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International scientific conference “The Poles and the British faced with the outbreak of the Second World War” - London, 27-28 September 2019

On the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Polish Underground State the IPN would like to send out its invitation to an international scientific conference: “The Poles and the British faced with the outbreak of the Second World War”.

The international scientific conference " The Poles and British faced with the outbreak of World War II" began in London. The symposium on the 80th anniversary of the creation of the Polish Underground State was organized by the Institute of National Remembrance, the Embassy

of the Republic of Poland in London, the POSK Polish Library in London and the Polish Underground Movement Study Trust. The meeting was opened by the Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance Jan Baster and the Polish Ambassador in London Arkady Rzegocki.

- "Polish-British relations were of great importance, especially to the Polish side, both in 1939 and later on during the war. It was here, in London, that from June 1940 till the end of the war our highest

authorities were based.” – Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance during the opening of the conference.

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The organizers of the event are:

- The Institute of National Remembrance – Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation

- The Embassy of the Republic of Poland in London

- The POSK Polish Library in London

- The Polish Underground Movement Study Trust in London

THE POLES AND THE BRITISH FACED WITH THE OUTBREAK OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR – CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

27 September 2019

The Embassy of the Republic of Poland (47 Portland Place, London, W1B 1JH)

10.00-12.30

1. Professor Marek Kornat, Ph.D. – "Polish-British Relations in the Summer of 1939."

2. Andrzej Suchcitz, Ph.D. – "Polish-British Military Relations in the Summer of 1939."

3. Grzegorz Bębnik, Ph.D. – "The Outset of the War on the Polish-German Border. The Case of the Silesian Province."

4. Paul Latawski, Ph.D. – "The Seeds of Defeat. An evaluation of Polish High Military Command in 1939."

5. Professor Rafał Habielski, Ph.D. – "Polish Media Coverage and Public Opinion on Polish-British Relations (between March and August 1939)."

12.30-13.00 Coffee break

13.00-15.30

1. Wojciech Mazur, Ph.D. – "Poland's 1939 Purchases of Military

Equipment in Great Britain.”

2. Steven Kippax, Ph.D. – "Brigadier-General Colin Gubbins’ 1939 Activities as Groundwork Laid for Later Polish-British Cooperation.”

3. Declan O’Reilly, Ph.D. – "The SOE and Poland in the years 1940-1945. Financial and logistic issues.”

4. Andrzej Chmielarz, Ph.D. – "Plans to Establish Air Communication with Occupied Poland in the French Period (1939-1940)”

5. Waldemar Grabowski, Ph.D. – "Lost Opportunity – The LOT Airline in 1939.”

28 September 2019, POSK (238-246 King Street, London, W6 ORF)

10.00-12.30

1. Professor Grzegorz Mazur, Ph.D. – "The Formation Process of Polish Underground in the South of the Country.”

2. Professor Bogdan CHrzanowski, Ph.D. – "The Gestapo vs. Polish Underground State in Pomerania.”

3. Professor Piotr Niwiński, Ph.D. – "Document-Forging Cell of Vilnius.”

4. Karolina Trzeskowska-Kubasik, Ph.D. – "Operation N as Part of the Home Army Activities."

5. Renata Król-Mazur, Ph.D. – "An Armenian in the Polish Army – "Major Melik Somchjanc's Paths in the Second World War."

12.30-13.00 Coffee break

13.00-15.30

A panel debate on the publication of „Armia Krajowa w dokumentach 1939-1945" [*The Home Army in 1939-1945 Records*], the new source documents edition, with the participation of Eugenia Maresch, Andrzej Suchcitz, PhD., Prof. Grzegorz Mazur, Ph.D., Prof. Bogdan Chrzanowski, Ph.D., and Andrzej Chmielarz, Ph.D., moderated by Waldemar Grabowski, Ph.D.

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