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POLISH CHAPTER OF THE EXPLORERS CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2013

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New Members

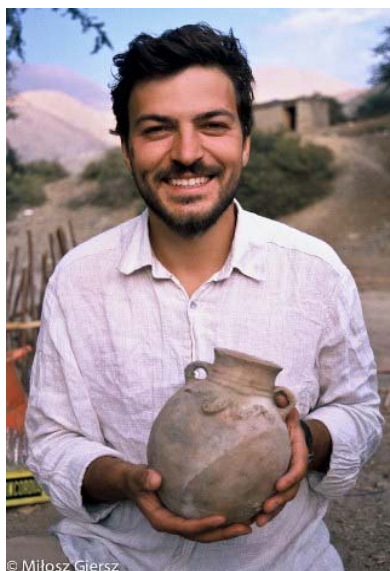
1.) In 2013 the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club hailed four new members:



Tomasz Stachura, FI'13, is a diver and a pioneer of underwater photography. His work, which includes dangerous deep diving, is a great contribution to solving mysteries of the history. He organized a number of diving expeditions to shipwrecks in the Baltic Sea and identified shipwrecks such as "Akademik Karpinski" and participated in the expeditions to sunken wreckages of "Wilhelm Gustloff", "Graf Zeppelin", "Goya" and others.

His studies and inventories of the wrecks are of great importance. He participated in one of the most important Polish expeditions "Wiatrem Gnane" - identification and excavating parts of 44 Swedish XVII century cannons laying at the bottom of Ławica Słupska river. He made photographic underwater archeological documentation of the expedition, a very unusual type mosaic from over 300 underwater pictures.

He took part in expeditions to Bosnia and Serbia exploring local underwater caves of the Balkan area and organized two expeditions to Orda Cave in Ural, Russia – the highest underwater cretaceous caves in the world. His photo documentation of this cave consists of 1200 pictures. Last year he participated in MARS Expedition – one of the biggest archaeological projects in the Baltic Sea. During archaeological research and photo documentary of the expedition he prepared the unique mosaic from over 600 underwater pictures of Swedish warship “Mars” which sunk in 1564.



Dr. Miłosz Giersz, FI'13, is an archaeologist at the Institute of Archaeology, University of Warsaw. His research on the Pacific Coast of North Peru extended our knowledge about Pre-Columbian cultures. He specializes in the Moche culture. For years Dr. Giersz led the archaeological project in the Valley of Rio Culebras on the coast of Peru. He has been co-director of archeological field research project in the Valley of Rio Huarmey. His findings had revolutionized our ideas about pre-Inca complex societies.

Dr. Giersz had written a vast number of books and articles. His PhD dissertation received most important awards (such as The Prime Minister's of Republic of Poland Award for the best Ph.D. of 2007, Polish Latin American Studies Association “Ignacio Domeyko” Award for the best Ph.D.).



Dr. Marta Żuchowska, FI'13, is a sinologist, diver and archaeologist at the Institute of Archaeology, University of Warsaw. She is a member of the European Association of

Archaeologists. Her main interest lies in the development of communication routes between East and West: Silk Road, Spice Road, porcelain and tea maritime trade. She travelled to the remote locations to make research and documentation of the Asia trade roads in: Singapore, Malaysia, Borneo, Java, Bali, Moluccas and others islands of archipelago of Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, China, Myanmar, and India. In 1996-2010 she took part in archaeological project in Palmyra (Syria) as a member of the team, field director and supervisor. She worked on the archaeological projects in Hawarte/Apamea (Syria), Chhim/Jiyeh (Lebanon), Khirbet ed-Darih (Jordan), Alexandria (Egypt), Karpathos (Greece - Dodecanese). She has organized expeditions.

Dr. Marta Żuchowska wrote significant number of articles in respected journals. She also frequently shares her knowledge through lectures aimed at popular audiences. She has cooperated with The Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club as a consultant of an archaeological diving project.



