

UVODNIK

Poštovani čitatelji,

Do sada su kolumne uvijek donosile lijepe i radosne vijesti vezane uz naš i vaš časopis *Acta Turistica*. No, kad nas napusti osoba koja je zadužila ne samo naš časopis, već i cijelu međunarodnu turističku akademsku zajednicu, onda radost može pružiti samo činjenica da sam imala čast ovu iznimnu osobu poznavati i s njome surađivati.

Profesor emeritus **Krzysztof Przeclavski** sa Sveučilišta u Varšavi, naš dugogodišnji član Uređivačkog odbora *Acta Turistica*, zauvijek nas je napustio. Teško je uopće pronaći riječi zahvale za svu pomoć i nesebičnu podršku koju je našem časopisu i meni osobno profesor Przeclavski pružao.

Osobno sam ga imala čast upoznati 1999. godine u Zagrebu kad je kao član Svjetske turističke akademije (International Academy for the Study of Tourism – IAST) sudjelovao na bienalnom sastanku ove prestižne organizacije. Još uvijek su mi svježe uspomene na diskusiju koju smo tom prilikom vodili sjedeći zajedno u autobusu kojim smo krenuli na izlet po mome rodnom Hrvatskom Zagorju. Iako do tada nisam osobito poznavala znanstveni rad profesora Przeclavskog, odmah me zadivio svojim znanstvenim promišljanjima i stalnim preispitivanjima kako svojih, tako i znanstvenih stavova drugih znanstvenika. Možda smo se u mnogo čemu mogli lakše razumjeti, bez obzira na razlike u godinama, jer nas je povezala slična povijest i slični problemi vezani uz društveno-političko okruženje u kojem smo živjeli. No, očito su i moja promišljanja zaintrigirala profesora Przeclavskog pa smo se kasnije redovito čuli telefonom barem nekoliko puta godišnje.

Profesorovo filozofsko-sociološko promišljanje o društvenim i osobnim životnim problemima te činjenica da je u zreloj fazi svoga života pomirio znanost i vjeru izrazito su me se dojmila. Za mnoge neshvatljivo, a za mene sasvim razumljivo. Njegove osob-

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

These columns have always brought pleasant and happy news in relation to our and your journal *Acta Turistica*. Yet, when a person who has indebted not only our journal but the entire international tourism academic community leaves, happiness can only be derived from the privilege of having known this extraordinary person and of having collaborated with him personally.

Professor *emeritus* **Krzysztof Przeclavski** from University of Warsaw, our long-standing member of *Acta Turistica's* Editorial Board has left us for good. It is enormously difficult to find the words to express our gratitude for all the help and selfless support Professor Przeclavski has given to our journal and to me personally.

I had the privilege of meeting this renowned scholar personally in 1999 when he participated at the International Academy for the Study of Tourism – IAST biannual conference in Zagreb. I still remember clearly the lively discussion we engaged in during the bus ride around my natal Croatian Zagorje. Although back then I had not been familiar with Professor Przeclavski's scientific work, I was instantly enthralled by his scientific deliberations and relentless scrutinising of scientific work, both his own and that of other scientists. Regardless of the age gap, we were able to communicate profoundly as we related to similar national histories and comparable social and political environments we were both coming from. Happily, as Professor Przeclavski also seemed to find my ideas intriguing, we continued to talk on the telephone at least several times a year.

Professor's philosophic and sociological considerations on social and personal problems, as well as the fact that only in his mature years he attained harmony between science and religion impressed me exceptionally. For many, this is inconceivable, but for

ne životne tragedije nisu ga učinile ogorčenom osobom, već je u vjeri našao način da i dalje živi i radi dostojanstveno i predano. U svojoj knjizi memoara „Nasz wiek dwudziesty“ (Naše dvadeseto stoljeće), objavljenoj u Varšavi 1999. godine, koju mi je poklonio i koju brižno čuvam i zbog njegovom rukom ispisane posvete, osobno je svjedočanstvo njegova života. No, ono što tu knjigu čini posebnom nisu samo maestralna promišljanja o njegovom životu i životu njegove obitelji, već prije svega širina pogleda na suštinu problema koja se tiču njegove domovine Poljske, a onda i cijeloga svijeta. Stoga je, kako je i sam u predgovoru knjige napisao, „naše“ stoljeće potrebno shvatiti ne samo u smislu njega i njegove obitelji, već prije svega u smislu suvremenog „Našeg“ društva u kojem svi mi živimo.

Iza velikog, a iznimno skromnog čovjeka, ostaju velika djela. Ona će nastaviti obogaćivati generacije znanstvenika koji dolaze. Nadam se da će ova kolumna posvećena profesoru Krzysztofu Przeclavskom potaknuti mnoge mlade znanstvenike da upoznaju njegov izniman rad.

Poznanstvo s ovim eminentnim znanstvenikom obogatilo me je za cijeli život. Unatoč tuži zbog odlaska poštovanog profesora **Przeclavskog**, u meni prevladava osjećaj ponosa, sreće i radosti što sam ga imala čast poznavati i s njime surađivati.

Vaša,
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me it is utterly plausible. His personal tragedies did not make him a bitter person, but encouraged him to find inspiration in faith to continue living and working with dignity and commitment. I treasure his book of memoirs *Nasz wiek dwudziesty (Our Twentieth Century)*, published in Warsaw in 1999 because of, among many other reasons, his hand-written inscription and because it is a personal testimony of his life. What makes this book particularly exceptional are not only his insightful reflections about his and his family's life, but also the large scope of views on the core of the problem concerning his homeland, Poland, as well as of the entire world. Therefore, as Professor Przeclavski wrote “*our*” century is to be understood not only with reference to himself and his family but also, and more importantly, in the sense of “*Our*”, i.e. shared, societies.

This great but exceptionally modest person has left great works and they will continue to help develop the generations of scientists to come. I trust that this column dedicated to Professor Krzysztof Przeclavski will inspire many young scholars and scientists to familiarize themselves with his exceptional body of work.

Knowing Krzysztof Przeclavski and his body of work has enriched me forever. Therefore, in spite of the sadness produced by the departure of the esteemed Professor **Przeclavski** I am overcome by the prevailing feelings of pride, happiness and joy for having known and cooperated with him.

I remain yours,
Professor Nevenka Čavlek
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