



Prof. dr hab. Zofia Sztetyło

It is a particular honour and pleasure to dedicate this volume of our „Études et Travaux” to Zofia Sztetyło, an outstanding scholar and teacher, a faithful Friend of the Research Center for Mediterranean Archaeology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Having been one of the first students and assistants of the late Kazimierz Michałowski, professor Sztetyło practically co-created with him what used to be called „Polish school of Mediterranean archaeology”. This task was particularly difficult in post-war Warsaw where there was hardly anything except ruins, in the field of science as well. Libraries, workshops and other tools of archaeological research had to be created anew. Zofia’s pragmatism, imagination and conscientiousness helped realizing many projects which seemed unthinkable in those turbulent days of Polish history. Thanks to her sensitivity, accompanied by extreme modesty, she was able to help many colleagues on purely human level as well.

Specializing in epigraphy of ancient Greek pottery stamps, she felt at home in every country of the Mediterranean civilization. It did not surprise me at all when the great Virginia Grace, whom I had the chance to meet just at the beginning of my first visit to Greece, welcomed me with the words „How is Zofia feeling?” At that moment, I did not know yet that, many years later, I would have the chance to work with professor Sztetyło on the first volume of the publication concerning our rescue excavations at Tell Atrib in the Nile Delta. This cooperation let me discover one more feature of her character: exemplary discipline. She would never demand anything from anybody before first giving everything she was able to give herself. Our Center in the Polish Academy of Sciences was happy to experience her generous help in many situations that could be labelled with the quotation „to be or not to be”. She assisted us for many years as a member of the Centre’s Scientific Council.

Let the present volume be a modest sign of our gratitude.

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