An Address to Professor Urszula Żegleń on Her Jubilee

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Respected and beloved Professor,
Dear Urszula,

in celebration of your 70th jubilee we would like to present you with a special issue of “Ruch Filozoficzny” quarterly which is dedicated to you. We are convinced that there is no better way to express our appreciation for so many years of your scientific, didactic and organizational work. It is also our personal expression of gratitude that for all these years – almost a quarter of a century at the Nicolaus Copernicus University – we have been able to learn from you in various forms and roles, to work with you, and to support your work to the fullest extent possible.

Your achievements in each of these areas are impressive and radiate far beyond our academic environment. Your work at the Institute of Philosophy of the Nicolaus Copernicus University since 1996, the year when you came to Toruń as an already recognized researcher, has covered a broad variety of activities, including studies and valuable publications on the philosophy of mind, ontology, cognitive science, semiotics of culture, or presenting and joining in discussions with leading philosophers dealing with these issues – Hilary Putnam or Donald Davidson. Alongside your widely known and respected academic activity, you have helped to develop an equally important aspect of academic life – organizational work. Let us mention the initiative to establish, manage, and develop the Department of Theory of Knowledge and Methodology of Sciences, Department of Cognitive Sciences and Epistemology at the Institute of Philosophy, to establish an independent Faculty of Cognitive Sciences, to organize under their aegis the pioneering field of cognitive science, to co-found it in 2001, and to chair the Polish Society of Cognitive Science, its membership in the Committee of Philosophical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, your activity and chairmanship of the Science of Science Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences, your active role in the editorial team of the “Ruch Filozoficzny” quarterly or your activity in the Toruń Division of the Polish Philosophical Society. These contribute to only part of your impressive activity, which
also involves training young staff, who, to a large extent, have already managed to become independent and may therefore continue your work in future. Your remarkable achievements, Professor, could add to numerous scientific biographies. And all of this has taken place only in the last quarter of a century in Toruń!

In an effort to bestow the prestige corresponding to these achievements on our publication, we have invited many eminent authors to prepare a valuable quarterly issue as we know how much importance you attach to diligent scientific work. Let this issue of “Ruch Filozoficzny” speak with a serious scientific voice, not only on behalf of the Authors, but of all of us, your students, co-workers, and friends.

Ad multos annos, Professor Urszula!

Your Colleagues and Collaborators