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25th Anniversary of creating The Fighting Solidarity Organization, June 14-17



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The Fighting Solidarity Organization (FSO) founded in June 1982 in Wrocław by Kornel Morawiecki, soon spread its activity to other regions of Poland. FSO was set up by those activists of Polish underground who did not agree with the moderate program of the main underground structures represented by Provisional Coordinating Commission (Tymczasowa Komisja Koordynacyjna). FSO gathered advocates of radical actions and determined fight with the communist system. FSO used to print ca. 100 underground newspapers, organized numerous street demonstations, FSO's radio broadcasted hundreds of programs in many Polish towns. FSO also actively supported opposition and independence movements in the USSR.

FSO openly claimed "we want to stripe this government of power". It was second biggest underground organization in the 80s (trade union "Solidarity" was the biggest). Its important role in the struggle with communist system was forgotten after 1989.

The aim of the anniversary events is to recall memory of The Fighting Solidarity Organization and its members after 25 years.

Program:

June 14, Warsaw

12.00 – Opening of Exhibition "Fighting Solidarity" – Polish and English version (open until June 29) at Pasaż Wiecha in Warsaw (between Złota

and Chmielna streets)

14.00–19.00 – International Scientific Conference "The Free and the Solidary" ("Wolni i Solidarni") at the palace of Culture and Science (PKiN)

June 15, Warsaw 9.00–13.45 – International Scientific Conference "The Free and the Solidary" ("Wolni i Solidarni") at the palace of Culture and Science (PKiN)

June 16, Wroclaw 11.00–14.00 – International Scientific Conference "The Free and the Solidary" ("Wolni i Solidarni") at the palace of Culture and Science (PKiN)

June 17, Wroclaw 13.00–16.00 – International Scientific Conference "The Free and the Solidary" ("Wolni i Solidarni") at the palace of Culture and Science (PKiN) 16.00–18.30 – International seminar "Situation of Poles in the Countries

Formed after the Fall of USSR".

For more information about the anniversary and accompanying events check also <u>Polish version</u> and <u>www.sw.org.pl</u>

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