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Dear Lady Blanka:

This past school year was very successful for both The Institute of World Politics and The Kościuszko Chair for Polish Studies (KCPS). It was marked by record enrollments, deepening relationships with U.S. government agencies and the armed forces which are sending their personnel to study with us, and a series of excellent Kościuszko Chair events. I even had the chance to promote The Kościuszko Chair in presentations in Canada and Poland.

Prominent among our events was the Third Annual Kościuszko Chair Lecture on November 6, 2010 delivered by Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz, our Chair holder. His topic, based on his forthcoming path-breaking book, was *Intermarium: The Eastern Borders of the West, Transformed*. Then, on May 21, we hosted our First Annual Kościuszko Chair Spring Symposium whose topic was *Current Issues in Polish and Central-Eastern European Affairs*. Events for the Chair have been very popular and well received.

We are making good progress in our fundraising for the Chair. As of today we have collected \$223,000 and have \$374,000 in pledges for a total of \$598,000 toward matching the \$1 million challenge grant. We are continuing to build relationships with prospective donors and several have included us in their wills. Our growth is advancing despite an uncertain economy and the decline in many donor portfolios.

IWP began this fall with one of our largest incoming classes as well as the arrival of two Army Colonels who are studying strategy and statecraft with us as "Senior War College Fellows." One has completed all but his dissertation toward a PhD at MIT, and the second has served as General David Petraeus' public affairs officer. We are one of only a dozen academic institutions in America qualified by the Army to host such officers in this capacity.

This fall we have scheduled an unprecedented number of Kościuszko Chair events, including:

- September 15:** Co-sponsorship of the Katyn Conference in Congress: "Katyn – Unfinished Inquiry"
- September 17:** KCPS Military Event honoring the famous Kościuszko 303 Squadron
- November 12:** KCPS Fourth Annual Kościuszko Chair Lecture (details at www.iwp.edu)

Meanwhile, Dr. Chodakiewicz will continue his extraordinary scholarship with its many salutary effects, including the defense of Poland's reputation against hostile attacks, setting the historical record straight, inspiring appreciation for Poland's culture, traditions, and its commitment to the defense of liberty; the combined effects of these things on Polish American relations; and the defense of an independent Poland.

We will keep working to reach our funding goal for the Kościuszko Chair. Let me reiterate my gratitude to you, the American Institute of Polish Culture, and to all the many benefactors who have made our work possible. With deep appreciation,

Sincerely,

John Lenczowski
Founder and President

The Kościuszko Chair in 2010-2011

Dr. Marek Jan Chodakiewicz



The Kościuszko Chair in Polish Studies at the Institute of World Politics, currently held by Prof. Marek Chodakiewicz, may boast of a plethora of achievements over this past year. The Kościuszko Chair has made contributions in several realms, including the publication of books and articles on the history of Poland in particular, and Central and Eastern Europe in general, as well as the hosting of events addressing important issues related to the region.

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 that it does in spreading appreciation for and understanding of the rich history and culture of Poland.

Guests at IWP

The Kościuszko Chair at The Institute of World Politics hosted many esteemed scholars, government officials, and other leaders in Polish and world affairs. This past spring, for example, the Institute welcomed its new Visiting Research Fellow, Dr. Adam Szafrński. Dr. Szafrński is a Polish junior academic and university instructor affiliated with the Faculty of Law and Administration at Warsaw University. While conducting his research here in Washington, DC, Dr. Szafrński was particularly interested in studying the relationship between the national government and the public and private energy sectors.

The Kościuszko Chair was also pleased to host such guests as Professor Agnieszka Gerwel from Princeton University in November; IWP Donor Paweł Chudzicki and DC Polish Consul Michał Sikorski, in May, as well as Dr. Janusz Romanski; and Mateusz Stasiak in No-



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vember, who is a former Transatlantic Diplomatic Fellow at the Department of State and now works for the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

