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Having been born in Poznań as the daughter of a well-known paediatrician Marian Szenic and Aniela Sobocka, she claimed a secure place amidst the intelligentsia of that town's society as her birthright. Since her childhood she was interested in the Bamberger past of her hometown, as well as in the cultures of various societies, especially those of Latin America, and their Polish researchers. A course of study in History of Material Culture at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań was her path to scientific research of the issues that absorbed her. She concluded her studies in 1960, having written her M.A. thesis entitled *Bambrzy. Mieszkańcy dawnych wsi Poznania* [*The Posener Bamberger: Inhabitants of the Old Poznań Villages*].

Her own research passions she began to realise at the Poznań division of the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), where she was formally employed for full forty years: from 1963 to 2003. It was there that she climbed the consecutive levels of academic career, acquiring the doctoral, post-doctoral (Ph.D. habil.) and professorial titles, and published the results of her research and analyses. In the years 1993–2003 she was the Head of the Chair of Ethnology at the IAE PAN in Poznań.

Almost to the last days of her life she participated in the activities of the Institute and its Scientific Council. She was the supervisor of the grant research on the cult of St. Adalbert in Poland and the cooperation with the Bamberg University with the resulting research and seminars.

The range of research and the scientific output of Professor Maria Paradowska are impressive indeed, consisting of nineteen¹ books and over two hundred articles

¹ Including (titles translated solely for the present text): *Polskie relacje o Iraku XIX wieku jako źródło etnograficzne* [*Polish Accounts of Iraq as an Ethnographic Source*], Poznań 1973; *Bambrzy. Mieszkańcy dawnych wsi miasta Poznania* [*The Posener Bamberger: Inhabitants of the Old Poznań Villages*], PWN

