



May 12, 2010

Lady Blanka Rosenstiel  
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Dear Lady Blanka:

I am pleased to inform you that The Institute of World Politics has made progress in our fundraising drive for the Kosciuszko Chair. We have maintained both written and e-mail communications with thousands of donors and potential donors, visited scores of prospective donors, and attended various functions and delivered presentations to popularize the mission of the Chair.

So far we have collected almost \$150,000 toward matching the \$1 million challenge grant for the Chair. Further, we have maintained close relationships with various donors and foundations, including most notably the Ungar Foundation, which has contributed ongoing support to subsidize the work of our Chair holder, Prof. Marek Chodakiewicz. Several of our donors have either already put us in their wills or promised to do so. One of them has indicated his intention to leave \$750,000.00 to us. We have identified several corporations that have been doing significant business in Poland as possible contributors. And most recently, we have received a pledge for a challenge grant of \$450,000 by a major donor to help us meet the original \$1 million challenge.

This progress has been made in the context of the severe market downturn which has imposed a special challenge on all non-profit institutions that depend on charitable giving. In the midst of these uncertain economic times, the Institute has overcome the reduction in foundation grants precipitated by the decline in foundation endowments. We have done so by intensified fundraising and student recruitment. As a result of the latter effort, IWP has enjoyed a 40 percent increase in enrollment this academic year!

We look forward to reaching our goal to complete the Kosciuszko Chair. We are honored to have been given the privilege of this challenge.

With deep appreciation,

Sincerely,

John Lenczowski  
Founder and President

# Kościuszko Chair 2008-2009 Report

## Introduction

After years of friendship with and support from The American Institute of Polish Culture, in June of 2008, the Kościuszko Chair of Polish Studies was formally introduced at The Institute of World Politics, a graduate school of national security and international affairs in Washington, D.C. IWP Academic Dean and Kościuszko Professor of Polish Studies Dr. Marek Jan Chodakiewicz has continued to study, lecture, and write about Polish culture, history, and Poland's role in world affairs.

The work of this Chair is made possible by the generous support of many donors, such as the American Institute for Polish Culture; the Tadeusz Ungar Foundation; personal friends and relatives, including Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Adam Bąk, Ava Polansky Bąk, Professor Iwo and Dr. Magdalena Pogonowski, John and Renata Niemczyk, Zdzisław and Zofia Zakrzewski, Bogdan Chmielewski, Krzysztof Matyszczak, the Woś Family; and many others.

Other friends and helpers to whom the Kościuszko Chair is indebted include Professor Maria Michejda (North Potomac, MD), Joanna Mieszko Wiorkiewicz of Berlin; Dr. Richard Tyndorf (Toronto); Professor Ewa Thompson of Rice University, Professor Peter Stachura (University of Stirling), Professor John Radziłowski (University of Alaska Southeast), Professors Maria and Marian Pospieszalski (Charlottesville, VA), Wanda Urbanski (Mount Airy, NC), Captain Stefan Komar (New York), and Poland's Dr. Janusz Kurtyka, Dr. Jan Żaryn, Sebastian Bojemski, Wojciech Jerzy Muszyński, Jakub Brodacki, Dr. Sławomir Cenckiewicz, Dr. Piotr Gontarczyk, Rev. Andrew Ostaszewski, Mr. Jan Malek, Countess Alexandra Wankowicz, Countess Jadwiga Krasicka, Dr. Janusz A. Subczynski, Dr. Sebastian Gorka (of the National Defense University and of the Joint Special

Operations University), Elisabeth Wasiutynski and her son John, Count Nikita Cheremeteff and Countess Maiko Cheremeteff, Pawel and Dorota Chudzicki, and many others.

At The Institute of World Politics, many staff members help make the work of this chair not only possible, but successful and smoothly running. Special thanks must go to Jim Holmes, Charles Van Someren, Chris Fulford, Lucie Adamski, Mallorie Marino, Agnieszka Buda, and Mirek Lawrynowicz.

## Activities in the Media and the Community

Dr. Chodakiewicz continues to represent Polish Christians in his capacity as a Presidential appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, and has done so particularly at its December 2008 and April 2009 meetings.

He has published numerous articles since the inauguration of the Kościuszko Chair, one of which, on the subject of genocide prevention, appeared in the January/February issue of the magazine *Serviam*. Meanwhile, he continues to be a weekly contributor to the libertarian conservative *It is the Highest Time!*, posted at <http://nczas.com>; writes a permanent column for the publication *Solidarity Weekly*, <http://www.tygodniksolidarnosc.com>; and edits the bi-weekly newsletter "Eurasia, etc." He maintains a Polish language blog at <http://www.chodakiewicz.salon24.pl/>, and sits on the advisory board of Warsaw periodical of historical and social issues entitled *Glaukopis: Pismo Społeczno-historyczne*. This year, Dr. Chodakiewicz is finishing a monograph entitled, *Intermarium: The Eastern Borderlands of the West*. This book describes both the history of the area on the Baltic States and interwar Poland's former eastern provinces (an area that traditionally defended Western civilization), as well as the way this region was





Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz

influenced during the Nazi and Soviet occupations during World War II.

Dr. Chodakiewicz has also contributed an extensive scholarly introduction to a new collection of translated poems written by Polish prisoners of the Soviet gulag. The work, entitled *Polish Poetry from the Soviet Gulags: Recovering a Lost Literature*, edited by Halina Ablamowicz, is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). According to the publisher, Edwin Mellen Press, "By translating a selection of poems written by Polish survivors [Ms. Ablamowicz] brings to English-speaking readers a riveting picture of the horror of the Siberian gulags."

