

# “Economics for the future. Unveiling the nature and causes of economic phenomena” – 9th Congress of Polish Economists

The Polish Economic Society organizes every few years the Congress of Polish Economists – an event important both for economic theory and business practice. The upcoming 9th Congress will be held on November 28–29, 2013 under the theme “Economics for the future. Unveiling the nature and causes of economic phenomena”.

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Organized every few years, the Congress of Polish Economists has always been considered as a very important event touching upon the fundamental issues of Polish and global economy and economic sciences. The tradition of the Congress dates back to 1887, when Polish economists and lawyers from the three parts of occupied Poland organized in Kraków the First Congress of Economists and Lawyers. It was attended by about 200 people, with speeches delivered by Witold Skarżyński (“On the necessity and possibility of a comprehensive reform of the farm loan”) and Antoni Donimirski (“On the internal colonization”).

After World War II meetings and congresses were organized in important periods for the country. The National Congress of Polish Economists was held on December 8–10, 1950

and laid the groundwork for the Congress of Polish Science in 1951. The 2nd Congress of Polish Economists took place in June 1956 in Warsaw, the 3rd Congress – in January 1971, and the 4th Congress – in March 1981, with a debate “On the vectors of reshaping of the Polish economy in the 1980s”.

In order to mark the centenary of the Congress, the 5th Congress of Polish Economists was organized in Kraków. It adopted the paper entitled “Poland’s economy – development challenges of the late 20th century”. In 1993, at the 6th Congress, organized in cooperation with the Federation of Engineering Associations, the Association of Accountants in Poland, Polish Lawyers Association and the Society of Scientific Organization and Management, the crucial question was: How to boost the Polish economy? Summoned in January 2001, the 7th Congress of Polish Economists debated under the theme “Economics in the age of information civilization” and addressed some matters of pressing concern ahead in the 21st century. The 8th Congress in November 2007 was the first one held since Poland’s accession to the European Union, and that was the issue that was extensively discussed. The Congress was held under the banner of “Poland in the global economy – opportunities and threats”.

As demonstrated by the history of the Congress of Polish Economists, it was held once every few years against a highly diverse social, economic and political background, thus guiding thoughts of subsequent editions were a kind of signum temporis (see

<http://www.kongres.pte.pl/congress/idea-kongresu.html>).

Also the present one – 9th Congress of Polish Economists – takes place under specific conditions defined by the consequences of the global economic crisis. Unprecedentedly deep and rapid economic and social changes cause that economists are faced with problems and questions to which there are no ready-made solutions and unambiguous answers. At the same time, ideas evolve and new trends emerge in the theory of economics. A number of questions and doubts are being raised. And one will not make it to the truth nor have real knowledge if they do not “understand the causes of things”. That is why it is so important to be able to recognize them. Scire est rerum causas cognoscere, and so is the theme of the 9th Congress of Polish Economists “Economics for the future. Unveiling the nature and causes of economic phenomena”.

The aim of this Congress, like the previous ones, is to present the latest research results, share views and experiences among economists (academics and practitioners), politicians and representatives of other scientific disciplines. The Congress is therefore considered as a kind of synthesis of the contribution of Polish economists to solving important problems of economic practice.

I strongly encourage you to take interest in what we do and familiarize yourself with the Congress materials available at the website of the Polish Economic Society (<http://www.kongres.pte.pl/kongres>). ::