

50% of Poles want the PM to stay in office

Nearly 50% of Poles think that Polish PM Jaroslaw Kaczyński should stay in office until the end of his term. 40% are of the opposite opinion. One year after the Prime Minister took office, the *Rzeczpospolita* daily published an opinion poll.

Despite the economic growth and a significant fall in unemployment, over a half of the respondents does not notice any changes in their situation. Asked, if life is better or worse now, 55% say it's neither.

IQ Medica -- Medical Tourism Organizer in Poland

An article in *PR.com* states, medical tourism is likely to be the next major foreign exchange earner for Central Europe as to the increasing number of patients, unwilling to accept long queues, as well as high costs in Western Europe and USA.

Patients take into considerations the difference in charges. According to the reports, dentists can charge \$300 to \$400 for a filling in the UK. However, it costs only \$20 to \$40 in the majority of Eastern Countries and the quality of the services is comparable, if not better.

Poland is the country where the phenomenon of medical tourism is well developed. The trend was noted after the number of medical procedures conducted in Poland rose dramatically, particularly in dentistry, plastic surgery as well as ophthalmology.

In the majority of Western Countries, these services cost a fortune, while in Poland prices are incomparably lower. Foreign patients are attracted not only by prices, but also by medical equipment, use of modern technologies as well as top-quality materials for procedures.

On the other hand there is a problem of how to choose the best physicians and clinics.

The great solution may be provided by IQ Medica – a company established two year ago in order to facilitate the treatment of foreign patients in Poland. IQ Medica provides such services as pre-surgery consultation, post-surgery consultation, personal assistance, transport and accommodations.

Patients using services of IQ Medica are amazed by the professionalism and wide range of activities they get from the company. They leave Poland very satisfied with the quality and totally astonished by the prices.

Monica Brown was embarrassed to smile because of the state of her teeth. Unfortunately they could not be repaired on the NHS. She could do it privately but “a prosthetic reconstruction is not going to leave a lot of change out of £10,000,” she said. She was in despair for many weeks until she spoke to her publishing colleague in Poland where she was due to fly on business, that she discovered what she hoped would be solution.

“You should come here,” said her Polish colleague. “Our dentists are really good and much cheaper than yours.”

It turned out to be a great idea. The total cost of her treatment was just under £3,000, although she could even opted for full ceramic and porcelain – “the great job for £4,110,” said happy Monica because of the results.

She was not alone during her stay in Poland. “I flew to Warsaw and was met at the airport by personal assistant from IQ Medica which arranges anything from tummy tuck to open-heart surgery, plus accommodation and whatever you need while there,” said Monica. □

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Polish bishops: Latin liturgy serves to reunite the Church

Polish bishops stand in solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI who issued a document providing for a much broader use of the Latin liturgy from before the Second Vatican Council.

The Pope lifted the requirement to obtain permission from higher Church hierarchy to celebrate Mass in the traditional way.

In a special press release on the occasion, Polish bishops have said that the Holy Father's efforts on this matter lead to reuniting the Church worldwide and help preserve the rich heritage of the liturgical traditions of the Catholic Church. □

Europe split over best way to mark 50 years of unity

In a TIMESONLINE article by David Charles in Brussels, Europe's 50th birthday is fast approaching but nobody can agree what to write on the card.

A grand statement - the Berlin declaration — is planned next month to commemorate the founding in 1957 of what is now the EU, but the 27 member states are increasingly divided about what to celebrate.

Luxembourg is pushing for a prominent mention of the euro as one of Europe's greatest achievements. But this will not go down well in Britain and Denmark, where the single currency was rejected.

Poland and Italy want to emphasize Europe's Christian values but are opposed by the French, who prefer to keep religion out of politics.

The Czechs and Poles want a strong statement on security but the French and Germans are worried that this will aggravate the Russians. Germany and Spain are keen to look ahead to a revived constitutional treaty, which is upsetting the Dutch and the British.

Diplomats are concerned that a well-intentioned gesture to celebrate 50 years of peace and prosperity risks portraying Europe as factionalized and self-interested.

Britain's main aim is to keep the Berlin declaration short and simple - and to avoid it becoming a Trojan Horse for a constitution that creates an increasingly integrated and powerful European Union.

The text is due to be published on March 25 in Berlin because Germany holds the EU's rotating presidency. It will be drafted by Angela Merkel, the Chancellor, and discussed by European leaders in Brussels on March 8.

A British diplomat told The Times: “We could write this declaration on one side of A4. They must not make it a Christmas tree which everyone hangs their stuff on.”

