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International Scientific Conference „Archeology of Terror”





The conference „Archeology of Terror” was organized by Estonian Heritage Society and it took place in Tallin on October 20-21. The event was part of a European Union sponsored project „Mass repressions and deportations from Estonia 1939-1945”. Participants from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Hungary and Poland delivered lectures and presented audiovisual materials regarding exhumations.

The lecture by Dr. Sławomir Kalbarczyk (Chief Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation Exhumation as a Source of Knowledge about Crimes Committed by Soviet Occupants on Polish Citizens was delivered by Dr. Janusz Wróbel (Public Education Office, IPN Branch Office in Łódź).

At the conference the Estonian Heritage Society presented photos and documentaries on research expeditions aiming at finding the grave of Konstantin Päts, the last pre-war president of Estonia, who had been

imprisoned by Soviet authorities in a mental institute.

The main aim of the conference was to exchange experience of the scientists from Central-Eastern Europe with regard to research and documentation of burial places and mass executions of the victims of crimes committed by Soviets during and after WWII. Participants discussed also the role of „terror archeology” in historical research on Soviet repressions in particular countries.

A few hundred participants, including the President of Estonia Mr. Arnold Rüütel attended the conference proceedings. The Estonian scientific milieu, combatants and media took much interest in the conference.

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