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Dear Readers!

We are pleased to offer you a new issue of „Ochrona Zabytków” – according to information on the cover, its number is 2/2009, although actually it is already the middle of 2010. This difference results from the fact that in the last few years there were shorter or longer gaps between consecutive issues of our quarterly, which we endeavour to catch up with, at the same time trying to maintain the continuity of numeration. This discrepancy between dates on the cover and the content of successive issues has not constituted a major problem so far. However, this issue of „Ochrona Zabytków” requires a special commentary because of tremendous importance of the tragic event that happened on 10 April this year and brought a painful loss to our circle, too.

The publication that you are holding in your hands contains a memory of the late Tomasz Merta, Deputy Minister of Culture and National Heritage, General Conservator of Monuments from 2005 till 2010, who died in the crash of the Polish President's plane near Smolensk. The Minister was an outstanding General Conservator of Monuments, who was fully dedicated to his work. He treated it as a mission aimed at ensuring optimum conditions for the maintenance of our common heritage. He esteemed very highly the work and achievements of conservators of monuments and expressed deep understanding for their mission, but he also emphasized the need to undertake actions for the increase of joint social responsibility for the heritage. He had immense confidence in the people he contacted. It was a really great honour to co-operate with Him.

The Minister was also a regular reader of „Ochrona Zabytków”, which was and still remains a real source of pride for us. We hope that this issue would also be received by Him with appreciation and some constructive criticism as well.

In this issue we focus once more on the matter of cultural parks. The example of Zgierz illustrates perfectly how effectively this form of monument protection can contribute to the regeneration of urban areas (with a wide spectrum of potential activities). In another article we present the Skarżyski Palace in Studzieniec – a site which is currently ruined, but deserves a good study, which we hope will help to save it.

From among theoretical studies, we recommend considerations of the selected aspects of conservation theories by Alois Riegl and Cesare Brandi, which provide much inspiration and are an extremely topical subject in the context of ongoing discussions on the philosophy of the heritage protection system in our country. In this section you will also find an article on the legal aspects of archaeological heritage protection, which is discussed on the example of Peru and helps to gain a broader perspective of dangers that concern this special category of monuments.

This issue is complemented by an article on the harmful impact of mould fungi on panel painting, which is addressed to practical experts in monument conservation.

I invite you to read our magazine!

Respectfully yours



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