

# Opening Address

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Archaeological Commission of the Poznań Branch of Polish Academy of Sciences I have the honour to open the international symposium on "Late Prehistory of the Nile Basin and the Sahara".

I welcome very warmly Professor Jerzy Topolski, the Member of the Presidium of Polish Academy of Sciences, Poznań Branch, Professor Jan Żak, the President of our Archaeological Commission, and all other members of the Commission present here. I welcome with all my heart all our foreign guests from thirteen countries, that is from: Belgium, Canada, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, the Sudan, Sweden, Tchechoslovakia, the United States of America and Yugoslavia. I would also like to give a warm welcome to our Polish colleagues and friends from several academic centres of our country.

Among more than eighty participants we are entertaining today not only pre-historians but also egyptologists, nubologists and meroitists as well as scholars representing the archaeobiological and archaeogeographical sciences which are of so great importance for our research. We hope that such a multidisciplinary composition of our group will be very helpful for our debates aimed at a better understanding of the late prehistory and early history of North-Eastern Africa.

Our symposium devoted to the African prehistory is the second organized by our Archaeological Commission. The first one, as many of you probably will remember, took place four years ago, also in Dymaczewo near Poznań. I would like to emphasise how happy we are to welcome all of you once more, as well as the participants who have come to Dymaczewo for the first time, and I would like to express our hope that the conference will be a useful and fruitful one.

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