Dr. Waldemar Ossowski, FI'13, is an archaeologist of the University of Gdańsk and a curator of the National Maritime Museum in Gdańsk. He has led many archaeological projects: underwater excavations in the Baltic Sea and on the shore of the northern Poland. The artifacts recovered through the course of those excavations include items from 18 c. British shipwreck “The General Carleton”, Dutch “De Jonge Seerp” or W-36 with cargo of bricks which sunk in the same century, 15 c. wreck with copper which was called by scientists “The Copper” and other shipwrecks. These artifacts have been exhibited at the National Maritime Museum in Gdansk (The Polish law forbids to recover artifacts from the shipwrecks by private institutions. Only scientific institutions can do it within frameworks of research projects with proper permits issued by state authorities).

The National Maritime Museum in Gdansk is a main institution in our country for underwater archaeological investigations. Dr. Waldemar Ossowski is an invigorating spirit of this Museum. His passion for solving mysteries of history, continue to attract many young people.

IV Wreck Diving Festival in Łódź IV edition



Members of The Explorers Club. From left: Piotr Wytykowski, Monika Rogozinska, Roman Zajder, Mario Weidner (Germany), Leigh Bishop (Great Britain), Danijel Frka (Croatia), Marcin Jamkowski

The fourth edition of the Wreck Diving Festival in Łódź took place on Saturday, February 16, 2013 in the building of the Technical University of Łódź. Festival produced great lectures, friendly environment, and the general outcome of the Festival can be referred to as extremely productive. Festival was organized by Piotr Wytykowski FI'12 and Roman Zajder FI'12, was hosted by Marcin Jamkowski FI'05, with opening speech by Monika Rogozińska FI'93. All mentioned above are members of The Explorers Club, under whose auspices the festival was organized. Most important events of the festival were six major lectures and 12 workshops.

As in past occasions, the Festival ended with a charity auction held to help Children's Hospice of Łódź.

One of the key speakers - Mario Weidner, distinguished German diver, pioneer of technical diving, explorer and discoverer of many shipwrecks, is the member of The Explorers Club. He learned diving from British divers with whom he explored wreckages sank in both world wars. The lot he brought for charity auction was a plate that personally recovered from wreckage of White Star Liner passenger and cargo liner "Afric". The ship sank after being struck by torpedo launch by a German submarine during in 1917 and is located at deepness of 78 meters.



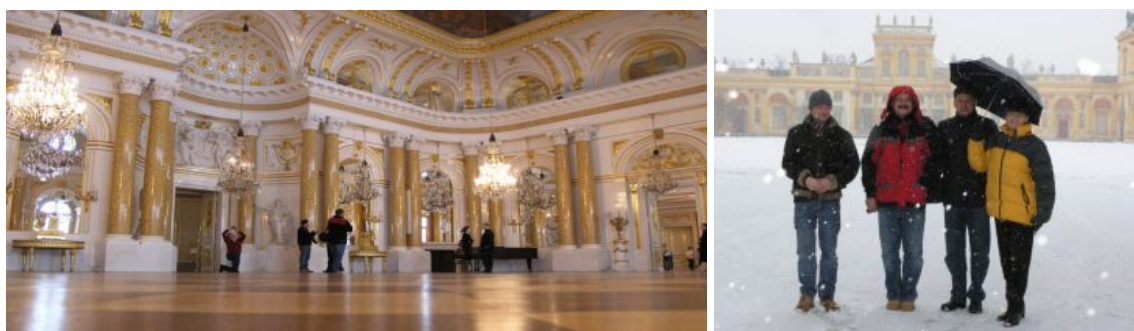
Marcin Jamkowski and Mario Weidner and Marcin Jamkowski with Leigh Bishop during charity auction

Leigh Bishop, UK prominent diver and The Explorers Club member, donated a hat that belonged to a soldier, who survived the sinking of HMCS “Osprey”, which lies at 75 deep after being sank by explosion in English Channel (in June 1944). This survivor was participant of Leigh Bishop’s expedition to the wreckage. Polish divers contributed parts of equipment.



Members of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club during the auction:
Marcin Jamkowski FI'05, Piotr Wytykowski FI'12, Monika Rogozińska FI'93,
Roman Zajder FI'12

After the festival, guests were invited for a sightseeing in Warsaw lead by Monika Rogozińska.



