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The National Museum of Agriculture and Food Industry in Szreniawa invites you to the 9th International Conservation Conference in the series *Problems of Museums with Preservation and Conservation of Collections*, scheduled for 6-8 October 2021. The Conference is organized with the support of the National Institute for Museums and Public Collections and in cooperation with the Association of Open-Air Museums in Poland.

The meeting on the protection of cultural assets would like to focus on the issues grouped in four theme blocks:

- I. Social education for the protection of national heritage
- II. Organisation and management of conservation in museums
- $\,$ III. Conservation of objects made of organic matter and those exhibited in the open air
- $\ensuremath{\,^{\mathrm{IV}}}$. Maintenance of large-size objects and objects to be put into operation.

The discussion of the above issues will begin with speeches concerning the need for broader social education for the protection of national heritage and the role of museums and other cultural institutions in this respect. Next, we will consider issues related to the potential increase of conservation efficiency by creating appropriate conditions for organization and management, specialized training and exchange of experience. Next, we will address the

subject of conservation of historical items made of organic materials. This matter includes questions such as: the destructive effect of time and the influence of the technical conditions of the exhibition rooms and climate conditions on historical items, as well as conservation prevention. We would moreover like to focus on the issues concerning the preservation and conservation of collections in museums of the open-air type, resulting from the external exhibition of these objects. The conference will be concluded with speeches that address the differences between static and dynamic exposition in relation to technical objects; among other things, we will discuss the important issue of a 'living museum' or that of observing conservation rules in the context of preparing historical technical objects for being put to use.

A study tour is planned for the second day of the Conference, i.e. October $7 \, \text{th}$.

The Conference will include the publication of submitted papers and information and presentations of conservation means/materials/methods. The conference fee of 500 PLN covers accommodation, board and the conference pack (including the conference agenda and abstracts of speeches); participants arranging their own accommodation will pay a conference fee of 300 PLN. The speakers will additionally receive 2 copies of complete conference proceedings. To apply, please fill in and submit the form available on the Conference website konferencja.muzeum-szreniawa.pl.

I sincerely hope that the planned session, similarly to the previous editions, will contribute to the integration of activities for the protection of our common cultural heritage.

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