

International Youth Meeting

Wapienne 2014

OBJECTIVES:

Educational Mission

The aim of the planned rally is to realize the broadly defined education on the knowledge of the history common to the represented countries / nations. In this regard, we want the participants of the rally to familiarize with:

- History of the battles fought on the Eastern Front with particular emphasis on areas of the current Małopolska Voivodeship. Giving to participants a broad outline of the subject of trench warfare, the development of thought and military technology is planned;
- History of the war necropolis complex formation at the territory of our voivodeship as a unique complex of Cultural Heritage of multi-national character;
- Problems of maintenance and repair of I-war cemeteries, which are on a European scale a unique complex of monuments of high artistic value, both in terms of composition and landscape architecture;
- Problems of keeping recording of cemeteries and war graves from this period with particular focus on the database maintained in the Office. We hope to start a close cooperation of young people to complement information on soldiers of their nationality, who are buried at our territorial area.(Our new database of graves and cemeteries is scheduled). There are also plans to exchange information and experiences regarding the appropriate honour of memory locations in different countries, and bring the subject of proper commemoration of anniversaries and events.;
- The theme of contemporary conflict resolution, development of the international organizations system - political and their military, mediatory, humanitarian activities, etc.

Inauguration of Cyclic Young People Meetings

In addition to establishing cooperation in the exchange of information about the killed in action, a measurable effect of the rally is to be a scenario for joint celebrations in 2015 100th anniversary of the Battle of Gorlice, which is planned at the military cemetery No. 123 in the Łużna. Therefore, we expect to organize the next meeting on the Gorlice land. The youth rally in Wapienne, planned in 2014 will kick off the cyclic of Young People Meetings. During the rally an editorial committee shall be appointed, which shall prepare the text of the document with the working title "Charter of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Gorlice," which, referring to the common experience, shall contain the message attempting to develop a catchphrase: "The future of the past." The aim will also be the selection of leaders who will have a year to work out measures to be implemented in 2015.

Regular meetings of young people in Malopolska will cover various topics, starting from the memory of the killed in action during World War I, through the history of arms and resolving armed conflicts and ending up with the issue of multiculturalism in Europe. Małopolska as a European youth meeting centre.

Integration of Youth

Classes of a seminar type, tours and outdoor entertainment events should give the possibility to integrate young people who came from different countries and we hope that this shall establish lasting contacts and friendships.

Rally program aims to:

- Visiting Kraków, Biecz, Gorlice,
- Visits to the war cemeteries from the period of World War I,
- Popular and historical Seminars and Conferences,
- Learning the heritage of national minorities,
- Familiarizing with the subject matter of modern defence, the evolution of thought and military technology,
- Cultural and artistic events,
- Shows of reconstruction groups, presenting the thought development history and military technology,
- Meetings with historians,
- Recreation and leisure,
- Integration - entertainment events,
- Meeting on 6th August 2014, in the afternoon (depending on the arrangement of the official celebrations) with the President of the Republic of Poland - a joint discussion on the history and involvement of Poland and other countries in resolving armed conflicts, humanitarian aid, etc.