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#### SUMMARY

Geologist, a graduate of the Warsaw University, and in the years 1974-2009 Director of the Museum of the Earth of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. He was the author of over 250 works in geology, protection of inanimate nature, history of geology and museology. Well-known for his activity in national and international museological organisations, as well as for his work in the history of science.

The Museum of the Earth existing in Warsaw since 1932 is a scientific-educational institution of geological and nationwide character. It looks after specialised departments of regional (provincial) museums. In recent years, the Museum specialises mainly in research on ambers and its exhibitions (permanent and temporary) have been organised in many countries.

The article presents an outline of academic biography of the Museum's Director, substantiated with a selection of most important publications. It was stressed that due to certain circumstances he quite early dropped his field studies. At that time he became actively involved in the protection of nature (especially the protection of erratic blocks of Scandinavian origin) and published a book *Zabytki skalne* in this subject, as well as several brochures. Simultaneously, he dealt with the history of geology, using the archives of the collection of the Museum of the Earth.

The article aims at presenting a profile of the Museum of the Earth: of educational rescue character vs. scientific-educational one. Jakubowski preferred the first model. Especially in his last articles he stressed that mostly natural museums exhibiting authentic objects to the visitors are exponents of an idea of "knowledge authentication".

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