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**Rola rosyjskich zjazdów archeologicznych w dyskusji nad ochroną zabytków
w imperium rosyjskim w XIX i na przełomie XIX i XX wieku**

**The role of Russian archaeological conferences in the discussion on
the protection of monuments in the Russian Empire in the 19th and
at the turn of 19th and 20th centuries**

SUMMARY

This article aims to present the role of Russian archaeological conferences organized during 1869–1911, in a discussion about the organization of historical monuments preservation in the Russian Empire. Up to the 20s of the 19th century, the protection of archaeological sites in Russia, with few exceptions, was practically non-existent, and the initiative to protect the antiquities was, above all, up to the Russian rulers. The activity of the few academic institutions in this area was poor (the exceptions being the Black Sea areas). It was not until the reign of Tsar Nicholas I (1825-1855) and his successors that the development of conservation legislation, as well as social activities for the protection of antiquities took place. At that time, in a variety of Russian laws certain resolutions were passed dedicated to the protection of monuments. At the same time, in the scientific circles, debate were carried out over how to organize the best preservation of historic monuments in the whole Russian Empire. An exceptional site, where such discussions were conducted, were Russian archaeological conventions, attended by the Poles from the Russian annexation.

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