



Dedicated to Anna Dzieduszycka-Machnikowa
for Her 100th Birthday

PREFACE

ANNA DZIEDUSZYCKA-MACHNIKOWA

On August 31, 2025, Anna Dzieduszycka-Machnikowa celebrated her 100th birthday. Anna Róża Maria, Countess Dzieduszycka of Dzieduszyce, of the Sas coat of arms, was born in Lviv. In 1954, she became one of the first employees of the newly established Department of Polish Archaeology at the Institute of the History of Material Culture of the Polish Academy of Sciences, headed by Professor Stefan Nosek. Throughout her professional career, she remained associated with the Kraków Centre of this institute.



Fig. 1. Anna Dzieduszycka-Machnikowa (first from the left) in a photograph of the excavation team in front of the palace in Igołomia in the summer of 1954. Photo probably by Aleksander Wasilewicz, Archives of the IAE PAN in Igołomia



Fig. 2. Anna Dzieduszycka-Machnikowa with Jan Machnik at a conference on the turn of the Neolithic and Bronze Age in Starý Smokovec in 1970. Photo from the archives of Prof. Jan Machnik



Fig. 3. Anna Dzieduszycka-Machnikowa with Jan Machnik during an archaeological trip to the Igołomia area (palace in Igołomia, September 4, 2014). Photo by K. Tunia

From the outset, she took part in numerous fieldwork projects (Fig. 1). In the 1960s, she conducted research on the settlement at Złotniki, in the Igołomia-Wawrzeńczyce commune – an important Eneolithic site linked to the late phase of the Lengyel-Polgár cultural circle. Her work on the Neolithic Jurassic flint mine at Sąspów, in the Jerzmanowice-Przeginia commune, was also of major significance. She was among the first Polish prehistorians to take a closer interest in the Neolithic flint industry. From 1967 to 1974, she participated in the field investigation of a complex of Early Bronze Age sites in Iwanowice, in the same commune. She later co-authored studies discussing the materials uncovered during these excavations.

In 1958, Anna Dzieduszycka married Jan Machnik, who would go on to become a distinguished professor and head of the Kraków Centre of the Institute of the History of Material Culture of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Until his death in 2023, they remained a devoted couple for more than 65 years, successfully balancing family life with both field and office-based archaeological work (Figs 2 and 3).

We wish Anna continued good health and every success!

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