

APPLICATION FOR ORGANIZATION OF:

XVIII INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA WORKSHOP KRAKÓW 2021, POLAND (proposed term 14 – 19.09.2021)



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❖ Kraków 2021 ? Yes, of course !



- **KRAKÓW** is the second largest and one of the oldest cities in Poland situated on the Vistula river in the south of Poland.
- For many years Krakow was the royal capital of Poland until 17th c.
- **Krakow** - an architectural pearl amongst Polish cities on the **UNESCO World Cultural Heritage** list with its architectural complex of the Old City which has survived unchanged since the Middle Age It is still the city where, like ages ago, one can walk along the **Royal Route**, starting from the city gates and arriving at the **Royal Castle Hill**.
- **Nowadays Krakow** is a seat of international institution. There is a special economic and scientific zone.
The city is home to the **Jagiellonian University founded in 1364, Alma Mater of Nicolaus Copernicus**. Every year numerous festivals, cultural events and congresses attract few millions of visitors. The variety of cultural offer of Krakow's theatres, galleries and museums creates exceptional opportunity to deal with art.
- **Krakow's best known historic landmarks** include: Wawel Royal Caste, Cathedral, St. Mary's Church Collegium Maius, Cloth Hall, Barbican, Tyniec Abbey, Kazimierz Jewish quarter.



PREZYDENT MIASTA KRAKOWA
JACEK MAJCHROWSKI

Jesús San Miguel MD, PhD
President of International Myeloma Society

Dear President San Miguel,

Knowing that the location for the XVIII International Myeloma Workshop in September 2021 is currently being discussed I would like to encourage you to choose Krakow. Our City enjoys status of a centre of international culture, art and science, earned after centuries served as the capital of Poland and the seat of Polish Kings. It is a place where numerous, invaluable historical buildings stand beside jewels of modern architecture. Considering this symbolic coexistence, we are willing not only to reflect on Krakow's splendid past but also to look forward to any upcoming challenges. Each year our City hosts important cultural and academic events as well as business meetings.

Krakow can offer to the events industry not only the inspiring atmosphere but also an impressive venue. The ICE Krakow Conference and Congress Centre, opened in 2014, is a modern facility meeting the highest standards required for holding such events as congresses, conferences, business meetings, exhibitions, concerts, performances, shows and other cultural activities. Located in the heart of the city, overlooking the Royal Wawel Castle, the ICE Conference and Congress Centre has already won worldwide popularity and trust of events business representatives.

Having in mind the above mentioned strong points of ICE Krakow as well as the fact that our city's atmosphere provides most favorable conditions for both work and leisure, I am deeply convinced that Krakow will win your heart as a perfect place for such an important event as the XVIII International Myeloma Workshop. The event would also be a chance to promote polish scientific output. Highly appreciating the significance of this prestigious meeting, gathering healthcare professionals and researchers from all over the world, we will be honoured if this event would be organized in Krakow.

With best regards,

Jacek Majchrowski
Mayor of Krakow

Krakow, June 2017

Invitation Letter – Jacek Majchrowski, Mayor of Krakow

❖ Traveling to Krakow



Krakow is located 300 km south of Warsaw and has very good air, train and road connections.

By air:

- **The John Paul II International Airport in Krakow** is situated at the outskirts of the city (15 km from the center).
- **65 direct connections**
- 388 airports reachable with one transfer mostly through: Frankfurt, Munich, Warsaw, Vienna, Oslo,

More information on: <http://www.krakowairport.pl/en/passenger,c70/flight-information,c71/regular-flights-map,a180.html>

By car:

- Krakow lies at one of key European crossroads, on route from the West via Germany to the East via Ukraine and from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean via Austria. Google maps: <https://maps.google.com/>
- The A4 motorway, via Wroclaw and Katowice, leads to Krakow from Western Europe

By train:

- The PKP Railway Station Krakow Główny is located in the city centre.

❖ Scientific Committee and Partners

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❖ Jagiellonian University Medical College Department of Hematology - www.hematologia.cmuj.krakow.pl

❖ The University Hospital in Krakow - <https://en.su.krakow.pl/about-us>

❖ Myeloma Treatment Centre Foundation - <http://szpiczak.org/en/>

❖ Congress Venue ICE

International Conferencing & Entertainment (ICE Krakow Congress Centre)

17, Konopnickiej Street

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<http://www.icekrakow.com/>, virtual tour: - <http://www.icekrakow.com/see-ice/virtual-tour>



ICE Krakow location:

- **in the very city centre:** in 10 minutes walking distance to the Royal Wawel Castle, in another 5 to the Main Market Square.
- about 20 minutes by car, from the Krakow Airport, 10 minutes from the railway and bus station.
- within a **walking distance to the most Krakow's tourist attractions**

ICE Krakow in numbers:

- 37 000 sqm of surface
- 3 main halls
- 1 915 pax in the Auditorium Hall
- 600 pax in the Theatre Hall
- 300 (2 x 150) pax in the Chamber Hall
- 500 sqm in the Conference Hall Complex
- 347 parking places

❖ Hotels in Krakow

No matter of guests' budget, thanks to Krakow's ascent into elite status as a European destination, there is no lack of accommodation options in our fabled city.

