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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, University Paris Quest Nanterre), *Jan Karski: From Izbica/Belżec 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 D. (United Kingdom, University College London), *Karski through historical documents*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 University Düsseldorf), *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

Trailer of a partially animated documentary film "Karski & The Lords of Humanity" by Sławomir Grünberg, www.jankarski.com

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, University of Milan), *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, University of Oslo), *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 Puławski, Ph. D. (Institute of National Remembrance), Laurence Weinbaum, Ph. D. (Israel, World Jewish Congress), 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, World Jewish Congress), *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 Puławski, Ph. D. (Institute of National Remembrance)

17. E. Thomas Wood (USA), *"A Yankee with a foreign accent" — Remembering Jan Karski*
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. Ewa Wierzyńska (Polish History Museum), *Jan Karski. Unfinished Mission: the aims and purpose of the Museum of Polish History program*

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 Lundt), *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 (8.30–9.30)

COMMEMORATING JAN KARSKI

Moderator: Prof. Andrzej Żbikowski, Ph. D. (Jewish Historical Institute)

26. Grzegorz Tomczewski (Polish History Museum), *Jan Karski in the memory of the State of Israel and of Israelis*
27. Anna Łagodzińska (City of Łódź Museum/Jagiellonian University), *Jan Karski's address in Poland. Łódź, 15 Ogrodowa St.*

Discussion

Session XI (9.30.00–11.00)

JAN KARSKI IN POLISH AND HISTORICAL EDUCATION

Moderator: Monika Szablowska-Zaremba, Ph. D. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)

28. Agnieszka Kasperek (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin), *Forgotten witness – Jan Karski in Polish and history curricula*
29. Andrzej Albinia (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*
30. 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

11.00–11.15 – Coffee break

Session XII (11.15–12.45)

WAYS OF REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST (I)

Moderator: Prof. Konrad Zieliński, Ph. D. (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin)

31. Piotr Weiser, Ph. D. (Jagiellonian University), *Remembering the Holocaust. The significance of the non-Jewish witness*
32. Rev. Krzysztof Dorosz, Ph. D. (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń), *The Holocaust in the "Przegląd Powszechny" emigration monthly*
33. Monika Szablowska-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 (12.45–14.15)

WAYS OF REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST (II)

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

34. 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*
35. Katarzyna Thomas (University of Rzeszów), *The wartime reality of Drohobycz, 1939-1945 – the testimony of Survivors*
36. 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).

14.15–15.30 – Dinner