



## FROM THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

In November 1982 there was an unusual celebration held in the Institute of Geography of the Łódź University. The representatives of all the Polish Geography Centers came to celebrate and honour the life-long period of scientific research and great achievements in the field of teaching geography of the outstanding scholar Professor Anna Dylikowa. During this ceremony the idea of editing a special volume of scientific papers was born. The volume was intended as a tribute paid to Anna Dylikowa. It was to include the papers of the Professor's friends in Poland and abroad and of her pupils, who, publishing their research, would honour their teacher in the best possible way. Now, the volume is ready and the Editorial Committee of the *Biuletyn Peryglacjalny* is handing it to its readers.

In the life of Professor Dylikowa we can distinguish two main domains of interests. First of all she is an excellent teacher both on secondary and university level, secondly, she is an outstanding scholar with great achievements in the fields of the Quaternary geomorphology and geology. After having graduated at the University of Poznań in 1935 she became a geography teacher in secondary schools in Łódź. The years of the Second World War she spent teaching in Warsaw, but immediately the war had ended she came back to Łódź.

It was during the forties when the University of Łódź was being founded, and when Prof. Jan Dylik organized the Institute of Geography, his wife Anna started working there, but did not give up her school work. It was only in the fifties when she became entirely engaged in academic research. She got her doctor's degree in 1952 and was awarded the title of Docent in 1955.

Her interests are mainly concerned with the questions of structure and texture of glacial deposits and with the periglacial problems. She devotes much of her time to field work, mapping of the Łódź Upland, takes part in joint works of Łódź Centre of Periglacial Geomorphology which becomes the leading centre of this kind in the country. Cooperating with her husband she is one of the founders of the *Biuletyn Peryglacjalny* (1954) which publishes many of her articles. At this time she is mainly occupied with the problems of Polish periglacial terminology which was to be created basing on foregoing literature. In 1973, after her husband's death, Anna Dylikowa becomes the Chief Editor of the Bulletin.

She is passionately interested in the questions of Quaternary stratigraphy, of

periglacial structures in the Pleistocene deposits, and especially of dunes. In recognition of her achievements in this field she is awarded the title of Extraordinary Professor in 1965. She travels much, visiting all the important geographical centres in Western Europe. She gives lectures and works in various laboratories and in the field. She also comes to the U.S.S.R where she studies the present-day periglacial phenomena in Siberia and looks for comparative materials which she needs for her works in Poland. She also does not give up her didactic work. She writes a very extensive handbook of regional geography "Geographical Regions of Poland". The handbook, meant for the teachers of geography, has a very original arrangement, it comprises both the elements of physical geography (environment) and economic geography.

In 1974 Anna Dylikowa was awarded the title of Ordinary Professor.

Professor Anna Dylikowa holds many positions and functions in educational bodies. She was the Vice-Dean of Biology and Natural Sciences Faculty (1962 – 69), the Director of the Institute of Geography (1975 – 82). Being very sensitive to social phenomena she devotes much time and energy to educating the young. She has been doing it for many years now, first as an active member of the Polish Girl Scouts (a scoutsmistress of Łódź Girl Scouts) and then of "Grey Ranks" during the war. After the war her life is closely connected with university students. She is the Chairman of the Main Committee of Geographic Competition in Poland, she presides the Board of Geographical Programmes of the Ministry of Education where she makes an effort of bringing more prestige to geography as a school subject.

Professor Anna Dylikowa is a member of many scientific societies both in Poland and abroad. At the moment she is the Chairman of the Polish Geographical Society and its honorary member as well. She is a Chairman of the Third Department of Łódź Scientific Society and a Vice-President of Geographical Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences. She is a holder of many decorations and honours.

But more important than all her formal distinctions and her high social position is the fact that she enjoys esteem, love, respect and admiration of all, the proof of which was the celebration of her jubilee mentioned above. It was carefully organized but beautifully spontaneous at the same time.

Giving this volume to our readers we would like to express our high regard and admiration for Professor Anna Dylikowa.