

Dear Colleagues,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 1st Congress for Foreign Scholars of Polish History, to take place on June 28-30, 2007, in Krakow. This Congress comes as a fulfillment of one of the postulates formulated at the 17th General Congress of Polish Historians, which took place in September of 2004 in Krakow. Foreign historians, who were guest participants at the symposium „About us, without us” called for such a meeting and the members of the Krakow branch of the Polish Historical Society took it upon themselves to organize it.

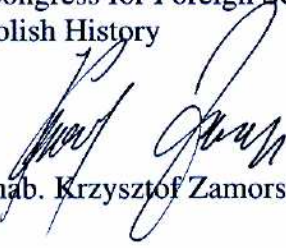
This Congress will offer an excellent opportunity to bring together all scholars of Polish history (historians, culture historians, sociologists, political scientists and archaeologists). It should facilitate future cooperation, joint research grant applications, designing joint research projects and conferences as well as publishing source materials and books. Our objective is to support international research on Polish history by recognizing the role of the neighboring countries and nations. We would like to integrate the efforts of Polish and foreign scientific centers and institutions in this research field, improve the accessibility of Polish libraries' collections, public and private archives. We plan to establish an association gathering foreign scientists and a permanent office website with information about opportunities for conducting scientific research in Poland, securing financial assistance, research grants and help in translating books into the Polish language. At this time many opportunities for such activities are opening up in Poland. We also intend to establish an award for the best book on Polish history published abroad.

There will be many opportunities at the Congress to become better acquainted. The Congress will coincide with the 750th Anniversary of granting of the Magdeburg Rights to Krakow. A multitude of events are scheduled in Krakow for this time and the city will be offering hundreds of its cafes, pubs, restaurants, artistic clubs, and all of its beauty and a special atmosphere. Our sponsors, the Krakow City Office and the Marshal's Office of the Malopolska Region made it possible for us to plan many social events during the Congress.

We are sending this invitation letter to over a thousand scholars from 50 countries. Our list is still open, however. We would appreciate your suggestions and information regarding persons, those should be invited to the Congress.

We look forward to seeing you at the Congress.

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