Guests and organizers of the Festival in Warsaw’s Royal Castle and in front of the Wilanów Palace

More information:

<http://www.festiwalwrakowy.com/index.php?lang=en>

Zbigniew Świąch Anniversary

The Jagiellonian University Library in Kraków celebrated the 70th birthday of Zbigniew Świąch MI'87, journalist, film director, writer, author of bestselling books and investigator of mysteries of history, Honorary Reader of the Jagiellonian University Library and the member of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club. The celebratory event took place in Kraków on 8th February 2013. The congratulation letter of the Board of the Polish Chapter was read during a ceremony.

Sweeney Medal for Monika Rogozińska



Credit: Piotr Wytykowski

Monika Rogozińska FI'93 – the chair of the Polish Chapter was awarded Sweeney Medal by The Club. Monika Rogozińska was co-founder of the Polish Chapter in 1993, for 16 years served as a Secretary of the Chapter and since 2009 as a Chair. (In Centennial Year of The Club 2004 she received also Citation of Merit during ECAD ceremony.)



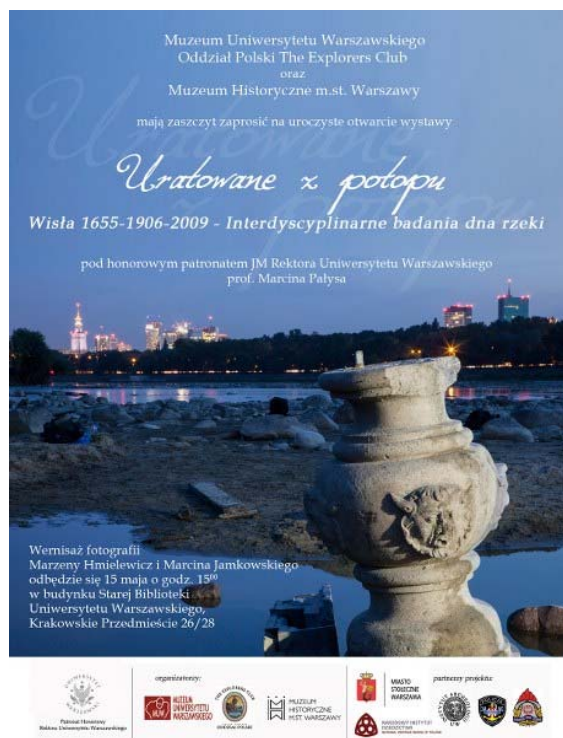
Credit: Piotr Wytykowski

Constant Difede - Chair of the Flag&Honors Committee, Alan Nichol - President of The Explorers Club and Monika Rogozińska

The Explorers Club Annual Dinner ceremony 2013 took place at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York in March 23 and was dedicated to „Sacred Places. From Outer Spaces to Mountain Peaks, to the Depths of the Sea”. Over 1200 members and guests attended.

Monika Rogozińska participated in The Explorers Club Annual Meetings: Chapter Chairs Dinner, Chapter Chairs Meeting, meeting with the new members of The Explorers Club, Sunday Annual Meeting and others.

Vistula Sunken Treasures



This is the story of the successful expedition of scientists and explorers that for three years were looking for the antiquities robbed by Swedish army from the Royal Castle in Warsaw during 17th century war called “Swedish Deluge”. The treasures stolen from the Polish king’s residence 350 years ago were lost when poor navigation caused the ship carrying the loot crash on the murky and difficult waters of Vistula River. For all those years priceless antiquities – precious marble and alabaster sculptures and decorations were lying down in the mud waiting to be found and recovered. Electronic survey with sonars, sub-bottom profilers and finally, after 350 years, the team of commercial divers had found the exact site. When first elements of the decorations emerged from under the water, scientists were puzzled – they realized the antiquities come from the period of the castle that is completely unknown to historians and architects. All of the documents, drawings, paintings of it and the objects itself were lost in one of the wars that happened later in Poland. Of great surprise was the place where the treasures were found – right in the middle of Warsaw, the busy capital of Poland. During the four years of searching with sonars and divers the expedition recovered 12 tonnes of marble sculpture.

