

FIRST CIRCULAR & CALL FOR PAPERS

The Warsaw Regional Forum is an initiative that builds upon existing contacts between geographers, ecologists and representatives of regional studies from Central and Eastern Europe. In the recent years, the Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, together with the Polish Geographical Society, have organized three major international conferences on: *Society and Environment - spatial studies*, Warsaw Regional Forum 2004 *Central and Eastern Europe: Changing spatial patterns of human activity* and Warsaw Regional Forum 2005 *The core and peripheral regions in Central and Eastern Europe*. Both of these events were well attended.

This year's Forum will be focused on the contemporary dilemmas of spatial development in Europe - the subject which is important for many disciplines and technologies. The Forum hopes to encourage discussion about current developments across academic borders. Invited are researchers, policy makers, planners and other experts from the regional sciences (physical and human geography, spatial planning, resources management, public administration). The conference will hopefully provide a convenient setting for the exchange of recent research findings.

To a large extent, spatial development consists in a compromise between visions and real potential, and as well as coexistence of various functions at the same area. Dilemmas concerning the spatial development arise both at the planning stage and in the course of implementation. In addition, they are present at all spatial scales - beginning with local, then through regional and national, and finally across European scale. The subject matter of the Forum is to represent a valuable contribution to a heated discussion on the future spatial development in Europe (including the Territorial Agenda of the European Union and a just started project ESPON 2).

In particular, the Forum 2007 sessions include the discussions on the following dilemmas:

- Spatial effectiveness or equality – what model of regional development in Europe
- Unification or locality in regional development
- Open or closed external borders of European Union
- Priority for environment or priority for people
- Research outcomes versus their implementation in spatial planning

During the Warsaw Regional Forum 2007 there are planned several sessions:

- The main problems of spatial organization in EU-27
- Processes and effects of metropolization
- Scenarios of rural development
- Functions of infrastructure's systems
- Spatial conflicts of natural environment changes

A study trip before the Conference will provide a unique possibility to visit one of the poorest by GDP regions in the European Union (Świętokrzyskie and Lubelskie Voivodeships). Apart from examples of spatial conflicts, different scenarios of local development and interviews with local self-government leaders, the study trip will offer opportunity to see an exceptional character of the Polish landscape and beauty of its towns and villages.

Preliminary Program

16.10.2007 (Tuesday)	
17 ⁰⁰ –22 ⁰⁰	Registration for study tour
17.10.07 (Wednesday)	
8 ⁰⁰	Departure from Warsaw for two-day study tour on: <i>Spatial organization of the poorest EU regions</i> (optional)
19 ⁰⁰	Reception on the study tour
18.10.07 (Thursday)	
16 ⁰⁰ –20 ⁰⁰	Registration for the Conference
20 ⁰⁰	End of the study tour; arrival to Warsaw
19.10.07 (Friday)	
8 ⁰⁰ –10 ⁰⁰	Registration for the Conference
9 ⁰⁰ –10 ⁰⁰	Opening of the Forum and keynotes
10 ⁰⁰ –14 ⁰⁰	First Plenary Session
14 ⁰⁰ –15 ³⁰	Lunch
15 ³⁰ –18 ³⁰	Parallel Sessions
20 ⁰⁰	Conference Reception
20.10.07 (Saturday)	
9 ⁰⁰ –14 ⁰⁰	Parallel Sessions
14 ⁰⁰ –15 ³⁰	Lunch
15 ³⁰ –18 ³⁰	Concluding Session and Panel Discussion
21.10.07 (Sunday)	
Departure of participants	

Conference venue

The Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences
Conference Hall (6th floor), Twarda 51/55, 00-818 Warsaw, Poland

Cost of participation

Conference fee: **120 €** (for PhD students and members of Polish Geographical Society **80 €**) – covers conference materials (including the Institute's publications and the book of abstracts), lunches, tea / coffee and reception.

Accommodation: **45-90 €** (per night in Warsaw, single room, in hotel 300 m. from the Institute).

Study tour (optional): **100 €** – (all-inclusive - covers transport, one hotel night, meals, reception, professional guides, maps and other excursion materials).

All participants are expected to cover travel cost.

Accommodation

Hotels in the vicinity of the Institute (Towarowa 2, 00-811 Warsaw):

(*) Hotel Premiere Classe – www.premiereclasse.com.pl

(**) Hotel Campanile – www.campanile.com.pl

(***) Hotel Kyriad Prestige – www.kyriadprestige.com.pl

Papers

Participants who wish to give a presentation should submit an abstract in the style, layout and format of the pattern (**attachment № 2**) and in accordance to the options listed below. The abstract should clearly and concisely describe the material and results being proposed for presentation. Submitted abstracts will be available on the Institute's web site (www.igipz.pan.pl) from July 2007 and also will be published in a book of abstracts.

There will be an opportunity to submit papers for a special issue of a suitable scientific journal like *Geographia Polonica* or *Europe XXI*. Full texts should be delivered till 30 October 2007 because of publication process. In due time we will inform you about editorial requirements.

Presentation & language

After every 3-4 presentations scheduled in blocks, there will be some 15 minutes for discussion. In every conference room, the following technical equipment is available: Laptop, Beamer, Standard slide projector and Overhead projector. The language of the Forum is English.

Deadlines

Registration with presentation + **abstract** – 30.06.2007

Registration without presentation – 31.08.2007

Organizing Committee

- Prof. Piotr Korcelli (**Chair**)
- A/Prof. Jerzy Bański
- A/Prof. Marek Degórski
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Registration & Contact

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Further information

More information will be available on the Institute's web-site: www.igipz.pan.pl and in the Second Circular.

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