



Mineralogical Society of Poland

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THE EMC2020 – KRAKÓW (POLAND)

The next European Mineralogical Conference (emc2020) will be held in Kraków (Poland). This major conference will be organized by the Mineralogical Society of Poland on behalf of the following European mineralogical societies: the Deutsche Mineralogische Gesellschaft, the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain & Ireland, the Mineralogical Society of Finland, the Österreichische Mineralogische Gesellschaft, the Russian Mineralogical Society, the Sociedad Española de Mineralogía, the Société Française de Minéralogie et de Cristallographie, the Società Italiana di Mineralogia e Petrologia, and the Swiss Society of Mineralogy and Petrology. The European Mineralogical Union will also participate.



Old town in Kraków (Poland)

The Mineralogical Society of Poland (PTMin) was established 17 April 1969. According to the statute, "PTMin supports the development of mineralogical sciences and propagates them in the Polish society". The headquarters of the society is in Kraków at the AGH University of Science and Technology. There are regional branches of the PTMin in Warszawa, Wrocław, Sosnowiec, and Kielce. The Mineralogical Society of Poland has been a member of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA) since 1973, and, in 1999, the society joined the European Mineralogical Union (EMU). Representatives from PTMin serve on several IMA commissions. In 2016, the Mineralogical Society of Poland had over 200 members, including 12 honorary members. There is, in the PTMin, a fascination with science and an enthusiasm for mineralogy that will ensure a high-level academic symposium at emc2020, while the rich history of the city, various tourist attractions, and optimal location will make emc2020 in Kraków a great summer destination.

The city dates back to the 7th century and has traditionally been one of the leading centres of Polish and European academic, cultural, and artistic life. It was the capital of Poland from 1038 to 1569. The academic traditions of the city have deep historical roots: Nicolaus Copernicus (1473–1543), the Polish astronomer who formulated the heliocentric model of the universe, attended the Jagiellonian University, which had been established in 1364.



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ICE Congress Center (exterior)



ICE Congress Center (part of interior)

In 1978, UNESCO approved the first ever sites for its new World Heritage List, including Kraków's Old Town. Kraków is also classified as a "global city" by the Globalization and World Cities Research Network, with the ranking of "high sufficiency".

The downtown area, Main Market Square, is surrounded by a web of small streets, and the "Planty" park is the city's historical (and actual) centre, displaying untouched architecture and containing numerous museums, cultural events, restaurants, hotels, and an international crowd of visitors and tourists. Modern infrastructure, efficient public transportation and famous Polish hospitality make Kraków a safe and friendly place for visitors from all over Europe.

The emc2020 conference will occur in the ICE Congress Center from Sunday, 6 September 2020 until Thursday, 10 September 2020. The ICE Congress Center in Kraków has three main halls at its disposition: the Auditorium, the Theatre Hall and the Chamber Hall, which can accommodate a maximum of 2,100, 600 and 300 attendees, respectively. Aside from the unique Auditorium Hall, the Theatre Hall (second largest) is especially noteworthy in that its folding seats will allow the floor area to be increased if being used for banquets or exhibitions. The center itself is able to accommodate 3,200 participants and offers a complex of smaller conference venues with moveable walls, a glazed three-floor foyer with a view of Wawel (King's Castle, one of the most important landmarks in Kraków), a multifunctional exhibition hall, and support areas.

Details of the conference will appear in *Elements*, in both the the EMU and PTMin news sections. For more information on Kraków, visit <http://www.krakow.travel/en/>.

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