

THE 2005 - 2006 POST-KOSCIUSZKO CHAIR REPORT

This has been year three of the post-Kosciuszko Chair activities in Polish Studies at the Institute of World Politics: A Graduate School of National Security and International Affairs, in Washington, DC (www.iwp.edu). Between Fall 2005 and Fall 2006 we continued our projects under the leadership of Dr. Marek Jan Chodakiewicz, Professor of History and Academic Dean at IWP (<http://iwp.edu/faculty/facultyID.32/profile.asp>). Our work has progressed thanks to the generous assistance of the American Institute for Polish Culture, the Tadeusz Ungar Foundation, and other donors and benefactors, including Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Jadwiga Ungar, the Wos Family, and others.

AT IWP

The labor in the vineyards of Polish Studies proceeded concomitantly with the considerable tasks associated with IWP's efforts to achieve independent accreditation after having had a 15-year partnership with Boston University. The accreditation was officially granted to us in June 2006 by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Although he had to devote time to his duties as the Academic Dean, Dr. Chodakiewicz concentrated on Polish offerings in both his teaching and research. In those of his courses that covered other subjects, such as Geography and Strategy and Russian Politics and Foreign Policy, Polish history and current affairs as always permeated and informed his approach. For example, his course on Western Civilization and Intellectual Renaissance thinkers. Indeed, Polish historical, cultural, and intellectual components are firmly embedded in virtually all academic offerings of Dr. Chodakiewicz as well as our other Polish American professors, including Dr. John Lenczowski, Dr. David Klocek, Dr. Mark Lagon Przybyszewski, and General Walter Jajko.

It is thanks to IWP's salubrious and invigorating intellectual environment, as well as unabashed commitment to Polish Studies, that we have been able to continue to research, publish, and lecture extensively (see below).

ON THE LECTURE CIRCUIT

As usual, Dr. Chodakiewicz went beyond the IWP community to lecture about Polish history, culture, and affairs. In October 2005, at the invitation of Professor Zdzislaw Krasnodebski, he spoke about "The National Resistance Movements and Collaboration in World War 2 on the Territory of the Old Rzeczpospolita: History and Memory," at Germany's Bremen University conference on "Politics with History and Collective Memory in Public Discourses in East Central Europe." This three day event involved a dozen Lithuanian, Ukrainian, Belorussian, German, and Polish scholars participating in four seminar-style panels. The event was ably organized by Professor Krasnodebski, who heads the Chair in East Central European and Polish Studies at Bremen University and his collaborators: Dr. Stefan Garsztecki and Dr. Rüdiger Ritter. In February 2006, at the invitation of Dr. Jaime Suchlicki, Dr. Chodakiewicz spoke about "Cuba and Poland: Into the Future," at the conference on "The Polish Transition: Lessons for Cuba." The conference took place at the Institute of Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami. Mr. Janusz Bugajski, Director of New European Democracies Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, served as the other co-panelist.

The Director of Cuba in Transition Project Dr. Suchlicki served as a moderator, while Dr. Antonio Jorge of Florida International University commented upon the remarks of the panelists. Further, we heard remarks by counselor Mariusz Brymora from the Embassy of Poland and Adolfo A. Franco of the Agency for International Development. The keynote speaker at the conference was Poland's former President, Lech Walesa.

Dr. Chodakiewicz's visit in Miami coincided with the 34th International Polonaise Ball: "A Tribute to Solidarity," where he was among several persons bestowed with the Gold Medal for outstanding scholarship by the American Institute of Polish Culture. In particular, Dr. Chodakiewicz was awarded "for popularizing knowledge about Poland in America and for fostering links between Poland and the United States."

Similarly, Dr. Chodakiewicz traveled to Toronto, Canada, in March 2006 to receive

the 2005 Turzanski Foundation Award in History. He participated in a number of meetings and delivered several lectures there. These included "Between Nazis and Soviets: A Microstudy of War and Revolution, 1939- 1947," at an event which was ably organized by Professor Tamara Trojanowska at the University of Toronto; and "The Secret Police Archives in Poland and the Case of the Lustration," at The Association of Polish Veterans (SPK), Toronto. Dr. Chodakiewicz also was interviewed by the local Polonian TV station and by Andrzej Kumor of the Polish-Canadian weekly "Goniec" (Courier).

In April 2006, Dr. Chodakiewicz participated in a discussion with Dr. John Radzilowski about "The Massacre in Jedwabne, July 10, 1941." The event took place at the American Center for Polish Culture, Washington, DC. The discussion centered upon Dr. Chodakiewicz's latest monograph: *The Massacre in Jedwabne, July 10, 1941: Before, During, and After* (New York and Boulder, CO: Columbia University Press and East European Monographs, 2005). Dr. Monika Krol, who heads the Center, was most efficient in organizing the event and gracious in her hospitality.

