

SUMMARY

Contribution of Marcelli Marchlewski to conservation of the nature and landscape of the Tatra Mountains

Memory on the occasion of the 100th anniversary
of the first head of the Tatra National Park
and the 50th anniversary of its creation

Marcelli Marchlewski was the first head of the Tatra National Park (TNP) created by virtue of the government decree of October the 30th 1954 which was in force from January the 1st 1955. In the current year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Marcelli Marchlewski's birth and 50th anniversary of the TNP establishment. On this occasion Marcelli's son Andrzej has described the contribution of his father to conservation of the nature and landscape of the Tatra Mountains. The activity of M. Marchlewski started in the Tatra region in the 1930s, when he fulfilled diverse functions in management of local forests. Among others he was a head forester in Jaworzyna, Bukowina and an administrator of the Kórnicka Foundation property in Zakopane. Before and after the Second World War he cooperated with Professors W. Szafer and W. Goetel in order to establish the TNP. Thanks to this cooperation it was possible to purchase vast forest areas from the Kórnicka Foundation as well as from other owners. After the war the communistic authorities have nationalized large territories of private forests, the majority of which afterwards was included in the national park. When in 1945 the TNP was set up, its first head was M. Marchlewski, who was fulfilling this function until 1971. During this time he was a 'provisional' head because he wasn't a member of any political party and for this reason he wasn't accepted by political authorities. The contribution of M. Marchlewski to conservation of the nature in the Tatra Mountains is very important and remembered until now.