



## **Foreword**

As we finally reach the end of our preparations it is my pleasure to present you with an update of the information about the IPO in Warsaw. In this newsletter we bring to you the final programme and some practical information. Attached you will find a special monitoring form for the IPO participants. Please send the requested data as soon as possible. I look forward to meeting you in Warsaw.

Jozef Niznik  
*Chairman of the IPO  
Organizing Committee*

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### Update

Eventually we have received confirmation of participation in the 13<sup>th</sup> IPO from 16 countries: Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Izrael, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania and Turkey.

We regret to inform you that prof. Bhuvan Chandel will not be able to attend this years IPO. Prof. William McBride, FISP Secretary General, will act on her behalf as the FIPS representative. Unfortunately he is able to join us from the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. That means that the selected topics will have to arrive to Warsaw from FISP in a sealed envelope which shall be opened on the meeting of the heads of delegations. We hope that these topics will reach us soon. However, in case something should go wrong we will have to be prepared to select the topics in the traditional way so we ask you to bring your topic suggestions with you.

We have decided that the workshops will be a kind of a follow up to prof. Jacek Holowka's lecture on *Philosophy and a Dialogue Between Cultures*, which he will give at the Opening Evening on May 19. We plan four parallel seminar groups which will discuss different aspects of the Olympiad's theme. These are:

- Liberalism and Cultural Rights
- Tradition and Universalism
- Dialogue and Domination
- Assimilation and Isolation

In the second part of the workshop's discussion – the same day after the lunch - we expect that each seminar group will present its conclusions at a plenary meeting.

We will have an honourable guest from UNESCO among us – Ms. Moufida Goucha, Chief of the Section for Philosophy and Human Science. We will have a good chance to discuss with her the place of the International Philosophy Olympiad in the UNESCO "Strategy for Philosophy" during a Jury meeting with her on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Please read the "Strategy for Philosophy" document (see attached).

We have launched our own website. Please visit [www.filozofia.org.pl/ipo](http://www.filozofia.org.pl/ipo)

However, we hope that earlier website will be also updated.

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## Programme of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Philosophy Olympiad

WEDNESDAY, May 18th

- Arrival of non-European IPO participants

THURSDAY, May 19th

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

FRIDAY, May 20th

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast (Hotel Gromada)
- 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Essay-writing (Twarda Street 8/12, Secondary School No 42); Warsaw sightseeing tour for teachers
- 1.30 p.m. Lunch (for students: ul. Twarda 8/12, Gimnazjum nr 42; for tutors: The Dekert Restaurant)
- 3.00 p.m. Evaluation of essays starts (SCEK)
- 3.00 p.m. Warsaw sightseeing tour for all students
- 6.00 p.m. Supper (SCEK)
- Evening programme

SATURDAY, May 21st

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast (Hotel Gromada)
- 9.00 – 12:00 a.m. Workshops (SCEK)
- 12.30 a.m. Lunch (SCEK)
- 2.30 – 4.00 p.m. Workshop conclusions (SCEK)
- 4.00 – 5.30p.m. Free time
- 5.30 p.m. Supper (SCEK)
- 7.00 p.m. Evening in the Opera: COMPAÑÍA NACIONAL DE DANZA from Madrid

SUNDAY, May 22nd

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast (Hotel Gromada)
- 10:00 a.m. Closing ceremony starts with the concert by string quartet *Post Scriptum* (The Staszic Palace)
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch (The Staszic Palace)
- 2.30 p.m. Jury meets Ms Moufida Goucha ,Chief of the Section of Philosophy and Human Sciences of UNESCO (The Staszic Palace)
- till 5.00 p.m. Free time
- 5.00 – 6.30 p.m. Guided tour in the Lazienki Park
- 7.00 p.m. Farewell Supper (The Belvedere Restaurant)

MONDAY, May 23rd: Departure of the participants

**SCEK**, Stołeczne Centrum Edukacji Kulturalnej im. Komisji Edukacji Narodowej, Jezuicka Street 4

**Hotel Gromada**, Powstańców Warszawy Square 2

**The Staszic Palace**, Nowy Świat Street 72

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## Practical Information

### ARRIVAL AND AIRPORT TRANSFER

IPO reception service will be located next to the *Hertz Rent a Car* stand at the F. Chopin Airport in Warsaw. Look for the IPO sign. Our colleagues on the airport will be happy to arrange your transport to the hotel. Please note that this will be possible only if you give us the details of your arrival. We are waiting for these information **till May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

You need tickets (polish: *bilety*) for public transport (ZTM) and should not forget to validate them when entering a bus or a streetcar. You can buy those tickets in a variety of places - in fact in most newspaper and tobacco stands. The price for a single trip adult ticket is 2, 40 PLN. Students have a 50% reduced rate.

### ACCOMMODATION

You will all be staying in Gromada Hotel (Common name is “Dom Chłopa”), which is located at the Plac Powstancow, close to the Old Town and within walking distance from the PAN-building, where the award ceremony will take place, the presidential palace and the University of Warsaw, in Krakowskie Przedmieście. The PAN-building is in Nowy Świat 72 (Staszic Palace. Staszic Palace is easy to recognize because of the seated figure of Copernicus outside (main entrance behind his back).

### WEATHER

The most recent weather forecasts indicate that we will have a relatively cool May in Poland. We do not expect, against previous assumptions, that the temperature will be very hot. Please visit <http://www.warsawtour.pl/index.php?lang=5&id=&> where you can always find a 3-day forecast for Warsaw.

### POLISH CURRENCY

Polish currency is zloty. One zloty is 100 groszy. The present exchange rate to US\$ and European Euro is about :

1\$ = 3.20 zloty

1€ = 4.20 zloty

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**IPO Participant Monitoring Form**

Language of participation (*english, french or german*):

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To help us make any reasonable adjustments which may be necessary please indicate any specific needs concerning your medical condition and dietary requirements .

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Any special wishes?

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