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Nicholas Copernicus, Astronomer

On May 24, 1543, Nicholas Copernicus died. To stimulate interest in the preparation of programs and meetings commemorative of the quatercentennial of his death and provocative of thought over the period in which he lived, a brochure has been published by the Kosciuszko Foundation. This period was that in which modern scientific thinking first began to assert itself. The brochure is not merely an advertising medium, however. It is entirely worthy of consideration as an addition to one's library of truly authoritative and informative books. The story of Copernicus' life, his close relatives, the derivation of his name, and the significance of the Copernican Solar System concept which is generally accepted today the world over are interestingly and concisely presented. The excellent cover design in color is by the famous Polish miniaturist, Arthur Szyk. It depicts Copernicus among his most important inventions. Separate prints of the cover design on heavy paper suitable for framing are available at $1.00 each.—Elton F. Paddock.