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The 46th Session of the Standing Conference of Polish Museums, Archives, and Libraries Abroad to Take Place in Chicago

Chicago, September 24-28, 2024 – The 46th Session of the Standing Conference of Polish Museums, Archives, and Libraries Abroad (Muzeów, Archiwów i Bibliotek Polskich na Zachodzie, MABPZ) will soon commence in Chicago. This highly anticipated event will gather representatives from institutions worldwide dedicated to preserving Polish heritage. The theme for this year’s conference is: “National Anniversaries in the Collections of MABPZ Institutions.”

Held at the Polish Museum of America, participants will delve into the rich cultural and historical resources housed at the museum, as well as its accompanying Library and Archives. Delegates will have the opportunity to exchange knowledge, attend engaging lectures, and participate in discussions focusing on key initiatives that sustain and promote Polish culture abroad. **Media is invited to the opening session on Wednesday, September 25 at 6 PM, and on Thursday, September 26, 9am – 1pm for public presentations.**

In addition to conference proceedings, delegates will embark on a curated tour of selected Polish churches in Chicago, visit the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland, and pay tribute to significant national monuments.

This prestigious event brings together key cultural and academic institutions from around the world, including:

- Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland
- State Archives (Lublin)
- Archives of the Polish Catholic Mission in England and Wales (London)
- National Library (Warsaw)
- Polish Library (Paris)
- Ignacy Domeyko Polish Library (Buenos Aires)
- Polish Library POSK (London)
- Kosciuszko Foundation (New York)
- Foundation for the Memorial Museum of the Polish II Corps (Monte Cassino)
- J. Z. Umiastowska Roman Foundation (Rome)
- Józef Piłsudski Institute of America (New York)
- Institute of National Remembrance (Warsaw)
- Piłsudski Institute in London
- Institute Polonika (Warsaw)
- Kościuszko Museum (Solothurn)
- Polish Museum (Rapperswil)
- Polish Museum of America (Chicago)
- State Archives Head Office (Warsaw)
- Polish Music Center USC Thornton (Los Angeles)
- Polish Institute of Culture & Research (Orchard Lake)
- Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences in Canada - Wanda Stachiewicz Polish Library (Montreal)
- Porta Polonica - Documentation Center for the Culture and History of the Poles in Germany (Bochum)
- Polish Army Veterans' Association in America (New York)
- Jagiellonian University (Kraków)
- Church and Hospice of St. Stanislaus the Bishop and Martyr in Rome

The annual Standing Conference serves as an essential platform for Polish heritage institutions to collaborate, strengthen their global network, and celebrate shared achievements. This year's theme, focused on national anniversaries, promises to highlight how Polish history has been commemorated and preserved within these collections.

We invite you to participate and follow the coverage of this exceptional event!

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