

DRAFT Programme

Auschwitz – history, memory and education

Teaching about the Holocaust at the authentic memorial site
European seminar for teachers

Cracow - Auschwitz (Poland) 7 – 13 October 2007

7 October 2007 (Sunday)

Arrivals of participants / Accommodation: Hotel IBIS, Syrokomli street No.2)

18.30

Bus transfer to the Restaurant

19.00

Dinner in the *Restaurant* located at Kazimierz, former Jewish quarter of Cracow

Welcoming and short introduction of the participants

21.30

Return to the hotel by bus

8 October 2007 (Monday)

8.00

Breakfast

9.00

Bus transfer to the Pedagogical University (Pedagogical University in Cracow, Institute of History, Podchorążych street No. 2, 30 – 084 Cracow)

9.30-10.00

Official opening of the European workshop at the Pedagogical University in Cracow by:

- representative of Pedagogical University in Cracow
- representative of Ministry of National Education
- representative of the Council of Europe
- representative of Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum – Ms Alicja Białecka, Head of Section for educational Programs, ICEAH

10.00-10.30

“Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and for the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity” of the Council of Europe – Mrs. Fabienne Regard, the Council of Europe expert

10.30-12.00

“Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and for the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity” in the 49 signatory States of the European Cultural Convention of the Council of Europe – exchange of experiences (short presentations prepared by the participants)

12.00-12.15

Coffee break

12.15 – 13.00

Teaching about the Holocaust in Poland. A historical perspective – lecture and presentation – dr Piotr Trojański

13.00 – 13.15

Discussion

13.15- 14.30

Lunch (at the Pedagogical University)

15.00

Bus transfer to Kazimierz, former Jewish quarter of Cracow – visiting Szeroka Street, Remuh Synagogue and cemetery, Tempel Synagogue, Izaak Synagogue etc

17.30

Galicia Museum - (coffee break, a possibility of buying books, records) – meeting with the director of the museum – presentation of the educational projects implemented by the museum, visiting the exhibition (*Traces of Memory*) – discussion.

19.30

Bus transfer to the restaurant

20.00-21.30

Dinner at the restaurant located in the Cracow Old Town Square

9 October 2007 (Tuesday)

8.00

Breakfast

9.00

Checking out and bus transfer to the Pedagogical University

9.30-11.15

Presentation of international educational projects prepared by other organisations and institutions:

1. *Holocaust education implemented by the Institute Yad Vashem* – lecture and presentation – Mr. Alex Dancyg, representative of the Yad Vashem
2. *Teaching materials on the history of Jews and anti-Semitism in Europe* (Anne Frank House, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Polish-German Centre) – presentation – Dr. Kathrin Meyer, Advisor on Anti- Semitism Issues, OSCE/ODIHR
3. *Guidelines for preparing Holocaust Memorial Days: Suggestions for Educators* (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Yad Vashem) – Dr. Kathrin Meyer, Advisor on Anti-Semitism Issues, OSCE/ODIHR
4. *Witnesses of the Holocaust as teachers: USC Shoah Foundation Multimedia Educational Materials* – Ms. Anna Motyczka, Regional Consultant, Poland, USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education

Discussion

11.15-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-12.00

Bus transfer to the Complex of Technical Schools Nr 4 in Cracow

12.00-13.30

Visiting the school – meeting with teachers and students – presentation of the school project “The school from Jewish district in Cracow remembers the Holocaust”– exchange of views, discussion

13.30

Bus transfer to the restaurant

14.00-15.30

Lunch

15.30

Visiting Podgórze (former Cracow ghetto)

Bus transfer to The Ghetto Heroes Square and visiting the former Cracow ghetto (The Ghetto Heroes Square, Under the Eagle Pharmacy, Schindler's Manufacture)

17.00-19.00

Bus transfer to Oświęcim (accommodation in the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oświęcim, M. Kolbego street No. 1, 32 – 602 Oświęcim)

19.00-20.00

Meeting with Director of the Centre – presentation of the educational activities

20.00

Dinner

After dinner:

Optional - short summing-up of the two days of the seminar that took place in Cracow (reflections)

