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**Przyjaźń czeskiego profesora Jaroslava Heyrovskiego z polskim profesorem  
Wiktorem Kemulą w świetle ich korespondencji**

**Friendship of a Czech Professor Jaroslav Heyrovski with a Polish Professor  
Wiktor Kemula in the light of their correspondence**

SUMMARY

Evidence of an unusual and sincere friendship between Jaroslav Heyrovski and Wiktor Kemula, both Professors of physical chemistry, is their correspondence deposited in the Archive of the Academy of Sciences in Prague. It consists of letters, postcards and other written documents. Author of this article recently prepared and published this correspondence in Czech, i.e. the language in which nearly all the correspondence was conducted. For Wiktor Kemula was a polyglot with extraordinary language skills; he learned Czech during his stay in Prague. The subject of this correspondence was also presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ICESHS Congress, which took place in Cracow in 2006.

The purpose of this article is to familiarize Polish readers with early history of the development of polarography, as well as the atmosphere of academic work at the Lvov and Warsaw Universities in the period from the 30s to 60s of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which Wiktor Kemula pictured in his letters to Heyrovski.

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