This confirms the basic observation that we don’t need go to the remote deserts or jungle to make great discoveries. In our own neighbourhood, many areas remain unknown.

The opening ceremony of the photo exhibition "Rescued from the Flood" took place in May 2013, in a hall of the Old Library of the University of Warsaw. Part of the exhibition was presented outdoor on prestigious street - the King's Route in front of the University.

The pictures were taken by Marcin Jamkowski – diver, climber, photographer, journalist, member of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club, Marzena Hmielewicz – a wife of Marcin Jamkowski and Dr. Hubert Kowalski – the leader of the project. Historical information wrote members of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club: Monika Rogozińska and Prof. Mariusz

Ziółkowski. In the opening ceremony participated other members of the Polish Chapter, the Rector of the University and the Minister of Culture.

The exhibition was organized by Museum of University of Warsaw, Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club and Museum of Warsaw's History.



Credit: Agata Ługowska

May 15, 2013. Opening ceremony. From left: Marcin Jamkowski, Marzena Hmielewicz, His Excellency Provost of University of Warsaw UW Prof. Marcin Pałys, Chair of the Polish Charter of The Explorers Club Monika Rogozińska, Dr. Hubert Kowalski – project director and Polish Vice-Minister of Culture Małgorzata Omilanowska.



Credit: Marzena Hmielewicz/Adventure Pictures

In front of the outdoor exhibition. From left: Marcin Jamkowski, Marzena Hmielewicz, Monika Rogozińska, Dr. Hubert Kowalski, Prof. Mariusz Ziółkowski



Credit: Monika Rogozińska

Part of exhibition "Rescued from the Flood" was presented in the Old University's Library of the University of Warsaw



Credit: Hanna Musiał

Opening ceremony. Before the ceremony there was a meeting of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club. Members on photographs: Marcin Jamkowski FI'05, Dr. Marta Żuchowska FI'13, Juraj Cenker FI'09 (Slovakia), Monika Rogozińska FI'93, Sławomir Makaruk FI'11, Maciej Kuczyński CO'82, Zdzisław Preisner FI'06

Commemoration of sir Edmund Hillary's visit in Morskie Oko Mountain Hostel of the Tatra Mountains



Credit: Monika Rogozińska

In the mountain hostel near Morskie Oko Lake on the 28th of May 2013 took place ceremony of revealing a plaque that commemorates visit of Sir Edmund Hillary in the Tatra Mountains in June of 2004.

This one week visit of Sir Edmund Hilary - the Honorary President of The Explorers Club, with his wife Lady June in Poland organized Monika Rogozińska under auspices of the Polish Chapter with the Polish Tourist Organization and support of Bogusław Nowak who travelled from New Zealand with our Guests. It was Centennial Year of The Explorers Club. Sir Edmund Hillary gave a number of lectures at Universities of Warsaw and Krakow, as well participated in meeting with alpinists in Zakopane. In Morskim Oko he was proclaimed as the Honorary Highlander.



Morskie Oko Mountain Hostel in the Tatra Mountains Ceremony of revealing the commemorative plaque on 23 May 2013



Left to right: Maria Łapińska – director of the Mountain Hostel, Adam Zaborowski – director of the Polish Tourist Organization, Andrzej Gąsienica-Makowski – representative of local authorities, Monika Rogozińska – Chair of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club, Bogusław Nowak, Paweł Skawiński – director of the Tatra National Park, Rafał Szmytke – Chairman of the Polish Tourist Organization.

Father Luis Enrique Ramirez Camacho - friar of the order of dominican from Peru, visiting Poland

The Santo Domingo-Qorikancha in Cuzco is a unique example of where Colonial architecture was superimposed over Pre-Columbian Inca architecture. Unfortunately only partial documentation exists that were realized mostly after the 1950 earthquake that caused significant damages to the structure. No documentation is available on detail level that would allow adequate archaeological and architectonic analysis.

