

ELŻBIETA PARADOWSKA M.A.
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Elżbieta Paradowska has been professionally involved in editing the academic journal “Turyzm/Tourism” for 35 years. Having completed geographical studies in 1981, she started working for the Institute of Economic Geography and Spatial Organization, at the Department of Biology and Earth Sciences, University of Łódź. Her responsibilities encompassed dealing with administrative and didactic matters on the Post-Graduate Tourism Studies section created in 1977 (managed by Dr Elżbieta Dziegieć), organizing and running the library of tourism publications at the Urban Geography and Tourism Section (managed by Prof. Stanisław Liszewski), as well as editing academic texts in cooperation with the University of Łódź Publishing House.

When the “Turyzm” journal was created in 1985 (initially as a part of the “Acta Universitatis Lodzianensis”

series), Elżbieta Paradowska held the position of an informal secretary of the editorial team, which consisted of Prof. Stanisław Liszewski, the founder and editor of the journal, and Elżbieta Dziegieć, the academic secretary. She was officially appointed the secretary of “Turyzm” in 1990 and held this position until 2015. Over that period, 48 journal issues were published; some of them double editions and about 20 of them bilingual. At first, the responsibilities of the secretary involved contacting authors, reviewers and translators which substantially prolonged the publishing process, as well as organizing editorial meetings and actively participating in them. Her successive implementation of new forms of editing (mainly computer-based) and communication (internet) technologies made it possible to systematically shorten the editing process.

Due to her love of geography, literature and the Polish language, in 1998 she was supported by the University of Łódź Publishing House in her decision to start additional work as a language editor. She was responsible for the copy-editing and computer typesetting of articles, both in Polish and English, after they were approved for publication. Elżbieta Paradowska worked diligently for the benefit of the “Turyzm/Tourism” academic journal for 35 years.

Apart from preparing the journal for print, Elżbieta Paradowska edited a monographic series published by the Institute of Urban Geography and Tourism, entitled *Konwersatorium Wiedzy o Mieście* (Knowledge of the City Seminar) – currently a journal, comprising 30 volumes since 1996, as well as *Warsztaty z Geografii Turyzmu* (Tourism Geography Workshops; 9 volumes since 2011). An important part of her work for the Institute of Urban Geography was the preparation of publications connected with the academic advance of other employees. Her responsibilities included preparing 12 doctoral theses for print, published in the *Łódzkie Towarzystwo Naukowe* series, entitled *Szlakami Nauki* (On the Academic Trail), eight post-doctoral dissertations and two ‘professorial’ books, published by the UŁ Publishing House (*Sylwetki Łódzkich Uczonych/ Portraits of Łódź Scholars* and *Moja Droga do Nauki/ My Road to Scholarly Study*).

Elżbieta Paradowska also participated in preparing monographs written by multiple authors (*Łódź. Monografia miasta/ Łódź: a monograph of the city*, in both Polish and English, *Monografia województwa łódzkiego/ A monograph on Łódź province*), including conference follow-up materials (e.g. *Kultura i turystyka/ Culture and Tourism* – five volumes) and works which resulted from research grants written by those associated with the Institute

(e.g. *Możliwości i kierunki rozwoju w dolinie Odry/ Development opportunities and trends in the Odra Valley*), as well as student textbooks (*Geografia urbanistyczna/ Urban geography* in two editions, one of which was published by PWN; *Statystyka – podręcznik dla studentów turystyki i rekreacji/ Statistics: a textbook for tourism and recreation students*), two parts of a ‘jubilee volume’ for the 70th birthday of Prof. Stanisław Liszewski, vast bibliographic publications regarding the geography of settlement, planning works (e.g. *Strategia rozwoju turystyki w Łodzi/ Strategy for tourism development in Łódź*), or reports from research on tourism in Łódź and Łódź Province, under the imprint of the *Regionalna Organizacja Turystyczna* of Łódź Province. She prepared several publications for *Polskie Towarzystwo Turystyczno-Krajoznawcze* (Polish Tourist and Sightseeing Society), for example *Szlaki turystyczne. Od pomysłu do realizacji/ Tourist trails: from idea to implementation*.

In her career, Elżbieta Paradowska took part in creating over 250 publications, not only academic journals, monographs and book series, but also textbooks, reports, works of popular science and others published by the Institute.

Her work for the Institute of Urban Geography and Tourism, particularly as part of the “Turyzm/Tourism” editorial team, has been invaluable. Her involvement, professionalism, devotion to the Institute and the University, her friendliness and readiness to help in a wide range of undertakings is an example for all involved in research, organizational and administrative work.

Elżbieta Paradowska has been one of the pillars of the “Turyzm/Tourism” journal and it will always be associated with her name. We are very grateful for all the years she has dedicated to the journal, the Institute of Urban Geography and Tourism and the University of Łódź.

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