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International scientific conference "The fate of Soviet prisoners of war during World War II" - Lublin, 18-19 November 2011.

An international scientific conference "**The fate of Soviet prisoners of war during World War II**" took place on 18-19 November in Lublin.

The main part of the conference was devoted to discussion on the conditions in which prisoners were held in Nazi prisoners of war camps, and their extermination. The aim of the conference was also to show different fate of the prisoners – such as participation in auxiliary forces (e.g. „Trawniki-Männer”) or in divisions of Soviet partisans. The third objective of the conference was to present the attitudes of the "environment" to this phenomenon (e.g. attitudes of people or the Polish Underground State towards Soviet prisoners of war and members of the above-mentioned formations). In addition to the lectures there also were two panel discussions. In the first, panelists discussed the "survival strategies" of Soviet prisoners of war (escapes from the camps, joining the German auxiliary forces etc.). In the second panel the discussion concerned how the attitude towards

Soviet prisoners of war changed in the case of contracting them to auxiliary forces or when they joined the Soviet or communist partisans.

PROGRAM:

18 November 2011

I. Soviet prisoners of war - research problem

Chair - Dr. Sławomir Dębski

10.00 - 10.20 dr. Renata Kobylarz-Buła - Organisation of the German POW system during World War II

10.20-10.40 prof. Grzegorz Motyka - Polish historiography and literature on Soviet prisoners of war

10.40-11.00 prof. Stefan Karner - German POW camps for Soviet prisoners in the territories occupied by USSR 1941-1944

11.00-11.20 prof. Barbara Stelzl-Marx - Between extermination and exploitation. The fate of Soviet prisoners of war in Austria from the perspective of the victims

11.20-11.40 prof. Pavel Polian - Structural diversity of Soviet prisoners of war - different categories - different fates - different pace of extermination

II. Extermination of Soviet prisoners in German camps

Chair - dr. Jacek Wołoszyn

12.00-12.20 dr. Joanna Lusek - Red Army soldiers in POW camps in Lamsdorf. Status of research

12.20-12.40 dr. Andrzej Rybak - Extermination of Soviet prisoners of war in the Lublin District on the example of Stalag 319 in Chełm

12.40-13.00 Beata Siwek-Ciupak - Extermination of Soviet prisoners in KL Lublin

13.00-13.20 dr. Jacek Lachendro - Soviet prisoners of war in KL Auschwitz

13.20-13.40 dr. Piotr Setkiewicz - Sonderkommando Zeppelin - Vorlager Auschwitz and 8 (U) guard company

13.40-14.00 dr. Dorota Sula - Extermination of Soviet prisoners of war in the Gross-Rosen camp

III. Choices

Chair - Dr. Sebastian Piątkowski

16.00-16.20 Robert Kuwałek - "Trawniki-Männer"

16.20-16.40 dr. Paweł Kiernikowski - Soviet POWs and "Red guerrilla" 1941-1942

16.40-17.00 dr. Piotr Gontarczyk - Soviet POWs among partisans of the Polish Workers' Party 1942-1945

17.00-17.20 dr. Bogdan Musiał - Soviet POWs among Soviet partisans in Belarus

17.20-17.40 dr. Alexandr Gogun - Soviet POWs among Soviet partisans in Ukraine

IV. Panel discussion

* 18.00-19.30 "In the face of death by starvation - strategies for survival" - Moderator: prof. Pavel Polian, participants: prof. Stefan Karner, Dr. Renata Kobylarz-Buła, prof. Grzegorz Motyka, prof. Bogdan Musiał

November 19, 2011

I. Poles and Soviet prisoners of war

Chair - dr. Sławomir Poleszak

10.00-10.20 dr. Adam Puławski - Attitude of the Home Army, the Government Delegation for Poland in Exile towards Soviet prisoners of war and Soviet partisans

10.20-10.40 prof. Andrzej Żbikowski - Image of the Soviet partisans in

Jan Karski's studies

10.40-11.00 Dr. Tomasz Łabuszewski - Attitude of Polish partisans in Kresy towards the refugees - Soviet prisoners of war (so-called "tourists") on the background of the relationship between Polish and Soviet underground

11.00-11.20 Marcin Westphal - Commemoration of the fate of World War II Soviet prisoners of war on the example of World War II Museum

II. Panel discussion

11.40-13.00 "If and when the Soviet prisoner of war became the enemy" - moderator: dr. Dariusz Libionka, participants: Kazimierz Krajewski, dr. Adam Puławski, prof. Rafał Wnuk, prof. Andrzej Żbikowski

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