Królewskiego w Warszawie wydobyte z dna Wisły (Projekt "Wisła 1655-1906-2009, Interdyscyplinarne badania dna rzeki"). Hubert Kowalski, Justyna Jasiewicz, Marcin Jamkowski</p> <p>13.00 <b>Ohwarcie wystawy fotograficznej</b> "Najgłębsze tajemnice planety, Polska eksploracja podwodna"</p>	<p>Dziekan Wydziału Historycznego UW Prezes Oddziału Polskiego The Explorers Club Dyrekcja Instytut Archeologii UW</p> <p>mają zaszczyt zaprosić na obchody</p> <p><b>Dnia Archeologii Podwodnej na Uniwersytecie Warszawskim</b></p> <p>które odbędą się 16 grudnia (piątek) 2011 roku w nowym budynku Biblioteki Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego ul. Dobra 56/66</p> <p>po uroczystości zapraszamy na lampkę wina</p>
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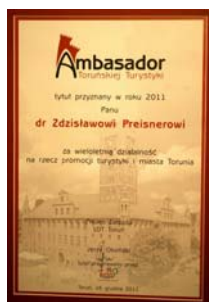
*Monika Rogozinska and Krzysztof Kowalski  
Photo: Waldemar Kompała/Fotorzepa*

Two journalists from the daily “Rzeczpospolita” were awarded for their contribution in propagating archaeology. The commemorative medals of the Institute of Archaeology of Warsaw University were given to them by the Dean of the Faculty of History.

<http://www.rp.pl/artykul/118849,774289.html>

16.)

The members of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club were awarded with the titles of “Ambassadors”. **Dr Zbigniew Preisner FI’06, geographer and editor, received the title of the “Ambassador of Torun Tourism”** for his long lasting activity promoting tourism and the city of Torun. **Prof. Maria Agata Olech FI’01, biologist and polar explorer, received the title of the “Ambassador of the city and region of Nowy Sacz”**. Prof. Maria Agata Olech discovered over 100 new species of mosses, algae and lichens in Arctic and in Antarctic. **Olech Hill** at King George Island (South Shetlands), close to the Polish Polar Station “Henryk Arctowski” (bearing the name of the first Pole to be the member of The Explorers Club), and a **new species of lichen *Massalongia olechiana*, discovered in 2011 by two Danish scientists, are named after her.**



17.)

On January 20<sup>th</sup> 2012 the **meeting of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club took place at the Hotel Grodek in Cracow**. It is the only hotel in Cracow having at the same time the status of an archaeological museum. It is due to the fact that at the turn of XIIIth/XIVth centuries the residence of the Lord Mayor of Cracow, Albert, was in this place. In the restaurant of the hotel are exposed artefacts found during its renovation, such as Kiev painted egg (XIIth/XIIIth century), floor tiles, bone-made skates (XIIth century) or kitchen vessels from XVth century.



*Members of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club in the library of the hotel. From the left: Janusz Milewski, Juraj Cenker FI’09 (Slovakia), Andrzej Ciszewski FI’99, Dr Piotr Nykiel, Roman Zajder MI’12, Monika Rogozinska FI’93, Prof. Tomasz Schramm FI’98, Ewa Wojcik FI’10, Dr Elzbieta Lisowska FI’03, Andrzej Lisowski FI’03, Prof. Maria Agata Olech FI’01, Dr Malgorzata Dziewiecka FI’11, Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski FI’02, Marcin Jamkowski FI’05, sitting: Maciej Kuczynski CO’82, Slawomir Makaruk FI’11*





**Jerzy Donimirski, owner of the Hotel Grodek in Cracow receives the diploma “Friend of Exploration”, granted to him for his support to the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club.**

*(Credit: Janusz Milewski/ Archive of Monika Rogozinska)*

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