Publications

Throughout this time Prof. Chodakiewicz has been working on a forthcoming monograph on the *Intermarium (Międzymorze)*, i.e. the lands located between the Baltic and Black Seas and encompassing modern-day Poland, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. These territories were united under a single scepter by the Jagiellonian Dynasty and, for several centuries, constituted the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (*Rzeczpospolita*), the eastern borderland and bastion of Western Civilization. The multi-cultural Commonwealth exerted a significant influence on its numerous ethnic and religious groups and imbued their elites with a common political culture. The *Rzeczpospolita*, Prof. Chodakiewicz argues, was, not unlike the United States, a rather successful experiment in implementing the principle of “*E pluribus unum*” (“*Out of many, one*”), a couple of centuries prior to the founding of this

country. The powers which partitioned the Polish-Lithuanian state – Prussia, Austria, and Russia – and, later, especially the Communists, strove to discredit and expunge the legacy of the *Rzeczpospolita*, a dangerous alternative political paradigm. Yet, in spite of their efforts, more or less vague conceptions of the old Commonwealth remain embedded – however subconsciously - in the historical memories of the nationalities of the *Intermarium*. According to Prof. Chodakiewicz, the recovery of this historical memory may serve to heal wounds and bring greater political stability to this part of the world.

The efforts of the Kościuszko Chair also bore fruit in the publication of a ground-breaking new study, *Złote serca, czy Złote Żniwa. Studia nad wojennymi losami Polaków i Żydów (Hearts of Gold or a Golden Harvest? Studies on the Wartime Fate of Poles and Jews)*. The concept, theoretical framework, and introductory anchor-essay were provided by Prof. Chodakiewicz. The Kościuszko Chair’s research assistant, Mr. Paweł Styrna, also contributed a scholarly essay to the volume. *Hearts of Gold or a Golden Harvest?* offers a logo-centric

analysis of Polish-Jewish relations during the Holocaust. Neither heroism nor collaboration, the authors argue, were the norm in Nazi-occupied Poland. Rather, German terror generated an accommodationist stance. Yet, this does not rule out sympathy for the victims of the Holocaust. The book is an attempt to transcend collectivistic paradigms, inevitably based on stereotypes, in favor of a more individualistic approach. The Polish-language edition of this work was published in Poland in March by "The Facto" publishing. The English edition is forthcoming, but the English language synopsis of the book is available at: <http://heartsofgoldpl.com/>

In addition, Prof. Chodakiewicz has co-edited (along with Dr. Wojciech Jerzy Muszyński) *Żeby Polska była polska (Let Poland be Polish)*, an anthology of the nationalist camp's underground press during the years 1939-1950. He has published new editions of his books on Polish attitudes towards the Civil War in Spain, *Expropriated Memory: The War in Spain, 1936-1939*, and *Ejszyszki: A Pogrom That Never Was*. The Chair's research assistant, Mr. Paweł Styrna, has also been working on a monograph of The New York Times' attitude towards Poland covering the entire span of the daily's existence.

Furthermore, Prof. Chodakiewicz has published several articles and essays on numerous subjects, including: property restitution; Stalinist apologists in post-Soviet Russia; the writings of Józef Mackiewicz; Poland's former Prime Minister, Jan Olszewski; Russian agents in the US; and the Smolensk plane

crash. Prof. Chodakiewicz often makes contributions to several daily journals as well, including *Rzeczpospolita Polska* and *Dziennik Polski*, along with contributions to the English-Polish historical and political periodical *Glaukopis*.

Events and Lectures

At the Institute in June, Ms. Alice Fainlich presented an informative and heartfelt review of the memoirs of her father, Stefan Waydenfeld, the entirety of which can be found in his book entitled, *The Ice Road: An Epic Journey from the Stalinist Labor Camps to Freedom*, published by Aquila Polonica (U.S.) Ltd. For more information about this book, please see: <http://www.polandww2.com/ice-road/the-ice-road>

Over this past year, the Kościuszko Chair also organized two major lectures on the history and current issues in Central and Eastern Europe. Both events successful and attracted many guests.

The first lecture took place on Saturday, November 6, 2010, at the Institute, where Prof. Chodakiewicz delivered the Third Annual Kościuszko Chair Lecture on *The Intermarium: The Eastern Borderlands of the West*. The presentation set the background for Prof. Chodakiewicz's forthcoming monograph on the Intermarium. A more detailed description of the event may be accessed here:

