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## 30<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE PETROLOGY GROUP OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF POLAND

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of the Petrology Group of the Mineralogical Society of Poland took place in Lubliniec, Upper Silesia, under the theme “How Can Mineralogical Sciences Support the Mineral Resources Industry?” The meeting was organized by the University of Wrocław and the Polish Geological Institute, with Piotr Wojtulek as the main organizer. The event brought together researchers, students, and professionals from across Poland (and beyond) to share their latest findings, exchange experiences, and celebrate three decades of collaboration within the Petrology Group.



**FIGURE 1** Participants of the conference in front of the Lubliniec Library.

The meeting began with a field trip to the Częstochowa ore-bearing region, where participants explored Jurassic sedimentary iron deposits. The scientific program followed the announced schedule, with engaging plenary and thematic sessions covering a wide range of topics—from economic geology and mineral exploration to metamorphic and igneous processes, as well as environmental mineralogy. Keynote talks were delivered by Jens Gutzmer (Helmholtz Institute Freiberg, Germany), Eric van Hullebusch (Université Paris Cité, France), Frank Melcher (Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria), Katrin Pollmann (HZDR, Germany), Alicja Łacińska (British Geological Survey), and Iwona Gałęczka (University of Iceland), who presented insights ranging from holistic resource characterization, through carbon dioxide sequestration to urban mining and innovative approaches to studying mineral raw materials. The session also included a lecture commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of geological sciences at the University of Wrocław given by the Head of the Geology Department, Magdalena Matusiak Małek, and a talk commemorating 30 years of history of the Petrology section meetings given by the person who started the tradition, Jacek Puziewicz. The discussions were lively, and many new ideas emerged during both the formal presentations and informal conversations over coffee and cake. Both oral and poster sessions were held in the Public Library in Lubliniec, creating an open and friendly atmosphere. Visitors to the library had the opportunity to browse the posters and appreciate geoscience at its best.

As every year, young scientists were recognized for their outstanding contributions. The Ryszard Kryza Awards for the best oral and poster presentations went to **Ludwik de Doliwa-Zieliński** and **Bartosz Puzio**, respectively. Two additional participants, **Elżbieta Deja-Słodczyk** and **Olga Turek**, received honorable mentions for the high quality of their work.



**FIGURE 2** Recipients of the Young Researcher Award. (LEFT TO RIGHT): Bartosz Puzio, Elżbieta Deja-Słodczyk, Olga Turek, and Ludwik de Doliwa-Zieliński.

Beyond the lecture halls, the atmosphere was full of energy. The traditional gala dinner turned into an evening of dancing, karaoke, and laughter, proving once again that geologists know how to combine science with good fun. A photography contest added a creative twist to the event, with photos competing in several humorous categories, including “Most Expressive Presentation” and “Interaction with the Audience.”



**FIGURE 3** Conference participants during the field trip to the clay mine in Gnaszyn.

The conference concluded with another field trip, this time exploring the classic MVT Pb-Zn-Ag deposits of Upper Silesia and Małopolska, providing participants with a perfect blend of science, networking, and fresh air.

Overall, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of the Petrology Group in Lubliniec was not only scientifically inspiring but also truly enjoyable—a fitting celebration of the Group’s long-standing tradition.