

Warszawa 20th May 2009

Dear EGF, dear Go Friends,

On behalf of the organizing committee and Polish Go Association I would like to propose the organization of the 2013 European Go Congress in Gdynia, Poland.

After several talks with Mayor of Gdynia City and owner of properties, where Congress could be hosted, the organizing committee has been established and now we are ready to prepare such an important Go event.

Here is some information:

- ? **Place:** Gdynia City – a modern town located on the coast of the Baltic Sea (part of so called Tri-City – Gdansk, Sopot and Gdynia).
 - o **Playing Hall.** Located in the very centre of town: Music Theatre of Gdynia (capable of 1000 players) and Polish Navy Officer's Club (for the super group part of the tournament) — distant 100m one from another.
 - o **Accommodation.** Dormitories with affordable, moderate and higher class rooms scheduled for renovation in 2010: 200 beds in a dormitory by the seaside, additionally 400 beds in nicely communicated dormitories by Morska str. (<http://www.am.gdynia.pl/en/>) There is a wide range of possibilities: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or even 7 person rooms with bathroom and kitchen equipped with facilities; some rooms have a balcony with sea view. Prices from 12 to 25EUR/ppn. For more sophisticated taste there are dozens of hotels from mid to high class at corresponding prices. Also a place for approximately 100 "sleeping-baggers" will be prepared in school classrooms, at 5 EUR/ppn. We are still working on making this even less expensive.
 - o **Meals.** For all the guests of dormitories the school canteen will be available. In the evening the cafeteria will be opened. There will be catering provided on the playing site. Additionally, dozens of nearby (in range of 5 minutes walking) restaurants are serving all kinds of food.

- ? **Time:** Mid summer from 27th of July to 11th of August 2013.
- ? **Travel.** Not difficult to get there. One may reach Gdynia by:
 - o **Car** – A1 highway
 - o **Plane.** Gdansk Airport and Babiedoly Airport in Gdynia
 - o **By the sea.** Ferries from Sweden and Russia
 - o **By train.** Direct trains from Berlin, Praha, Warszawa
 - o Any other means

More info on the place and surroundings you can find on attached flier.

Additionally, a short movie is located at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Brb7bBXUtk>

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