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6 NOVEMBER 2013 (WEDNESDAY)

12.00–15.00 – Registration at the conference office, “Synagogue” Center; check in at the hotel
13.00–14.30 – Lunch

OFFICIAL WELCOME (15.00–15.30)

- Att. Monika Krawczyk, CEO of the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland
- Prof. Sławomir J. Żurek, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), Director of the Polish-Jewish Literature Studies Center
- Laurence Weinbaum, Ph. D., the World Jewish Congress and the Israel Council on Foreign Relations

Session I (15.30–17.00)

JAN KARSKI’S REPORT (I)

Moderator: Prof. Sławomir J. Żurek, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)

1. Prof. Anette Becker, Ph. D., (France, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre), Jan Karski: From Izbica/Bełżec to London and Washington
2. Wojtek Rappak, Ph. D. (United Kingdom, University College London), Karski through historical documents
3. Frank Jacob, Ph. D. (Germany, Heinrich-Heine Universität Dusseldorf), And the world stood aside – The allied reaction to Jan Karski’s ‘report from hell’

Discussion
17.00–17.15 – Coffee break

Session II (17.15–18.45)

JAN KARSKI’S REPORT (II)

Moderator: Prof. Dariusz Libionka, Ph. D. (Polish Academy of Sciences)

4. Ewa Cuber-Strutyńska (Pedagogical University, Krakow), The world in the face of the Holocaust – the Allied reaction to Karski’s report
5. Justyna Kowalska-Leder, Ph. D. (University of Warsaw), Two versions of Jan Karski’s report – two narratives about Poles – the home and the emigration narrative
6. Zbigniew Dobkowski (Świdnik), Jan Karski and the Holocaust (reflections based on conversations with the Emissary)

Discussion

Session III (18.45–20.15)

JAN KARSKI IN FILM

Moderator: Bogdan Białek (Jan Karski Society)

7. Łukasz Jasina, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), Hero and narrator. The image of Jan Karski in Polish and foreign documentaries
8. Aleksandra Karkowska (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw), Evolution of a portrait – Jan Karski as a film hero
9. Karolina Famulska-Ciesielska, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), Jan Karski’s film projects as an element of his mission

Discussion
20.30 – Dinner
7 NOVEMBER 2013 (THURSDAY)

Session IV (9.00–11.00)

JAN KARSKI IN LITERATURE

Moderator: Anna Jeziorkowska-Polakowska, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)

10. Prof. Luca Bernardini, Ph. D. (Italy, Università di Milano), Jan Karski – author or literary figure
11. Prof. Sławomir J. Żurek, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), Jan Karski as a literary hero
12. Bartłomiej Krupa, Ph. D. (Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Sciences), Karski’s story – Karski in stories. The dispute between Lanzmann and Haenel
13. Agata Dąbrowska, Ph. D. (Poland/Norway, Oslo University), My surname is fiction – Jan Karski’s stage biography

Discussion

11.00–11.15 – Coffee break

Session V (11.15–12.45)

JAN KARSKI AND THE PRESENT. PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Prof. Sławomir J. Żurek, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)
Panelists: Prof. Andrzej Żbikowski, Ph. D. (Jewish Historical Institute), Prof. Dariusz Libionka, Ph. D. (Polish Academy of Sciences), Adam Pulawski, Ph. D. (Institute of National Remembrance), Laurence Weinbaum, Ph. D. (Israel, WJC), Bogdan Białek (Jan Karski Society)

12.45–13.00 – Coffee break

Session VI (13.00–14.30)

VARIA – DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF KARSKI’S LIFE AND ACTIVITY (I)

Moderator: Weronika Litwin (Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland)

14. Laurence Weinbaum, Ph. D. (Israel, WJC), Jan Karski and the ZZW: Fact and Fiction
15. Stanisław M. Jankowski (Krakow), Karski responds: the Professor’s most important interviews
16. Jacek Feduszka, Ph. D. (Zamość Museum), The international context of Polish affairs in the first half of the 20th century in Jan Karski’s academic writings

Discussion

14.30–15.30 – Lunch break

Session VII (15.30–17.00)

VARIA – DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF KARSKI’S LIFE AND ACTIVITY (II)

Moderator: Adam Pulawski, Ph. D. (Institute of National Remembrance)