10 October 2007 (Wednesday)

Main subject of the day: **Auschwitz – a German concentration camp in occupied Poland**

7.30

Breakfast

8.30

Bus transfer to the International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum (Więźniów Oświęcimia street No. 20, 32 – 603 Oświęcim)

9.00 – 9.30

Opening of the session: *Auschwitz – the German concentration camp in occupied Poland* – meeting with Mrs Krystyna OLEKSY, Director of the International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust, Museum Deputy Director, presentation of the programme (coffee)

9.30-11.00

German occupation in Poland - political and racist principles of the Nazi extermination policy and their realization at KL Auschwitz, lecture and discussion – Ms Teresa Wontor-Cichy

11.00-14.00

Guided tour of the former camp Auschwitz I (in four groups), blocks 15 and 27 included

14.00-15.30

Lunch

15.30-17.00

Group I - *Functions and meaning of art that was made illegally in KL Auschwitz* - workshop in the Collections Department – Dr Igor Bartosik

Group II - *I Am the One in a Million - how to prepare students to visit Auschwitz, a unique Holocaust-related authentic site?* Workshop and discussion – Mrs Alicja Białecka

17.00 – 17.30

Coffee break

17.30 – 19.00

Life within the barbed wires - meeting with Mr Kazimierz Smoleń, former prisoner of Auschwitz camp (to be confirmed)

19.30

Dinner (Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Auschwitz)

20.30

Short summing-up meeting (reflections)

11 October 2007 (Thursday)

Main subject of the day: **Polish Responses to the Holocaust. Oświęcim versus Auschwitz.**

7.30

Breakfast

8.30

Departure to the former camp Auschwitz II-Birkenau (by bus)

9.00 – 12.00

Guided tour of the former camp Auschwitz II-Birkenau (in four groups)

12.00-12.30

Coffee break

12.30-14.00

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14.00-15.30

Lunch

15.30- 17.00

Polish responses to the Holocaust in General Government and in the territories incorporated to the Third Reich; the Allies and the Shoah - lecture and discussion, Dr Henryk Świebocki

17.00-17.30

Coffee break

17.30-19.00

Auschwitz during the Second World War – the Nazi perspective. Poland and Oświęcim today - meeting with Dr Piotr Setkiewicz and Mr Zbigniew Bartuś, the editor-in-chief of the regional daily *Dziennik Polski* (International Youth Meeting Centre, Legionów street No. 11, 32 – 600 Oświęcim)

19.00-20.00

Dinner (International Youth Meeting Centre)

After dinner – presentation of the Centre and its educational activities addressed to the international and Polish groups of students and teachers

12 October 2007 (Friday)

Main subject of the day: **Auschwitz – the battlefield of memories**

7.30
Breakfast

8.15
Checking out

8.30
Bus transfer to the International Centre for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust.
Visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

9.00-10.30
Significance of Auschwitz as a Memorial Site – complexity of memories, remembrances, commemoration and symbolism - lecture and discussion, Mrs Teresa Świebocka, Museum Deputy Director

10.30-10.45
Coffee break

10.30-12.30
New national exhibitions (workshops – preparing presentations in groups)
Genocide of European Shinti and Roma – block 13
The Fate of Jews from Hungary – block 18
People Deported from France to Auschwitz 27.03.1942 – 27.01.1945 – block 20

At the same time participants who would like to visit the exhibitions, museum, departments or bookstore individually, have spare time.

12.30 – 14.00
New national exhibitions (workshop – presentations of the results of groups work) – Mr Mirosław Obstarczyk

14.00 – 15.30
Lunch

15.30 – 17.00
Visiting the Synagogue and Auschwitz Educational Jewish Centre

17.00- 17.30
Coffee break

17.30-18.00
Evaluation of the seminar – participants' reflections (collecting questionnaires)

18.00
Departure to Cracow (by bus)

19.00
Dinner (in a country tawern- traditional Polish cuisine)

about 22.00
Arrival to the hotel IBIS in Cracow

13 October 2007 (Saturday)

8.00 – 9.00
Breakfast
Departures of participants