- Not only a great prestige and honor for Polish science lies in the fact that the prior Luis Enrique Ramirez Camacho asked the Centre of Pre-Columbian Studies (University of Warsaw) to create such documentation. It is also a great opportunity to investigate unresolved issues in the state of research on Pre-Columbian architecture - says Prof. Mariusz Ziółkowski (FI'02), director

of the Centre of Pre-Columbian Studies of the University of Warsaw and the Polish Research Centre in Cuzco.

The works at Santo Domingo-Corikancha was directed by Dr. Sławomir Świącchochowski, with contributions by staff of Institute of Archaeology (University of Warsaw) and team from 3D scanning and modeling lab lead by Prof. Jacek Kościuk (Wrocław Institute of Technology). These works were supplemented by Anna Derentowicz-Zakrzewska who did conservation works of the paintings in the Cloister.

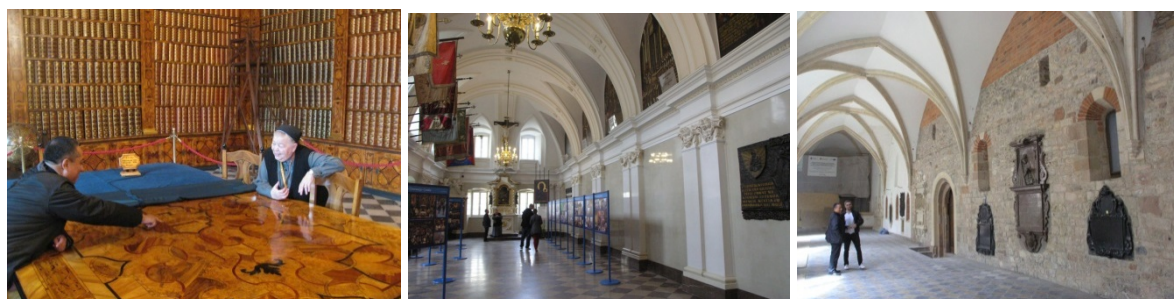


Credit: Monika Rogozińska. Santo Domingo-Qorikancha in Cuzco

Father Luis Enrique was invited to Poland by the Provost of the University of Warsaw and the Polish Chapter of the Explorer Club. The Invitation was brought to Peru by Monika Rogozińska, who accompanied Polish researchers while collecting data for Poles Abroad Digital Library. She also planned the itinerary of a visit and served as a guide for the Guest. Father Luis Enrique was a director of the Dominicans Museums of Peru and became a prior of the Santo Domingo in Lima – all cloisters are placed on the List of World Heritage of UNESCO.

Visit of the Father Luis Enrique (4-17 of June 2013) started in Warsaw. Then he visited number of places in Poland that relate to Santo Domingo-Qorikancha dual status of religious institution and tourist destination. Many of them are on the UNESCO List of the World Heritage. This includes the Sanctuary of Black Madonna of Częstochowa – spiritual capital of Poland, Kraków with Wawel Royal Castle, 600 years old Dominicans Cloister, Sanctuary of Boże Miłosierdzie in Łagiewniki, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, John Paul II birthplace - Wadowice, Sucha Beskidzka, Lachowice XVIII c. wooden church, Maków Podhalański, Chochołów, Zakopane – the capital of the Tatra Mountains, Małe Ciche, the Virgin Mary of Jaworzyńska Regina of the Tatras at Wiktorówki, Morskie Oko Lake, 800 years old Cistercian Abbeys in Jędrzejów and in Wąchock. Father Luis Enrique also visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau German Concentration Camp.

Some photographs from the visit:





Credit: Monika Rogozińska and Archive of MR

El Castillo de Huarmey – recent archaeological discovery on the coast of Peru



Credit: Miłosz Giersz i Patrycja Prządka-Giersz

Dr. Patrycja Prządka-Giersz and Dr. Miłosz Giersz FI'13 – leader of the archaeological project in Castillo de Huarmey

Polish-Peruvian team of archaeologists, led by Dr. Miłosz Giersz FI'13, from

the University of Warsaw have discovered extremely well preserved funerary chamber under the remains of an imperial mausoleum of El Castillo de Huarmey. It is the first Huari imperial unlooted tomb discovered by scientists.

