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Between biography and creativity. The social activity of Professor Zbigniew Tadeusz Wierzbicki in the perspective of biographical research

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2. SUMMARY:

The work *Between biography and creativity. The Social Activity of Professor Zbigniew Tadeusz Wierzbicki in the perspective of biographical researches* aimed at examining the connections between the life history of the scholar and his scientific and social activity, and at showing how the connections between specific elements of the biography and life events and historical incidents that shaped them, and the scientific and social activity undertaken, were shaped. The selected model of biography, framed in scientific psychobiography, serves as a tool for presenting chosen issues of the biographical sphere and pro-social activity. The work combines an analysis of the circumstances that led Z.T. Wierzbicki to his individual scientific choices, with deliberations on the structure of personality, focusing on three selected fields of Wierzbicki's interest, where science met with social activity, i. e. work to promote sobriety, ecological activity and publishing. The three mentioned areas of the Professor's attention were analyzed firstly as pro-social, voluntary activity (but also somewhat hobbyist), which at the same time was activity, the aim of which was to selflessly influence the common good. Secondly, it was checked how the process of transformation of these interests into scientific work proceeded, to what an extent the Professor delved into the mentioned topics substantively, and what scientific effects it ultimately brought. Chapter I presented the adopted methodology and the process of building my own research model. The assumption was to rely on the method of personal documents, which could be interpreted in accordance with the ego-documentary concept. Using this research method is my proposal to expand the scope of sociological research. Drawing primarily from the paradigm of scientific psychobiography, I constructed my own model in accordance with the described fragment of Wierzbicki's professional work and social activity. The effect of building my model is to present a new solution in the form of a scientific and social biography supported by the analysis of personality in the perspective of socio-cognitive theory. The next chapter presented his fight for sobriety in Poland. Many years of work in the field of combating alcoholism were presented in a diachronic biographical approach, taking into account individual events important for this initiative, both pro-social and scientific, primarily the introduction of the Alcoholics Anonymous Movement to Poland and the establishment of the journal „Zdrowie i Trzeźwość” in 1956. Chapter III concerns the

scientific and social activity of Zbigniew Wierzbicki in the field of environmental protection, broadly understood ecology. The chapter analyzes the activities undertaken in terms of the theory of social learning, where the influence of authorities (Tadeusz Łopuszański, Florian Znaniecki) and the model of self-efficacy being built were indicated. The next part presents the Professor's scientific development in the direction of social ecology, interest in the Chicago School and cooperation with Alvin Bertrand on the work *Sociology of the countryside in the United States*. As it has been shown, this work was a breakthrough, because it gave rise to the creation of a new scientific discipline: sozoecology and sozoecopedagogy.

A separate part of the work is devoted to his publishing activity, the establishment of the newspaper "Bunt Młodych Duchem". The chapter presents a substantive analysis of the content published in the newspaper, at the same time attempting to understand the ideological line of the magazine as a compendium of Wierzbicki's social and political beliefs. The presented scientific and social psychobiography of Z.T. Wierzbicki commemorates a significant figure of Polish science and saves a great man from oblivion. The dissertation also fits into the tradition of biographical research of sociology at UMK, which in the 1990s commemorated the figure and achievements of Józef Chałasiński, and today commemorates his excellent student – Professor Zbigniew Tadeusz Wierzbicki.