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International Conference „Solidarity for the Future”

This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the memorable August 1980, when „Solidarność” movement at Gdańsk Shipyard stirred the process of regaining freedom in Poland and Europe. The IPN Branch Office in Gdansk wished to emphasize the historic role of Solidarność, whose actions led to throwing off the yoke of communism and to collapsing of the Soviet bloc. The conference will take place on 29th and 30th of August 2005 in Gdansk-Oliwa, at the Gdansk University (Law Department). It is co-organized by Gdańsk Branch Office of IPN, Gdańsk Town Hall and Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Program of the Conference „Solidarity for the Future”

Gdansk ul. Bażyńskiego 6, Aula of Law Department, Gdansk University

Monday 29th of August 2005

10.00 -10.30 – Opening of the Conference

Paweł Adamowicz – President of Gdansk

Prof. Leon Kieres – President of the Institute of National Remembrance

10.30 - 12.30 - Debate Part 1 “Solidarity as National, Social and

Revolutionary Movement”

Moderator – Dr. Pawel Machcewicz

- Solidarity as a Freedom Movement (prof. Bohdan Cywiński)
- Solidarity as a Explosion of Historical Memory (Prof. Paweł Śpiewak)
- Solidarity and Poland’s Little Fatherland (prof.Marek Latoszek)
- The Phenomenon of Solidarity and the Underground Self-organisation of Society

(Dr. Łukasz Kamiński)

12.30 – 13.30- dinner

13.30 – 15.30 Debate Part 2 - The place for Solidarity in the History of the World

Moderator: Dr. Antoni Dudek

- The Church of Jan Paweł II and the Civil Society (rev. Maciej Zięba)
- Soviet Countries and Societies and the Birth of Solidarity (Prof. Andrzej Paczkowski)
- The Role of Solidarity in Cold War (Prof. Richard Pipes)
- The Year 1989- the Polish Experience as a Model of Dealing with Political and Social Conflicts (Prof. Edmund Wnuk – Lipiński)
- The Western Countries and Solidarity (Prof. Andrzej Chwalba)

Thursday, 30th of August 2005

10.00 -12.30

Presentation of album “The Way to Independence. Solidarity

1980-2005”.

Presentation of multimedia version of archival numbers of “Weekly Solidarity”.

Presentation of films prepared by Foundation Film Archive “The Way to Independence”

13.00- 14.00 – Dinner

14.00- 16.30 Panel Discussion – “The Message of Solidarity”

Moderator: Prof. Andrzej Friszke

Speakers : Ján Čarnogurský (Slovakia), Mychajło Horyń (Ukraine), Géza Jeszenszky (Hungary), Petr Pospichal (Czech Republic), Wolfgang Templin (Germany), Prof. Bernhard Vogel (Germany), Lech Wałęsa (Poland)

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