Szreniawa, 8 March 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

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 5-7 October 2022. 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. Organisation and management of conservation in museums
II. Conservation of objects made of organic and inorganic matter and those exhibited in the open air
III. Large-size objects and objects to be put into operation: maintenance, conservation and museum exploitation
IV. New technologies in the service of conservation

The discussion of the above issues will begin with speeches considering 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 and inorganic 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. Next, we will focus on 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. The conference will be concluded with speeches that address the use of new technologies in the service of conservation of monuments.

A study tour is planned for the second day of the Conference, i.e. October 6th.

The Conference will include the publication of submitted papers and information and presentations of conservation means/materials/methods. The conference fee of 500 PLN (120 €) 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 350 PLN (75€). The speakers will additionally receive 2 copies of complete conference proceedings. To apply as a speaker, please fill in and submit the form available on the Conference website konferencja.muzeum-szreniawa.pl by 31 March 2022.

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.

Yours faithfully

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