The Congress of National Remembrance in Wrocław Comes to an End

The second and final day of the Congress of National Remembrance is now behind us. The Centennial Hall became a place for meetings, inspiration and the exchange of ideas. Once again, this time in Wrocław, we brought people together through history. The event was held under the Honorary Patronage of Karol Nawrocki, President of the Republic of Poland.

Exceptional exhibitions prepared by the Institute of National Remembrance

Among the exhibitions on display was *Trails of Hope. The Odyssey of Freedom*. It has already been presented in more than 50 countries across several continents and has been seen by approximately one million people. As a result, the story of Polish heroes continues to resonate across the globe. On 21 and 22 September, it was also presented in Wrocław.

Other exhibitions included *Wrocław 1948. The Capital of Poland*, *The Seven Faces of Sergiusz Piasecki* and Chris Niedenthal's *Identity*.

The exhibitions featured photographs, replicas, 3D models, interviews with witnesses to history and archival materials. They were designed to ensure that visitors of all ages could gain knowledge, inspiration and a deeper understanding of the events of the past.

The Congress of National Remembrance is part of the Institute of National Remembrance's long-term concept of presenting its educational and cultural offer in a new format. During the Congress, we presented the history of 20th-century Poland and took participants on a fascinating journey through the decades. In telling the story of pivotal historical events, we combined traditional educational methods with the latest technologies.

Events for young people, adults and seniors

Educational theatre, workshops for students and teachers, panel discussions, board, outdoor and digital games, award ceremonies, film presentations, speeches and competitions with prizes – all this and much more was on offer during the two-day Congress of National Remembrance. There was room for reflection, entertainment and thoughtful discussion, but certainly no room for boredom.

The New Technology Zone was bustling with activity throughout the entire event. From the very first hours of the Congress, it attracted large numbers of participants, while queues regularly formed at the VR stations. The space was filled with conversation, excitement and energy as visitors explored history through games, applications and virtual reality experiences. It was busy, intense and highly educational – new technologies provided an engaging way of discovering history, one that felt close to the participants' everyday experiences.

Rain tapped against the windows, an autumn rain

Although visitors to the Congress might have been more inclined to say: "Raindrops drummed on the leaves all around, and everyone was cheerful!", the area beneath the Spire welcomed guests throughout both days. This was where equipment from the 23rd Silesian Artillery Regiment was on display, including the KRAB self-propelled howitzer. Reconstruction groups and the IPN's mobile bookshop were also present nearby.

The sixth Congress organised by the Institute of National Remembrance has come to an end

We would like to thank everyone who visited the Lower Silesian Congress of National Remembrance. We invite you to follow our activities and join us at the next Congress organised by the Institute of National Remembrance.

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