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Second meeting of the Polish-Ukrainian Forum of Historians in Warsaw - 14-15 March 2016

On 14-15 March 2016 second meeting of the Polish-Ukrainian Forum of Historians was held. Proceedings in Warsaw were devoted to issues related to the activities of Polish and Ukrainian underground in the territory of today's Western Ukraine during the Second World War. The speakers were prof. Grzegorz Mazur and Prof. Ihor Ilyushin, and Prof. Ivan Patryliak and Prof. Grzegorz Motyka.

Representatives of the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance handed to Polish historians copies of 10 volumes from the archives of the SBU, which relate to the Polish „Silent Unseen” of 1940s - Wacław Kopisto. These materials have recently been found by workers of the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance. This took place after the Ukraine postponed the founding of the table to commemorate Kopisto. Guests from Ukraine declared that the transfer of documents is a gesture of openness, mutual respect and the scientific reliability of the Polish-Ukrainian dialogue on the past.

On the Polish side the proceedings of the Forum were attended by: Prof.

Grzegorz Hryciuk, Prof. Grzegorz Mazur, Prof. Grzegorz Motyka, Prof. Jan Pisuliński, Prof. Waldemar Rezmer, Dr. Mariusz Zajączkowski, Secretary - Dr. Dorota Lewsza. During the meeting Director of the Office of President of the Institute of National Remembrance Dr. Krzysztof Persak was also present.

On the Ukrainian side the proceedings of the Forum were attended by Prof. Yuri Shapoval, Prof. Ivan Patryliak, Prof. Ihor Ilyushin, Prof. Leonid Zashkilniak, Prof. Bohdan Hudź, Dr. Volodymyr Viatrovych, and Secretary - Dr. Olena Humeniuk. The session was attended by the chief adviser of the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory Oleksandr Zinchenko.

The next meeting of the Polish-Ukrainian Forum of Historians is scheduled for October 2016 in Ukraine.

Co-organizers of the Polish-Ukrainian Forum of Historians are the Polish and Ukrainian Institutes of National Remembrance. On the initiative of the institutes last year after a long break the dialogue of Ukrainian and Polish historians concerning difficult issues in the common past was renewed.

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