El Castillo is the large funeral platform resembling a stepped pyramid towering over the landscape of the River Huarmey Valley. About 60 people, most women, were entombed in a chamber covered later with the mausoleum resembling those of the Huari elites. Women's bodies were originally wrapped in the fardos decorated with applications made of cotton and llama wool. Four individuals were treated with the special attention and buried in smaller side-chambers. The discovery sheds a new light on the role of female elite, not only in the context of Huari culture, but other Andean pre-Columbian complex societies and on the history of the Huari Empire and Mocheculture as well. Archaeologists have found over 1200 artefacts: ear ornaments, necklaces, pectorals, rings, knives, chisels, axes, spearheads, rattles, looms, spindles and spindle whorls, spoons, coca leaves containers and many objects related to weaving. The objects were made of gold, silver, copper, decorated with mother of pearl, *Spondylus princeps* shell, semiprecious stones, obsidian, bone, carved wood fragments.

The result of the excavations at Castillo de Huarmey as well as the results of the fieldwork earlier conducted in the valley of Culebras and Huarmey by Dr. Miłosz Giersz with his wife Dr. Patrycja Prządka-Giersz proves that this part of the coast was conquered and controlled politically by the Huari empire.

We congratulate dr. Miłosz Giersz – member of Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club and dr. Patrycja Prządka-Giersz! The Polish Chapter promoted their works since a few years when they were not members of The Club.

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Credit: Tomasz Stachura

Tomasz Stachura and his photograph of the wreckage of „Mars” (sank in 1564 in Baltic Sea).

The image is result of two years investigation and his underwater works. The site consists of 1600 square meters is located at the depth of 73 m. 1200 photographs were taken to be used 600 for composing a single mosaic photograph, which was presented in 2013 in Vaestervik Museum (Sweden).

Following the initiative of the Polish Chapter of Explorers Club in May 2013 Tomasz Stachura cooperated with a member of St. Louis Chapter of The Explorer Club - Mark “Sharky” Alexander. Mark brought The Club’s Flag for a Baltic dive – the Baltic See is perceived by Americans as a distant place. Tomasz Stachura co-organized Polish-German expedition to Baltic Sea’s largest wreckage, “Graf Zeppelin”. This wreckage is well known to Polish Divers and to

Stachura, who dived there most often than others and was also the organizer of the first expedition to this wreckage.

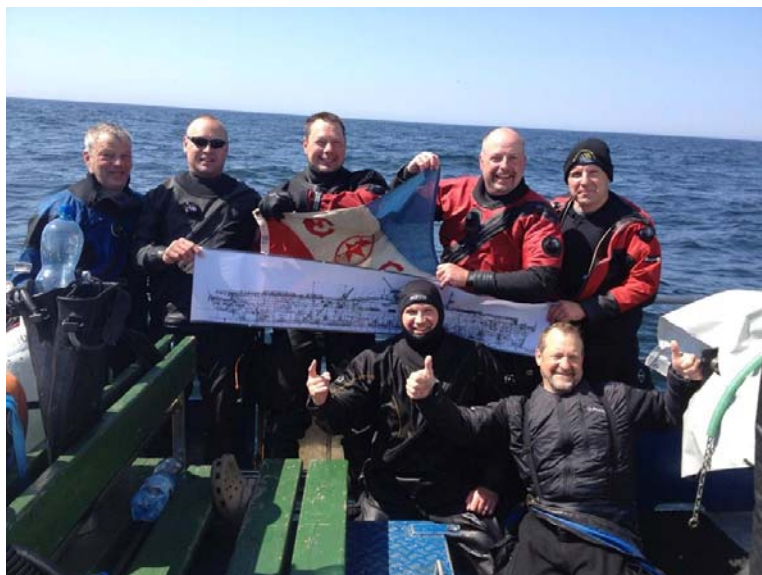
- With Mark Alexander we dived to wreckage of „Wilhelm Gustloff” - says Tomasz Stachura - It sunk in the biggest sea disaster ever (around 9000 people died). We deposited at the bottom an urn with the ashes of Heinz Shon, German writer, who survived the disaster in 1945 and then he dedicated his life to fight against Nazism. He wrote around 25 books. His greatest wish to rest in peace among his colleagues at bottom of the Baltic Sea.