In June 2006 Dr. Chodakiewicz delivered a new round of lectures. First, at the invitation of Professor Janusz Kurtyka, he spoke about "Polish-Jewish Relations in the 20th and 21st Centuries from the American Perspective," at The Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw. Second, Dr. Chodakiewicz lectured about "The United States, Poland, and Estonia: Public Diplomacy and Individual Efforts" at the Respublica Student Fraternity, the University of Warsaw. Third, he talked about "Homosexual Politics and Their Implications for Poland," at the Dom Technika in Poznan and the Union of Real Politics center, Warsaw. Fourth, he explained the problems of "The United States in World Politics" at US Matters Graduate Student Club, Jagiellonian University in Cracow.

In addition to lecturing, Dr. Chodakiewicz also researched while in Poland. He further met with Polish scholars, journalists, and government officials. Among other things, we discussed the possibility of carrying out a joint research project between the IWP and the Institute of National Re-

membrance. Many thanks to our 2005 Summer Fellow Dr. Piotr Gontarczyk, who now serves as the deputy head archivist at the IPN, Witold Dzielski (IWP Spring Fellow, 2006), Wojciech Muszynski (UVA, Kosciuszko Chair Visiting Fellow, 2003), Sebastian Bojemski (UVA, Kosciuszko Chair, 2002), Dariusz Grzybek, and many others who facilitated these engagements.

Following his return, in July, Dr. Chodakiewicz spoke about "Japan: From the Origins through the Tokugawa Shogunate" at the Nichiren Buddhist Community Center, Springfield, VA. The speech contained some comparativist elements. Some parallels were made with Poland, in particular as far as the szlachta (nobility) and the samurai are concerned. Next, also in July, Dr. Chodakiewicz lectured at IWP about "The Collapse of Communism and Its Aftermath: The Case of the Secret Police in East Central Europe."

Last but not least, for a week in July 2006, Dr. Chodakiewicz participated in the Polish-Canadian program "Poland in the Rockies," at Canmore, Alberta, Canada. Aside



Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz, Amb. Aldona Wos,

Dr. John Leczowski

from daily formal and informal activities with the participating undergraduate and graduate north American students (mostly of Polish descent but not exclusively), Dr. Chodakiewicz delivered three major lectures: "Poland and Post-Soviet Russia," "Interwar Poland, 1918-1939," and "Poland in World War II and Its Aftermath." The program participants included Professor Tamara Trojanowska (University of Toronto), Professor Karin Friedrich (University College of London), Stan Oziewicz (a Globe and Mail editor), Professor Robert Frost

(University of Aberdeen), Andrew Nagorski (senior editor at Newsweek), and others. Special thanks to Tony Muszynski, Irene Tomaszewski, and others for fantastically organizing this very valuable and inspiring retreat; and to Szmon and Krystyna Apanowicz and others for their hospitality.

OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS

As always, between Fall 2005 and Fall 2006, IWP hosted a number of Polish and Polish-American scholars, cultural figures, and leaders. Most significantly IWP bestowed an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at our 2006 Commencement to Dr. Aldona Wos, US Ambassador to Estonia, who was thus recognized for her pathbreaking achievements in public diplomacy. Among some of the other outstanding individuals we received here at IWP were: Alexandra Wankowicz, a conservative editor and pundit; Dr. Monika Krol of the American Center for Polish Culture in Washington, DC.; Dr. Adam Kolasinski of Los Angeles, a Columbia University graduate and a freshly minted Ph.D. in economics at MIT; Pawel Chudzicki, a Yale graduate and prominent

Chicago attorney; Dr. Michael Szporer of the University of Maryland; and Dr. Michael Speidel of Boston, who heads the American University in Poland (AUP) project.

We also welcomed Poland's veteran anti-Communist dissidents Anna Walentynowicz, Krzysztof Wyszowski, and Antoni Macierewicz. They were in town to accept a medal from The Victims of Communism Foundation which is headed by IWP's Professor Lee Edwards. In addition, both in

2005 and 2006 we met with several Polish government officials and we continue cultivating cordial links with them. Further, we were visited by several representatives of the Polish media, including TV-1, iTVN, and the newspaper Dziennik. A few Polish journalists routinely approach us for assistance and commentary.

In Spring 2006 we hosted two new interns and students from Poland. We augur a brilliant future in particular for Witold Dzielski, an ABD at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, who worked at IWP under Professor Juliana Geran Pilon.

We are looking to many more Polish and Polonian adventures in the coming academic year.

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