

24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science was a great success



IPSA (International Political Science Association) is an organization which brings together the representatives of political science from all over the world. This year's edition in Poznań was the first ever taking place in Eastern Europe. The event brought together nearly 3000 delegates (with accompanying persons) from 99 countries.



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The International Congress of Political Science takes place every 2 years. In the efforts to secure the privilege of organizing the congress, taken over from Istanbul, Poznań outdistanced eight other European cities. This time, the event took place between July 23rd and 28th 2016, at Poznań Congress Center on the grounds of Poznań International Fair. During their stay in the capital of the Wielkopolska region, specialists in political science focused on the issues of democracy, globalisation and the many challenges faced by governments in the modern world filled with inequalities.



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This year's comprehensive scientific agenda was honored by lectures from such highly esteemed speakers as Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz (USA) - the Nobel Prize winner in economy, the IPSA President himself - Professor Aiji Tanaka (Japan), or a representative of the Polish science world, Professor Leszek Balcerowicz.



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The agenda of the congress was also filled with attractions for its participants. The political

scientists were able to see the many faces of Poznań during walking tours, visiting the Old Town, the Imperial District and Ostrów Tumski. An integral part of these cultural events was the music - during the Congress' opening ceremony, CoOperate Orchestra played Polish classical and film music. Two days later, during the Polish Day, organized by Adam Mickiewicz University, the congress participants saw a show of Polish folk dance, listened to blues and tasted Polish delicacies - pierogi, żurek, kielbasa and beer. Another feast for the eyes and ears was the piano concert by the Grammy winning artist Anglin Chang, performing pieces by Fryderyk Chopin.



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During the closing ceremony, bidding the delegates farewell, AMU Chamber Choir performed while the guests' palates were spoiled with local specialties - Poznań's own pyra z gzikiem, provided by Poznań Convention Bureau, as well as St. Martin's Croissants, provided by Mazurkas Travel - the congress' official PCO.



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The delegates sang praises about Poznań for its unique hospitality and the smooth, efficient organization of the event. We hope they take away these good memories of Poznań with them to their native countries and towns, and use them as an excuse to come back to our city again and again. Meanwhile, the World Congress of Political Science is on its way to the other end of the globe. The 25th edition of the event will take place in 2018 - in Australia.

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