Dr. Chodakiewicz has spent time supporting Dr. Tomek Sommer's bid, as a *Libertas* candidate, for the EU Parliament, and was present in May 2009 when Dr. Sommer was being interviewed by various Polish TV stations at Lafayette Park, in front of the White House and the statue of Tadeusz Kościuszko.

In March, Dr. Chodakiewicz was pleased to endorse the Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum, and to meet with Stefan Wisniowski, President of Kresy-Siberia Foundation.

Dr. Chodakiewicz has also been interviewed several times during the past year, both for print media and film. In February 2009, he was interviewed by Andrzej Dobrowolski, the Editor of Polish Daily News, or "Nowy Dziennik," for an article entitled "Nie ma tematów tabu," and also by Paweł Bialic of White Eagle Media, for an article entitled, "Polska katedra w Waszyngtonie."

In May 2009, along with IWP President Dr. John Lenczowski, Dr. Chodakiewicz was interviewed by Adam Chmielecki and Mr. Tadeusz Smiarowski on the topic of martial law in Poland from 1981-1989. His comments were incorporated into a documentary on Ambassador F. Romuald Spasowski (1921-1995) for Polish TV.

## Lectures

Dr. Chodakiewicz has been delivering lectures around United States on Polish history and culture, while incorporating aspects of these subjects as vital elements in his courses at The Institute of World Politics: Genocide and Genocide Prevention, Geography and Strategy, and Russian Politics and Foreign Policy.

In November 2008, at the Kościuszko Chair unveiling ceremony at IWP, Dr. Chodakiewicz delivered a lecture on "Poland, the US, and the Transformation, 1985-2008."

That same month, after attending a mass celebrated in honor of Poland's 90th anniversary by His Excellency William J. Justice, the Bishop of the San Francisco Archdiocese, Dr. Chodakiewicz delivered a lecture on "Poland and the Poles: November 11 Remembered," for the Polish American Congress,



Statue of General Kosciuszko in Lafayette Park in front of the White House.



Northern California Division, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco.

In December 2008, Dr. Chodakiewicz contributed his expertise on Eastern Europe and Russia to a panel discussion on *National Review Online* concerning recent geopolitically significant actions by Russia. Dr. Chodakiewicz also gave a lecture at an IWP special event at Colorado Christian College in May 2009 on "Islam and the West: A Continuous Encounter."

In June 2009, Dr. Chodakiewicz gave several lectures as a part of the IWP Brown Bag Lecture Series, including "Research and Writing Methodology," "Hubal: Guerrilla Warfare in Poland (Part I)," and "Defiance: Guerrilla Warfare in Poland (Part II)."

Dr. Chodakiewicz also spreads the good word about IWP and the Kościuszko Chair while lecturing as an adjunct professor at Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, VA. In both fall 2008 and spring 2009, Dr. Chodakiewicz taught International Relations there. During his lectures at PHC, he spoke at length about the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth incorporating many explanations of Polish history, particularly during the Second World War and the struggle against Communism.

### Guests at IWP

The Kościuszko Chair at The Institute of World Politics hosted esteemed scholars, government officials, and other leaders in Polish and world affairs. One such guest, the Hon. Victor Ashe, U.S. Ambassador to Poland, addressed a standing-room-only group of students, faculty, and friends on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Ambassador Ashe, one of the longest-serving ambassadors in the U.S. diplomatic community, addressed many questions of U.S. relations with Poland, including matters related to Poland's membership in the European Union and NATO.

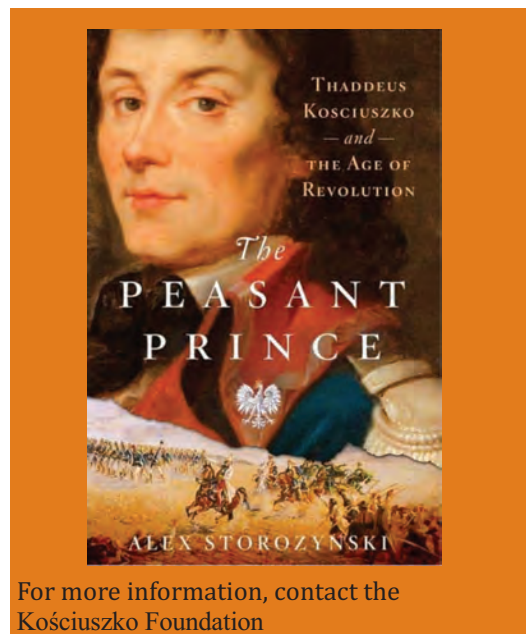
Another recent guest at IWP was Ambassador Aldona Woś, a supporter of the Kościuszko Chair. On Thursday, April 16, 2009, she spoke about her personal experiences and thoughts on public diplomacy, particularly regarding her time as the U.S. Ambassador to Estonia from 2004 to late 2006. Attendees enjoyed her anecdotes, humor, and intelligent analysis of the importance of public diplomacy.



Dr. John Lenczowski, Ambassador Aldona Woś with IWP Interns

The Kościuszko Chair was also pleased to host Pawel and Dorota Chudzicki in September; Paul Allen, the author of *Katyn: Stalin's Massacre and the Seeds of Polish Resurrection*, also in September; Lukasz Michalski at IWP in October; Mr. Pawel A. Stefanski and Mr. Waldemar Izdebski of the Jan Karski Institute in February; Marcin Roszkowski from the National Bank of Poland in March; and Gerry and Anna Maier also in March.

He also met with Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and Hugh Dempsey at the John Paul II Center in Washington, D.C. in March 2009. Last but not least, Dr. Chodakiewicz was happy to host candidate for EU Parliament Dr. Tomasz Sommer in May. Thank you again to all the benefactors, friends, staff, and interns who make possible the Kościuszko Chair at IWP – without you, this Chair could not do the great work it does in spreading appreciation for and understanding of the rich history and culture of Poland.



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