Credit: Tomasz Stachura

More photographs:

<http://stachuraphoto.com/galleries/wrecks/wilhelm-gustloff-v-2013/>



Credit: Mark Alexander

Mark “Sharky” Alexander (second from the right) with The Explorers Club’s Flag and other members of the expedition.

In June 2013 Tomasz Stachura had another expedition that near the sea shore of Latvia and Lithuania located several wreckages, including German U 580 submarine, whose location had been searched for by number of earlier expeditions.

Photographs:

<http://stachuraphoto.com/galleries/wrecks/latvia-lithuania/>

The Special Mission



Credit: Monika Rogozińska

Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club supported the UNESCO World Heritage Committee candidacy of Poland. The film „The Art of Sharing. Poland for World Heritage”, that followed initiative of our Chapter and created by its members, was presented 15 of November 2013 in UNESCO headquarters in Paris during session of General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention. The film portrays excellent qualifications of Polish scientists and the universalism of Polish school of art and architecture conservation. This Polish school was born out of the ruins of Polish cities destroyed during World War II by Germans and Soviet Red Army. The famous Reconstruction of Warsaw, city that was leveled to ground level by Germans in Autumn of 1944, was an occasion to gather vast experience. This experience is shared worldwide by Polish archaeologists and art conservators through participation, often in harsh conditions, in many heritage restoration projects.

„The Art of Sharing. Poland for World Heritage" directed by Marcin Jamkowski and Konstanty Kulik – the owner of a drone camera used for pictures in the narrow streets of old towns. The screenplay was written by Marcin Jamkowski FI'05, Konstanty Kulik, Monika Rogozińska FI'93 and Prof. Mariusz Ziółkowski FI'02. Members of Polish Section of The Explorers Club were both among creators of this film and interviewees for this documentary. The film was realized with the support of Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education and Polish Committee for UNESCO in Warsaw.

During her speech in Paris Monika Rogozińska stressed the Explorers Club's contributions to conserving the World Heritage.

At 19th November 2013 r. in Paris representatives from 190 countries elected 12 new members to UNESCO World Heritage Committee. Poland was among them.



Credit Monika Rogozińska

In front of UNESCO headquarter in Paris, after “accomplished” mission. From left:
Konstanty Kulik, Monika Rogozińska, Marcin Jamkowski

The first ancient computer in Warsaw



Credit: Monika Rogozińska

The replica of the Antikythera Mechanism – an ancient computer

Xenophon Moussas, professor in Space Physics and the Director of Astrophysics Laboratory of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, presented the lecture “The Oldest Computer, Antikythera Mechanism, The Epitome of Greek Philosophy” at the University of Warsaw.

The Antikythera Mechanism - an extraordinary ancient Greek astronomical instrument more than 2100 years old found by sponge divers in a sunken shipwreck near Antikythera Island, has changed the view on the advancement of the Greeks in technology.



Credit: Monika Rogozińska

December 12, 2013. From left: Prof. Xenophon Moussas, Monika Rogozińska FI'93,
Prof. Alojzy Nowak – Vice-Provost of the University of Warsaw,
Prof. Mariusz Ziolkowski FI'02

Prof. Moussas's visit was organized by the Polish Chapter and Institute of Archaeology of the University of Warsaw on occasion of the Anthropological Annual Lecture Commemorating prof. Andrzej Wiercinski (1930-2003), a late member of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club.

The Polish Chapter Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and the conference of the Polish Chapter took place at Gródek Hotel in Kraków on 25 January 2014. Members gave presentations, shared their research, work and experiences, presented their new books, and talked about projects.



