

Notes from the online CEG preparatory meeting Saturday 25 February 2023

Present: Cathy Butler, Liz Coling, Magda Gadomska, Jalka, Jerzy Jańczak, Nadyezhda Ivanovna, Kasia Kaczmarkiewicz, Pavel Mařušinec, Pawel Milka, Eví Toth-Bumberák, Gerry Turner, Witold Michałowicz, Katona Evá.

1. Silence.
2. Introductions. Friends introduced themselves.
3. Accommodation. Magda told us the following:

CEG 2023 will be from Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 May.

Accommodation will be at 'Rzemieślnik dom wypoczynkowy', ul. Piastowska 206, 80-341 Gdańsk Jelitkowo,, by the sea and approximately 30 minutes by tram from the city of Gdansk.

Vegetarian but not vegan food will be available. There will be buffet breakfast and then one other meal, to be decided depending on the programme.

Rooms are accessible by lift. The prices per person including breakfast and covering the cost of the meeting room, for three nights are:

Shared double room	130 EUR	600 zloty
Single room	138 EUR	663 zł.
Double room, one person only	175 EUR	840 zł.

Lunch: buffet 35 zł/ standard 40 zł. Buffet supper served from 17-19.00, 45 zł. Coffee/ per person/day 15 zł

Magda will check if dogs are allowed. Two meeting rooms are available, but the room on the first floor has no lift access.

4. Invitations Pawel Milka has devised a form about accommodation. Magda will send it, with the invitation, to Friends, as soon as possible. As always we want to support Friends financially if necessary. Liz will check the CEG finances with Arne and we can also see if funding is available from e.g. EMES.
5. Gdansk programme. Magda reminded us that the theme is *Diversity is our strength*. She, with help from Michale Eccles from EMES, is negotiating with the mayor of Gdansk to have an outside MfW in front of the torture chamber in the city, open to anyone. This will be Saturday afternoon. Other possible activities:
 - Tour of Gdansk
 - Possible lectures on: Geosolar engineering (Pavel Marušinec and / or Arne Springorum; Gdansk from another side: women of Solidarność, local feminism with a historical feature
 - Krzysztof Galinski offered to help organise a programme for children, if necessary e.g. horse riding on the beach
 - Movement sessions from Cathy Butler
 - Two-hour MfW; outside silent walk
6. Interpreting The Meeting agreed to look for Quaker Friendly English/Polish consecutive (not simultaneous) interpreters. Pawel Milka will ask Patrick. Having the enforced breaks between contributions will reduce the time available, especially in the MfW for Business, but will be a

spiritual aid to our discerning. No technical aids are available in the hotel for simultaneous interpreting.

7. Status of CEG Liz summarised what we had discussed in the Brno preparatory meeting about CEG becoming a Yearly Meeting. We would be able to welcome people into membership and said how important it is that potential Friends are well supported in this process. It could be useful to remind Friends of funding available from EMES and other sources for us to visit meetings to learn from Friends in different places. Cathy reminded us that dual membership is possible.
8. Other issues (i) Kasia will ask Arne about funding for her trip to Woodbrooke as our EMES representative
(ii) Jasmine said there is no Polish representative on the CEG Funding for Ukraine Group (FUG). Kasia said she is willing to help with queries, as did Nadyezhda Ivanovna, but neither wish to be a member of the FUG.
9. We closed with a short silence.

Liz and Kasia, CEG Co-clerks