

# TSESEVICH AND KRAKOW'S ASTRONOMERS

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**ABSTRACT.** In the paper I present some aspects of collaboration between Prof. Vladimir Platonovich Tsessevich and Cracow's astronomers working in the field of variables stars.

## 1. Introduction

Contrary to many papers presented by collaborators and disciples of Prof. Tsessevich this is the remembrance of person who never met him personally. According to my best knowledge he never visited Cracow. Probably the oldest personal relations were between Prof. Eugeniusz Rybka (1898 - 1988) and Prof. Tsessevich. (After living Lvov in 1945, where he was a professor (1932-1945) Eugeniusz Rybka have been in Wroclaw till 1958 and later on became the Director of the Astronomical Observatory of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow until retirement in 1968). Prof. Kazimierz Kordylewski (1903 -1981) working in the field of eclipsing variable visited him in Odessa, as well as in the middle seventies of the previous century Dr ( in those days) Jerzy M. Kreiner paid a visit in Odessa.

While the personal contacts were rather scarce, the scientific ones were numerous. My paper is divided into two sections. In the first I refer to Cracow Yearbook, in the second one I am giving my personal recollections referring to Tsessevich's works.

## 2. Tsessevich and SAC

Starting from the year 1923 the Director of the Cracow Observatory Prof. Tadeusz Banachiewicz (1882 - 1954) published Rocznik Astronomiczny Obserwatorium Krakowskiego, Dodatek Midzynarodowy (Astronomical Yearbook of the Cracow Observatory, International Supplement). The Yearbook itself disappeared rather quickly, but the Supplement lived his own life, well known as SAC (Supplemento Internationale de Anuario Cracoviense).

In each Yearbook the list of eclipsing binaries and bases of the ephemerides were presented.

The first time the name of Zessewitsch appeared in SAC No 4 (ephemerides of eclipsing variables for the year 1926) published in 1925. Observations of

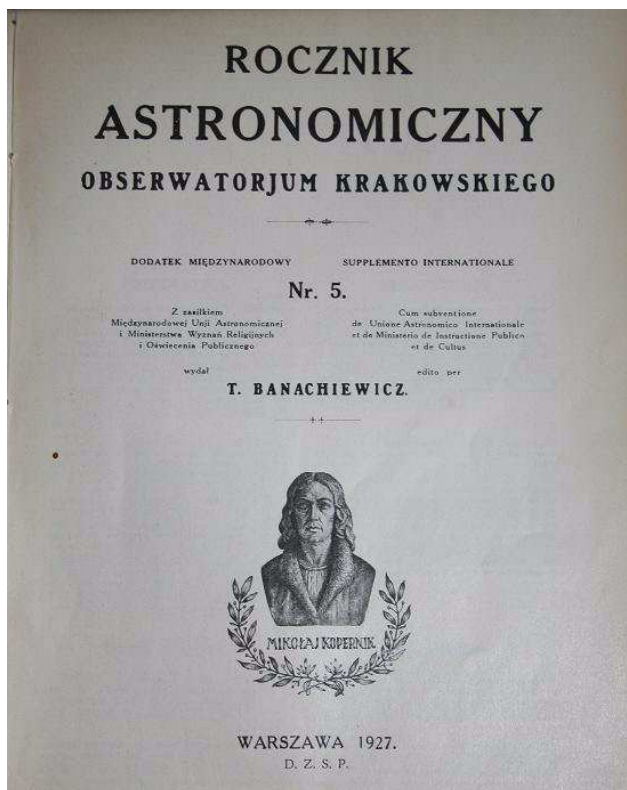


Figure 1: The front page of Supplemento Internationale de Anuario Cracoviense No 5.

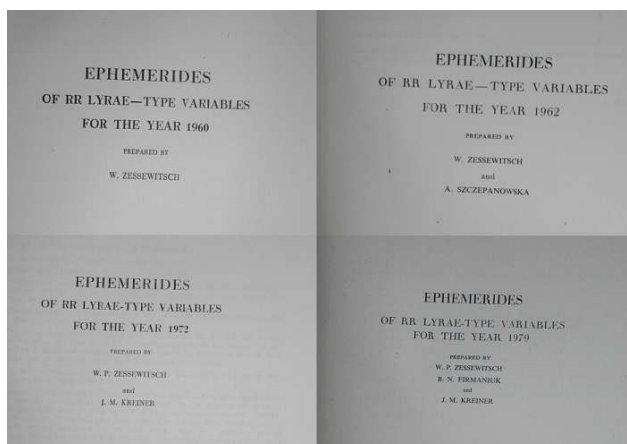


Figure 2: Front pages of RR Lyrae variable stars ephemerides.



probably the influence of German transcription. Following the German transcription in SAC quite often it is written Zessewitsch. But even in the same issue of SAC there are several different transcriptions! Officially, the memorial conference was dedicated to Prof. Tsessevich, which is English transcription. I dare to recall your attention to Prof. Rybka statement. He wrote Prof. Tsesevich, which probably is the most correct English transcription.

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