Credit: Roman Zajder

In the library of the Gródek Hotel. From left:

Dr. Henryk Paner – director of the Archaeological Museum in Gdańsk, director of the archaeological project in Sudan,

Guests: Konstanty Kulik (co-director of „The Art of Sharing. Poland for World Heritage”) and Joanna Mastalerz,

captain Jacek Waclawski – doctor cardiology, who sailed the North-West Passage,

Juraj Cenker (Slovakia) – mountain rescuer, alpinist,

Prof. Maria Agata Olech – biologist, polar scientist, sailor - sailed the North-West Passage,

Roman Zajder – diver, organizer Shipwreck Festival in Łódź,

Marcin Jamkowski – diver, alpinist, journalist, photographer, film director,

Prof. Tomasz Schramm – historian, polar explorers, vice-chair of the Polish Chapter,

Zbigniew Święch – journalist, author of books investigated mysteries of a history,

Dr. Elżbieta Lisowska – iranist, orientalist, religion expert, journalist,

Monika Rogozińska – journalist, chair of the Polish Chapter,

Dr. Marta Żuchowska – archaeologist, sinologist,

Andrzej Lisowski – journalist, photographer,

Dr. Zdzisław Preisner – geographer, photographer, editor,

Prof. Mariusz Ziółkowski – archaeologist, director of the Centre of Pre-Columbian Studies of the University of Warsaw and Polish Scientific Centre in Cuzco, vice-chair of the Polish Chapter of The Explorers Club.

President's visit to Poland

Alan Nichols - the President of The Explorers Club with his wife Becky visited Poland in February 8 – 11, 2014. They travelled to Warsaw and Kraków, met members of the Polish Chapter and also did some sightseeing. Monika Rogozińska guided guests and accompanied them. They visited University of Warsaw and had a meeting with Prof. Alojzy Nowak its Vice-Provost.



Credit: Monika Rogozińska

In the library of the Hotel Gródek in Kraków on 9 February 2014: speleologist Michał Ciszewski, speleologist Andrzej Ciszewski FI'99, Alan Nichols, Elżbieta Lisowska FI'03, speleologist Ewa Wójcik FI'10, Rebecca Rygh, Monika Rogozińska FI'93



Credit: Monika Rogozińska

In front of the University of Warsaw on 10 February 2014: Alan Nichols, Prof. Mariusz Ziółkowski FI'02, Becky Rygh, Monika Rogozińska

Alan Nichols gave a speech “Back to the Future” in the Museum of Asia and Pacific in Warsaw.



Credit: Monika Rogozińska

In Warsaw in front of the University and in the Museum of Asia and Pacific on 10 February, 2014: Alan Nichols, Prof. Mariusz Ziółkowski FI'02, Becky Rygh, Monika Rogozińska and Peter Wytykowski MN'12 with the Flag 160 of The Explorers Club.

This Flag was given to expedition the first time in 1955. Since that time participated in 22 expeditions, among them “Inca Oracles” carried by prof. Mariusz Ziółkowski and Monika Rogozińska in Peru and Bolivia. In 2007 and Piotr Wytykowski and Roman Zajder carried it on “Expedition Sierra 2012” to Banana Island on the coast of Africa. The Flag took from USA to Poland Piotr Wytykowski on his way to Sierra Leone. He received the Flag for “Vanishing Dutchmen - Expedition Sierra 2014”.



Credit Monika Rogozińska

Farewell picture of Alan Nichols and Becky Rygh in front of the Wawel Cathedral in Kraków.
We have hope to repeat it in future.

Lectures and promotion of the spirit of exploration and The Explorers Club

As every year, in 2013 members of the Polish Chapter give lectures and presentation about the exploration and own works, have performances in the Polish Radio and TV, publish books and promoted The Club.

Information about activities of the members of the Polish Chapter and events of the Chapter sent to *The Explorers Log* in 2013 Monika Rogozińska.

Unfortunately the website of the Polish Chapter www.explorersclubpoland.pl is not translated in English and not regular fill and updated caused the lack of funds and full-time staff.

Report by Monika Rogozińska

March 2014