



World Canals
Conference
BYDGOSZCZ

June 24 - 26, 2024



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Challenges between ecology and economic use
- sustainable revitalisation of canals focusing on nature

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CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK PROGRAM

Day 1 | Plenary session

 **Chamber Theatre**
14/16 Grodzka street, Bydgoszcz

10:00 Opening ceremony:
- Mayor of Bydgoszcz | IWI President | Guests of honor

10:30 Plenary session | Part I
- Bydgoszcz – the city on the water
- Inland Waterways International
- Bydgoszcz Canal – 250th anniversary of construction

Description: The session is focused on presentation of the city hosting the Conference, namely the city of Bydgoszcz, situated on the junction of inland waterways of international importance. Connection between the Vistula River Basin in the east with the Oder River Basin in the west was possible thanks to construction of the Bydgoszcz Canal in 1773–1774, which celebrates its semiquincentennial in the year of the conference. The topics of plenary addresses will feature challenges and opportunities resulting from establishment and functioning of this waterway for two and a half centuries, with a special emphasis on significance of the Bydgoszcz Canal in the system of international inland waterways.

11:30 Plenary session | Part II
- Representatives of national institutions
- Representatives of international institutions / organizations

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 Plenary session | Part III
- Summary of part II
- Discussion panel

Description: Part II and III of the session is dedicated to plans for development of inland waterways in Poland and Europe, in the context of 21st-century ecological and economic challenges. Climate change and intensified pressure from human activities result in constant stress experienced by aquatic environment and all components related to it. Addresses will be focused on investment plans on rivers and canals, considering in particular the principles of sustainable development and results of projects that have already been carried out. Good practice is the key factor in inland waterway management in the aspect of water deficit, increased human pressures on aquatic environment, as well as economic development and challenges.

15:30 Closing of the plenary session

16:00 - 21:00 Excursions



Day 2 |



Rother's Mills, 10 Mennica street, Bydgoszcz

| Day 3

9:00 Concurrent sessions | Part I

**Water, Heritage
and Tourism**

**Ecology
and Technologies**

**Man and human
activities**

12:00 Lunch break

13:00 Concurrent sessions | Part I

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Presentations during the session **Water, Heritage and Tourism** will be dedicated to tourist and recreational use of rivers and canals as one of the essential meanings of combining economy with the environment. A special session dedicated to aquatic museology is planned as well.

Presentations during the session **Ecology and Technologies** will be dedicated to environmental topics related to rivers and canals, including preservation of resources and ecosystems as well as advanced sustainable technologies.

Man and human activities constitutes an inseparable component of relations between people and aquatic environment, including rivers and canals. Presentations during the session will focus on determination of a catalog of human impacts on the environment in time and space. In addition, the session will feature revitalization projects of rivers, canals and waterways, to counteract the negative effects, both past and present.

15:30 Closing of the concurrent sessions

16:00 - 19:00 Excursions

- = Bydgoszcz Canal
- = Brdyujście
- = Lower Vistula Valley

20:00 - 22:00 Gala dinner

Conference closing ceremony 15:30

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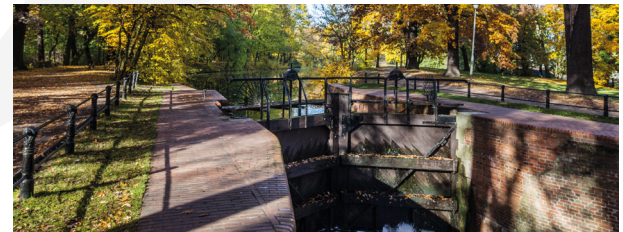
Bydgoszcz

The river runs through the city center in Bydgoszcz, featuring many tourist attractions on the riverside. The Brda makes Bydgoszcz a special place, inviting to walks alongside the water and cruises on the Brda River, providing an opportunity to learn about various hydrotechnical heritage landmarks.



Bydgoszcz Canal | 250th anniversary of construction

The Bydgoszcz Canal, built in 1773-1774 was 26.77 km long, connecting the river basins of the Vistula and Odra. The project, which had been planned since the 16th century, became an important commercial inland waterway.



Bydgoszcz Water Festival | June 22 – 23, 2024

Ster na Bydgoszcz (Set your Heading on Bydgoszcz), organized in Bydgoszcz since 2008, is a unique festival. Situated in the beautiful scenery of the Młyńska Island, it offers fantastic entertainment in a travel and marine style, combined with shanty concerts.



Pre- and post- conference tours

1. Gdańsk | Elbląg | Malbork | Tczew
 - cruise on the Motława River | "cruise on the grass" | night tour of the castle | Vistula
2. Nakło | Kruszwica | Pyzdry | Poznań
 - cruise on the Bydgoszcz Canal | Piast Trail | cruise on the Warta River



Conference fee

IWI Members: 1900 PLN
non-IWI Members: 2150 PLN
Students: 950 PLN
Supporters: 1200 PLN

Early-bird (until the end of March 2024)

IWI Members: 1700 PLN
non-IWI Members: 1950 PLN
Students: 800 PLN
Supporters: 1000 PLN

Registration and abstracts
open from Fall 2023

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