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We invite all the interested scholars for

3rd International Conference Axiological Foundations of Education

Between Freedom and Responsibility for the Word

which will be held on May 28-29 2015

The question about the essence of the word which we use establishing and maintaining relations with other people is crucial. It concerns not only speculative philosophical considerations, but also, and perhaps more importantly, the social life practices. Two areas that can be indicated here are education and health protection. In the both areas the word plays a significant role, one can hardly imagine teaching or medically treating people beyond the context of the word. Information which is transmitted by teachers, educators, or pedagogues on the one side, and doctors, nurses, and paramedics on the other, very often affects the present and future state of particular men and women, and their families. Which words should be used in those contexts? The ones which concisely present the actual state of affairs, objectively describe what it is, or the ones which bring warmth and comfort, and offer a promise of intimacy; does the word allow us to maintain distance toward the other or rather does it encourage us to enter into a deep relationship with her or him?

Which is and which should be a pedagogical function of the word? Could we say that the only word function is communicating knowledge between people in a way which is intersubjectively controllable; in this way the word becomes a carrier of a content whose sense is independent of relationship linking the speaker and the listener. That kind of situation we face when the teacher transmits to pupils the content of a mathematical theorem or a physical law, as well as when the doctor informs patients about the state of their health and the prognosis for the future. But the word function can also be different, that is, maximistically-oriented. Then the word ceases to be exclusively the carrier of a content and becomes a tool for getting to know the others, for entering into a deep relationship with her or him, for reaching the truth of her or his soul. The word used in such a way reveals its entire spiritual potential, opens people to one another, builds solidarity between them. We face that kind of situation when the teacher is emotionally engaged at every level of her or his work,

always stands by the pupil's side and by her or his words supports the pupil. Also the doctor or nurse can transmit through the word more profound information than a concise statement concerning the patient health state; they can give hope to the patient and encourage her or him to fight for recovery. Which of those two attitudes is desirable in pedagogy? In which consists freedom, and in which responsibility in relationships with pupils and patients? These are the questions which we would like to ask at the conference.

The conference organizers expect that each contribution will last up to 30 minutes (participants can use that time according to their wishes, e.g. 15 minutes for paper presentation and 15 minutes for discussion).

After the conference a publication will be prepared in a reviewed scientific periodical. More details concerning the publication will be given in the next conference announcement.

Important deadlines:

- up to April 15th 2015–sending conference applications and paper abstracts (1000-1500 characters)
- up to April 30th 2015 –paying conference fees on the Casimir the Great bank account:

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Conference fees:

The full conference fee (two lunches, conference materials, coffee breaks, a formal dinner on May 28th, a conference paper publication) - 300 zł.

The reduced conference fee (two lunches, conference materials, coffee breaks, a conference paper publication) 150 zł.

The conference organizers do not provide overnight accommodation for participants.