More recently, on Saturday, May 21, 2011, the Institute of World Politics hosted the First Annual Kościuszko Chair Spring Symposium. Special catering was provided by our donors, Adam

and Ava Bak. The Event was dedicated to *Current Issues in Polish and Central-Eastern European Affairs*. The four topics discussed were: energy security and independence; property rights and restitution; the situation of national and ethnic minorities in post-communist countries; and the Smolensk air disaster of April 10, 2010. Visiting fellow affiliated with Warsaw University's Law Department, Dr. Adam Szafranski, discussed energy issues. Professors Juliana Geran Pilon and Marek Chodakiewicz addressed property restitution in post-communist states while Dr. Tania Mastrapa, Secretary of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), contributed a comparison of the status of property rights in Cuba and Venezuela. Ms. Lucie Adamski, a PhD candidate at Catholic University, spoke about the situation of the Polish minority in post-Soviet Lithuania. Last but not least, Dr. S. Eugene Poteat addressed the technical side of the Smolensk plane crash whilst Mr. Paweł Styrna illuminated the diplomatic aspect of the situation.

Outside of the Institute, Prof. Chodakiewicz has attended various events and given several lectures such as attending the Annual International Polonaise Ball in Miami hosted by The American Institute of Polish Culture in March; lecturing at The Consulate General of Poland in New York for the Association of Polish-American Engineers in May; lecturing for the Polish Army Veterans Association of America in New York in June; attending the Kościuszko Foundation Ball in New York; and attending a public commemoration of Smolensk in New York in April. Prof. Chodakiewicz also assisted in facilitating a trip to Poland in April for IWP President, Prof. John Lenczowski, who gave a presentation to the Management Board at Bank Zachodni WBK S.A. on understanding the complexity of diplomatic tools and how these tools can affect the economy for businesses interested in practicing statecraft.

As part of the Kościuszko Chair program, IWP President John Lenczowski traveled to Ottawa in February, where he delivered the annual keynote address to the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in Canada on the topic of "Poland, the Principles of Liberty, and the Defense of Western Civilization." He also met with senior members of Parliament, as well



Dr. Tania Mastrapa, Dr. Robert Joskowiak

as senior officials of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, to discuss the airplane catastrophe which decapitated Poland's senior leadership in Smolensk. Dr. Lenczowski also traveled to Poland in May, where he addressed the board of directors of one Poland's largest banks to discuss optimal ways for Poland to conduct its economic, energy security and national security policies. He also addressed the Sobieski Institute in Warsaw on similar subjects. Amongst his recommendations were for Poland to gain energy independence from Russia by developing its vast newly discovered stores of shale gas and to adopt new pathbreaking nuclear energy technologies, which offer unprecedented safety and efficiency.

In September, he delivered the opening remarks at a conference on the Katyń Forest Massacre that was held in the House of Representatives and was co-sponsored by the Kościuszko Chair at IWP. He also gave the keynote speech at the 74th Annual Pulaski Parade Grand Marshals Banquet in New York City.

Films

In October 2010, Prof. Chodakiewicz, along with IWP's Founder and President, Prof. John Lenczowski, and IWP Professor Emeritus, Herbert Romerstein, contributed to the Polish documentary *New Poland*, aired on TVP Historia. The film dealt with the Soviet penetration of the Roosevelt administration during the Second World War and the communist influence operation to "sell" the Sovietization of Poland to the American public. Prof. Chodakiewicz also screened the film *Katyn*, directed by Andrzej Wajda, at the Institute in June.

Other Initiatives

In May 2011, the Institute launched the 303 Squadron Club, a donor association to support the Kościuszko Chair. The club's members demonstrate their support by pledging a minimum of \$50 per month, i.e. \$600 annually. The Club also provides an opportunity to disseminate facts about the true extent of Poland's contribution to the Allied victory against

Nazi Germany during the Second World War. In coordination with Aquila Polonica (U.S.) Ltd., the Kościuszko Chair shall host an event in September to promote the publishing company's recent book release entitled, *303 Squadron: The Legendary Battle of Britain Fighter Squadron* by Arkady Fiedler. For more information about this book, please see: <http://www.polandww2.com/303-squadron/303-squadron>

Main Goals for 2011/2012

The Kościuszko Chair of Polish Studies at IWP will continue to contribute to the field of Polish Studies. In the near future, we intend to host the Fourth Annual Kościuszko Chair Lecture, during the autumn of 2011, and the Second Annual Kościuszko Chair Spring Symposium, in the spring of 2012. We are also preparing three works for publication: Prof. Chodakiewicz's *Intermarium*, the English-language edition of *Hearts of Gold or a Golden Harvest?*, and Mr. Paweł Styrna's monograph on *The New York Times* and Poland. ☺

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