Fears that it could prepare the ground for new economic regulations and social directives have been stoked by a statement from nine member states that the anniversary should proclaim the “indispensable balance between economic freedoms and social rights, so that the

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Polish Genealogical Society of California Presents a Family History Seminar

GUEST SPEAKER: Ceil Wendt Jensen, CGRS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2007

Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Avenue, Lakewood, California
(Located 2 miles north of Long Beach Airport – near Lakewood and Del Amo Blvds)
Check-in: 9:00am Seminar: 9:30am to 5:00pm

Lectures:

- 1) **Strategies for Locating Ancestral Villages: Four Case Studies**
- 2) **Understanding Migration and Immigrant Communities**
- 3) **Professional Techniques for the Family Genealogist**
- 4) **Planning a Trip for Polish Research**

Registration fee includes a morning snack and a delicious catered Polish luncheon
Info - Phone: 310-378-0877 c/o Janice Lipinski Email: President@pgsca.org

Strategies for Locating Ancestral Villages: Four Case Studies

Four case studies are presented that use different finding aids and techniques to locate the village and parishes. While many traditional research techniques were employed, this lecture also addresses online tools that can help you in your quest. The case studies are from West Prussia, East Prussia, Congress Poland, Poznan and Galicia.

Understanding Migration and Immigrant Communities

Enhance your research by taking a break from seeking individual records and widen your scope. Learn about the patterns of migration, the immigrant villages left behind and the new communities they created. Learn how to locate online sites and repositories that hold information and clues to long sought information. Regional groups publish photo albums, databases and histories of the early communities and immigrants. Someone may have already published what you are looking for.

Professional Techniques for the Family Genealogist

Research and organizational techniques used by professional genealogists that can easily be used by the family researcher. An overview of who, what, where, when, why and how of recordkeeping. Brickwall solutions for North American and European research problems will be investigated.

Planning a Trip for Overseas Research

We'll cover how to successfully hire a European photographer, researcher and / or guide via the net. Practical examples and suggestions to keep you within your genealogy budget as you buy online from overseas resources. Learn to write effective email to English as Second Language speakers and how to post to find distant relatives. This session is based on 25 years of travel experience leading overseas tours, as well as private research in Europe. Learn how to plan ahead, get the most for your dollar, travel light and bring home the research you went for!

Ceil Weindt Jensen - Biographical sketch

A Certified Genealogical Records Specialist, Ceil Jensen will dispel myths that records were destroyed during the World Wars and that language barriers make research difficult. She will present practical examples and suggestions on how to use records, databases and archives to start or advance your genealogy research.

Ceil Jensen has thirty years teaching experience in traditional and electronic art, art history, and social studies. She began the transition from public education to her avocation of genealogy in 1998. She has documented her ancestry back to the 1600s in East and West Prussia, Galicia, Congress Poland, and Posen and has done on-site research in Europe. She is a volunteer at the Family History Center in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Her studio now develops online sites, video, CDs, DVDs and databases for genealogists of all ages. Website: <http://mipolonia.net>

[We first met Ceil Jensen at a Chicago conference in 2003, and again at the United Polish Genealogical Societies Conferences in Salt Lake City. She has spoken at conferences for UPGS, PGSA/Chicago, PGS of Minnesota, Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) and the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS). This is Ceil's second appearance for PGS-California and we are privileged to have her return. You will be inspired by her knowledge and enthusiasm! Janice and Paul Lipinski] □

Property in Poland its getting better for the investor

A Nicholas Marr article on the “Ideal Marketers” website states, “International Property Investors” are now looking towards Poland as a place to invest. Poland is attracting attention for a whole host of reasons Poland or Polska has a population of just under 40 million and can be viewed as an emerging economy with great potential. With European Union accession granted in May 2004 Poland is well position between Eastern and Western Europe to capitalize on the expanding EU trade.

In summary overseas buyers are attracted to the following. It has a large market of almost 40 million consumers, low unemployment in capital cities, its location between emerging eastern countries and the capitalized west. Properties sold after 5 years or monies re-invested into property have no capital gains tax? VAT is not applied to properties over 5 years old? Strong GP and FDI growth.

So how does an overseas buyer buy property in Poland? The buying process in Poland is a little different than in most other

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PM hopes Merkel keeps promise

“I hope Chancellor Angela Merkel will stand by her promise.” This is what Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczyński told Die Welt referring to an unwritten concession on the treaty to ensure that countries just short of the votes needed to block an EU decision could delay it for up to two years.

The prime minister told Die Welt that Poland had a gentleman's agreement on the two-year delay, adding that Chancellor Merkel had herself been aware of what was discussed in Brussels. “Verbal agreements are valid in civil law,” he said.

Meanwhile, the prime minister's twin brother, president Lech Kaczyński said Poland plans to reopen discussion on the voting system in a new European Union treaty. EU leaders say the compromise agreed in Brussels was only to allow a delay for a maximum of about four months, and they have warned Poland not to bring the issue up again at the intergovernmental conference. □