

Institute of National Remembrance Branch in Szczecin
in cooperation with
Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies
University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki

have the honour to invite You to

Polish-Greek seminar
“Polish People’s Republic and the civil war in Greece”

Szczecin, 14 of June 2013

hotel “Willa West Ende”, Wojska Polskiego Avenue 65

By 1949 in Greece was a civil war fought between government’s army and military forces of the Greek Communist Party (KKE). After the collapse of the communist guerrilla actions, Poland as one of the satellite countries of the USSR, adopted more than 13,000 refugees from Greece: soldiers from units fighting under the auspices of the KKE, their families and supporters. Asylum in Poland found more than 3,000 children evacuated from areas of military operations.

During the Polish-Greek academic seminar organized in Szczecin we are going to raise the issues of secret military operation in which refugees from Greece were settled in Poland, their adjustment to the new place of living, the government's policy towards the immigrants and their socio-cultural life in new homeland. Historical background will be enriched with testimonies of refugees from Greece and their descendants still living in Poland.

The seminar will be held in Polish and Greek with simultaneous interpretation.

9:00 opening of the academic seminar (Head of Branch Office of Institute of National Remembrance in Szczecin Marcin Stefaniak, PhD and Head of Federation of Greek Associations in Poland “Hellada” and Association of Greeks in Western Pomerania Christou Konstantinos)

9:10-9:30 prof. Nikos Marantzidis (Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies University of Macedonia), *The Greek civil war and the international communist system*

9:30-9:50 prof. Andrzej Paczkowski (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw), *„The Greek operation” by 2nd Section of General Staff of the Polish People's Army*

9:50-10:10 Paweł Piotrowski PhD, *Polish support for the Greek guerillas*

10:10–10:30 Kostas Tsivos PhD (Ústav řeckých a latinských studií, Univerzita Karlova, Prague), *The Polish-Czech cooperation through the operation "S"*

10:30-10:50 discussion

10:50-11:20 break

11:20-11:40 Katerina Tsekou PhD (Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), *The Greek refugees in Eastern Europe*

11:40-12:00 Angelica Wudalas (Warsaw), *The Greek political refugees in Poland Peoples Republic – medical care – Hospital No 250 in Dziwnów*

12:00-12:20 Mieczysław Wojecki PhD (State Higher Vocational School in Sulechów), *Settlement of Greek emigration in Poland (Lower Silesia, Pomerania, Bieszczady Mountains...)*

12:20-12:40 Izabela Kubasiewicz (Jagiellonian University, Cracow), *Children and youth from Greece in the realities of Polish People's Republic: orphanages, schools, education*

12:40-13:00 discussion

13:00-13:40 break

13:40-14:00 Sebastian Górski (Wrocław), *The Greek civil war in the light of polish press*

14:00-14:20 Jarosław Syrnyk PhD hab. (Institute of National Remembrance, Wrocław), *"Elpida" - illegal "organization" of Greek youth in Wrocław (1969-1970)*

14:20-14:40 Magdalena Semczyszyn PhD (Institute of National Remembrance, Szczecin), *The communist security apparatus against Greek refugees in Polish People's Republic*

14:40 discussion

15:00-17:00 meeting with representatives of refugees from Greece and their descendants

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