



Kazimierz Michałowski Passage in Warsaw

The Warsaw City Council passed a resolution to name a walkway in the Śródmieście district after Kazimierz Michałowski. On May 17th, a ceremony to mark the occasion will be held with University of Warsaw authorities, the Professor's students, and members of the archaeological community.



Professor Kazimierz Michałowski (1901–1981), an erudite and world-renowned scholar, was a pioneer of Mediterranean archaeology at the University of Warsaw (UW), where he established the Chair of Classical Archaeology as early as 1931. In 1959, thanks to his efforts, the Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology UW was established in Cairo to coordinate Polish research in the eastern Mediterranean. Michałowski was also a long-time deputy director of the National Museum in Warsaw (MNW) and a member of the Polish Academy of Sciences, where he led to the establishment of the Department of Mediterranean Archaeology.

Expeditions initiated by Prof. Michałowski made spectacular discoveries that thrilled both the scientific world and the general public. They followed, among other things, the fate of newly discovered masterpieces of medieval Christian art in Sudan's Faras, which Prof. Michałowski's expedition rescued during the UNESCO salvage campaign in Nubia prior to the construction of a dam on the Nile. Research was also underway in Egypt, and soon the first Polish excavations in Syria and Cyprus began. Their results brought fame to their director and helped to establish a reputation for Polish Mediterranean archaeologists, thanks to which, in 1990, the Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology UW was established in Warsaw to manage and expand the operations of the Research Centre in Cairo. It received the name of Kazimierz Michałowski.

Prof. Michałowski's work not only benefited Polish science but also the city of Warsaw. Artifacts from his excavations formed the backbone of the Egyptian part of the Gallery of Ancient Art at the MNW. And the unique Nubian wall paintings allowed for the creation of the Faras Gallery, named in honor of Prof. Kazimierz Michałowski.

But the capital's streets lacked such a commemoration. It is all the more gratifying therefore, that this year a walkway in Warsaw's Downtown was named after him. It is located in a place with multiple links to Michałowski - near the University of Warsaw, the Polish Academy of Sciences and right next to the house where he lived.

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