

Spuścizny po uczonych jako materiał źródłowy do historii nauki

The legacy of Polish scholars as a source for the history

SUMMARY

The author presents materials relating to the legacy of Polish scholars which collect Archives of Polish Academy of Sciences and attempts to indicate the possibilities of their usage in research in the field of science history.

Approximately 550 posthumous works are stored in the Archives (about 51% relating to the humanities and social sciences, 7% biology, 9% to the exact sciences, 4% to the agricultural sciences, 3% to medicine, 6% to Earth sciences). Amongst them are materials of the most outstanding Polish scholars. The authors were members or honorary members of various societies, associations, corporations (e.g. Polish Academy of Sciences), universities, colleges and technical universities lectures and assistants.

The majority of them contains the following groups of archival material: I. Works of the author of the posthumous work (e.g. manuscripts, projects, plans, various speeches, literary compositions, workshop materials to them). II. Materials relating to the authors activities (in various institutions). III. Biographical materials (e.g. diaries, mémoires, albums, diplomas, certificates, honorary diplomas). IV. Correspondence. V. Material about author (e.g. mémoires about him). VI. Family and dynasty materials. VII. Materials of foreign persons. VIII. Appendices.

These archive materials can be used for research relating to the genesis of ideology, theory and scientific conceptions and for reconstruction them, as a source of intellectual inspirations in the sphere of lectures, private and scientific contacts, idea influence, theories, scientific methodology, the conditioning of thought and actions, the position of science and scientist in society, the dependency between science and policy. These materials document the work of Polish researches in the 20th century and form the basis of very extensive materials for biographical research.

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