Prof. Krzysztof Przecławski was a distinguished Polish academic, tourism specialist, a teacher and the educator of many generations of university students. He graduated from the Law Department, University of Warsaw and was granted doctoral and habilitation degrees in Humanities at the Polish Academy of Science. He became full professor in 1995.

He was a renowned lecturer on tourism sociology, who gave lectures at the University of Warsaw, the Jagiellonian University, the Central School of Planning and Statistics, the Physical Education Academy in Kraków, the Higher Humanistic School in Pułtusk, the Higher School of Social Sciences in Warsaw and the Higher School of Hotel Management, Gastronomy and Tourism, as well as abroad, e.g. at the International Centre of Tourism Studies in Turin (1968-75). He worked mostly at the University of Warsaw, especially the Institute of ‘Social Prophylaxis and Resocialization’.

Prof. Przecławski was the author of over one hundred academic papers, several hundred publications which included several books and numerous articles on tourism sociology, the humanistic and ethical foundations of tourism, as well as education and resocialization through tourism. The most important include Turystyka a wychowanie (1973), Socjologiczne problemy turystyki (1979), Humanistyczne podstawy turystyki (1986), Turystyka a świat współczesny (1994), Człowiek a turystyka – zarys socjologii turystyki (1996), Etyczne podstawy turystyki (1997), Turystyka a religie (1999).

Życie to podróż (“Life is a journey”) is the title of one of his books. His journey through life was professionally, socially and privately connected with tourism; he was fascinated with travel. He once wrote: “Travelling has always been my passion”.

Travelling all over Poland and around the world was not only Prof. Przeclawski’s favourite activity, but also an object of study and reflection. He approached all aspects of tourism and studied its complexity defining it as a psychological, social, economic, spatial and cultural phenomenon. He combined his theoretical interest with his vast knowledge of philosophy and sociology, to lay the foundations of the Polish school of tourism sociology, developing the theory and defin-
Tourism has suffered an irreparable loss.

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