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"Poland is looking for heroes", a lecture by Prof Krzysztof Szwagrzyk - La Ferté-sous-Jouarre near Paris, 21 September 2018





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On 21 September 2018, Prof. Krzysztof Szwaagrzyk, Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance, participated in the Fourth Congress of the clubs of "Gazeta Polska" in Western Europe, which took place at the Home of the Polish Catholic Mission in La Ferté-sous-Jouarre near Paris. During the congress, in connection with the 100th anniversary of Polish Independence, Professor Szwaagrzyk delivered a lecture entitled "Poland is looking for heroes", devoted to the work carried out by the Office of Search and Identification of the Institute of National Remembrance. IPN's mission and one of the main tasks is to search for the burial places of people who lost their lives as a result of

the struggle against the imposed totalitarian regime or as a result of totalitarian repression or ethnic cleansing between 8 November 1917 and 31 July 1990.

Fourth Congress of the clubs of "Gazeta Polska" was opened by Andrzej Woda, chairman of "Gazeta Polska" in Paris. After the lecture by Tomasz Łysiak, devoted to Poland's road towards Independence, professor Krzysztof Szwagrzyk presented the tasks facing the Institute of National Remembrance, the history of the Office of Search and Identification, current projects and research status, as well as the difficulties encountered and prospects for future ventures in Poland and abroad. In his speech he stressed the special role of volunteers taking part in the work. The lecture of the professor met with the friendly interest of the audience, who asked about the upcoming ceremony during which we will learn the names of more heroes identified by the Institute of National Remembrance.

The introduction about the current geopolitical situation was made by Tomasz Sakiewicz, editor-in-chief of "Gazeta Polska".

During the Congress, a solemn Mass for Homeland on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Independence was held in the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Paris. During the mass as a token of gratitude, a gift of the Polish community from all over the world, was given to the Blessed Virgin Mary for intercession for Poland.

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