



Foreword

I am most happy to give you an overview of the preparations for the 13th IPO in Warsaw. In this short newsletter you will find the general information as well as a preliminary programme of this event. In case you were looking for some additional information about Poland or Warsaw we have presented you with some links to English-language websites. I look forward to meeting you in Warsaw.

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General information about the IPO in Warsaw

The 13th International Philosophy Olympiad in Warsaw is organized by The Polish Philosophical Society in cooperation with SCEK (The Warsaw Centre for Cultural Education) under the patronage of the President of Warsaw, Chancellor of Warsaw University and Polish National Commission for UNESCO.

Approximately 25 delegations of countries had been invited this year for the contest. All costs of full-board accommodation between 19th (18th in the case of non-European participants) and 23rd of May are covered by the organizers. Transport from and back to the airport will also be arranged. Please inform us about the exact time of your arrival.

The IPO participants will be accommodated in Gromada Hotel at Plac Powstańców Warszawy 2. The IPO headquarters, where the welcoming ceremony and lecture will be held, will be in SCEK (The Warsaw Centre for Cultural Education) at Jezuicka 4 street (The Old Town). It will also be the place of a permanent IPO office and information centre.

The examinations will be held on the 20th of May (Friday) in a secondary school: „Gimnazjum nr 42” Twarda Street 8/12. We have prepared a cultural and entertainment programme for all participants. The details will be presented on your arrival. You will be also informed of any other interesting events and places that you could visit in your free time.

Please remember to purchase travel insurance as the organizers cannot provide it. Mind that the weather in Warsaw in May is likely to be quite hot. Last year it was over 30°C .

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The preliminary programme

WEDNESDAY, May 18th

- Arrival of non-European IPO participants
- 18.00 p.m. facultative meeting

THURSDAY, May 19th

- till 5.00 p.m. Arrival of IPO participants
- 7.00 p.m. Welcoming and introduction of all delegations
- 7.30 p.m. Introductory lecture: Philosophy and a Dialogue Between Cultures
Speaker: Professor Jacek Hołówka.
- 8.15 p.m. Reception
- 9.15 p.m. Meeting of the heads of delegations

FRIDAY, May 20th

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Essay-writing; guided tour for teachers
- 1.30 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 p.m. Evaluation of essays starts
- 3.00 p.m. Guided tour for all students
- 6.00 p.m. Supper
- Evening programme

SATURDAY, May 21st

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9.00 – 12:00 a.m. Workshops
- 12.30 a.m. lunch
- 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. Workshops
- 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m. Free time
- 7.00 p.m. Evening in the Warsaw Opera

SUNDAY, May 22nd

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Closing ceremony
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 p.m. Sight-seeing tour for all participants/ Other options to be announced later
- 6.00 Supper

MONDAY, May 23rd: Departure of the participants

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Useful links

For some general tourist information about Poland and Warsaw please visit:

<http://www.travel-poland.pl/>

<http://www.warsawtour.pl/index.php?lang=5&id=&>

The IPO website:

www.philosopiad.org

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