18. Anna Jeziorkowska-Polakowska, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), “...all through my life I have received nothing but friendship from Jews” – Maciej Wierzyński in conversation with Jan Karski
19. Damian Wuttke (University of Wrocław), Kaja Mirecka-Ploss – Jan Karski’s guardian and confidante

Discussion

17.00–17.15 – Coffee break
Session VIII (17.15–18.45)

JAN KARSKI IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Moderator: Karolina Famulska-Ciesielska, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)
20. Prof. Anna Szczepan-Wojnarska, Ph. D. (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw),
Dreams of rebirth – Jan Karski and Zofia Kossak-Szczucka in shaping a formula to live by after the great trauma
21. Mose Apelblat (Sweden, University of Lund), A Swedish diplomat and his failed reporting on the Holocaust – a comparison between Jan Karski and Göran von Otter
22. Greta Derus (Canada, St. Basil Catholic School), Jan Karski and Blessed John Paul II – two men on a similar mission

Discussion

Session IX (18.45–20.15)

THE FOREIGN RECEPTION OF JAN KARSKI

Moderator: Prof. Anna Szczepan-Wojnarska, Ph. D. (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw)
23. Katrin Stoll, Ph. D. (German Historical Institute, Warsaw), On the non-reception of Jan Karski in post-war Germany
24. Agnieszka Lenart, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), Russian-language media on Jan Karski
25. Albert Nowacki, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), Jan Karski in Ukrainian virtual space

Discussion

20.30 – Dinner

8 NOVEMBER 2013 (FRIDAY)

Session X (8.30–10.00)

COMMEMORATING JAN KARSKI

Moderator: Prof. Andrzej Żbikowski, Ph. D. (Jewish Historical Institute)
26. Ewa Wierzyńska (Museum of Polish History), Jan Karski. Unfinished Mission: the aims and purpose of the Museum of Polish History program
27. Grzegorz Tomczyński (Museum of Polish History), Jan Karski in the memory of the State of Israel and of Israelis
28. Anna Łagodzińska (City of Łódź Museum/Jagiellonian University), Jan Karski’s address in Poland. Łódź, 15 Ogrodowa St.

Discussion

Session XI (10.00–11.30)

JAN KARSKI IN POLISH AND HISTORICAL EDUCATION

Moderator: Monika Szabolowska-Zaremba, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)
29. Agnieszka Kasperek (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), Forgotten witness – Jan Karski in Polish and history curricula
30. Andrzej Albiński (Germany), Knowledge about the fate of local Jews at the time of the Shoah and Jan Karski’s activity - the case of school youth from Janów Lubelski
31. Anetta Chrzanowska (Regional Museum in Łęczna), Knowledge about the fate of Jews from the Łęczna ghetto and Jan Karski’s activity among school youth from Łęczna

Discussion

11.30–11.45 – Coffee break
Session XII (11.45–13.15)
WAYS OF REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST (I)
Moderator: Prof. Konrad Zieliński, Ph. D. (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin)

32. Piotr Weiser, Ph. D. (Jagiellonian University), *Remembering the Holocaust. The significance of the non-Jewish witness*

33. Rev. Krzysztof Dorosz, Ph. D. (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń), *The Holocaust in the “Przegląd Powszechny” emigration monthly*

34. Monika Szabłowska-Zaremba, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), *Between goodness and indifference. Polish-Jewish relations in the prose works of Stanisław Wygodzki*

Discussion

Session XIII (13.15–14.30)
WAYS OF REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST (II)
Moderator: Anna Jeziorkowska-Polakowska, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)

35. Robert Kuwałek (State Museum in Majdanek), “I’ve heard that Jews are being gassed in Bełżec”. *The knowledge of German occupation officials and policemen from the Lublin District about the fate of deported Jews in light of their post-war testimony*

36. Katarzyna Thomas (University of Rzeszów), *The wartime reality of Drohobycz, 1939-1945 – the testimony of Survivors*

37. Prof. Konrad Zieliński, Ph. D. (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin), *Echoes of the so-called Beilis Affair in Poland* (announcement)

Discussion and summary of the conference – Prof. Sławomir J. Żurek, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), Weronika Litwin (Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland).

14.30–15.30 – Dinner