From 5* hotels to boutiques and Bed & Breakfast apartments to hostels – there are many places to stay.

Most of hotels are situated in the city centre or in a short distance with easy access by public transportation.

Below there is a list of recommended hotels:

5* hotels

Sheraton, 230 rooms,	www.sheraton.com/krakow
Radisson Blu, 196 rooms ,	www.radissonblu.com
Holiday Inn, 200 rooms,	www.hik.krakow.pl
Grand hotel, 64 rooms	www.grand.pl
Stary, 53 rooms	www.hotel.com.pl
Bonerowski Palace, 14 roms	www.palacbonerowski.pl

4* hotels

Andels, 159 rooms	www.andelscracow.com
Galaxy, 205 rooms	www.galaxyhotel.pl
Hitlon Garden Inn, 154 rooms	www.hgi.com
Kossak, 60 rooms	www.hotelkossak.pl
Unicus, 35 rooms	www.hotelunicus.pl
Novotel Bronowice, 305 rooms	www.accorhotels.com
Novotel Krakow Centrum, 198 rooms	www.accorhotels.com
Pod Różą, 57 rooms	www.hotel.com.pl

Polski Pod Białym Orłem, 57 rooms
Qubus, 194 rooms,
Park Inn By Radisson, 150 rooms
Best Western Plus, 154 rooms

www.podorlem.com.pl
www.qubushotel.com
www.parkinn.pl/hotel-krakow
www.dobryhotel.com

3*hotels

Amber, 43 rooms,
Chopin, 219 rooms,
Classic, 30 rooms,
Express by Holiday Inn, 181 rooms,
Ibis Krakow Centrum, 175 rooms,
Jordan Guest Rooms, 40 rooms,

www.hotel-amber.pl
www.chopinhotel.com
www.hotel-classic.pl
www.krakowexpress.pl
www.accorhotels.com
www.nocleg.jordan.pl



❖ An Opening and Closing Ceremony

An opening and closing ceremony might be organized in proposed congress venue ICE in Auditorium Hall or in Conference Hall Complex (with a view to the Royal Wawel Castle)



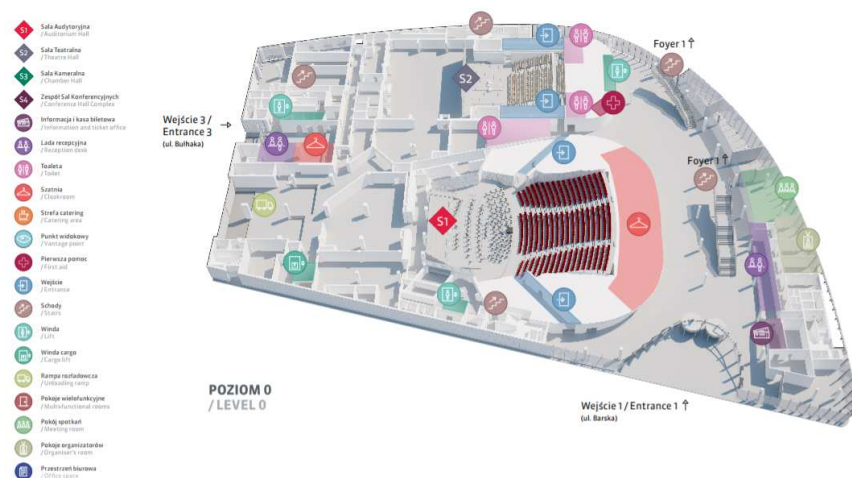
A multi-functional half-vineyard-type Auditorium Hall, with seating partially surrounding the stage, is ideally suited to conferences, concerts and congresses. Perfect for hosting events of a varying scale: concerts with seating for 1915 viewers (limited orchestra), congresses and conferences with an audience of up to 1915 viewers, symphonic concerts with seating for 1791 viewers (stage for 100-piece orchestra and 200-piece choir). One of the best concert and conference halls in Poland, it has customisable acoustics with enhanced characteristics which can be adjusted to any kind of event. It also offers state-of-the-art solutions in the field of stage technology. The technology of the multi-segment stage with seven independently adjustable modules allows organisers to arrange the space of the hall according to their expectations and needs. The Auditorium Hall is also equipped with trapdoors for engineer booths, director booths on all three levels, and booths for simultaneous interpretation.

❖ **Exhibition Space-** <http://www.icekrakow.com/>, virtual tour: <http://www.icekrakow.com/see-ice/virtual-tour>



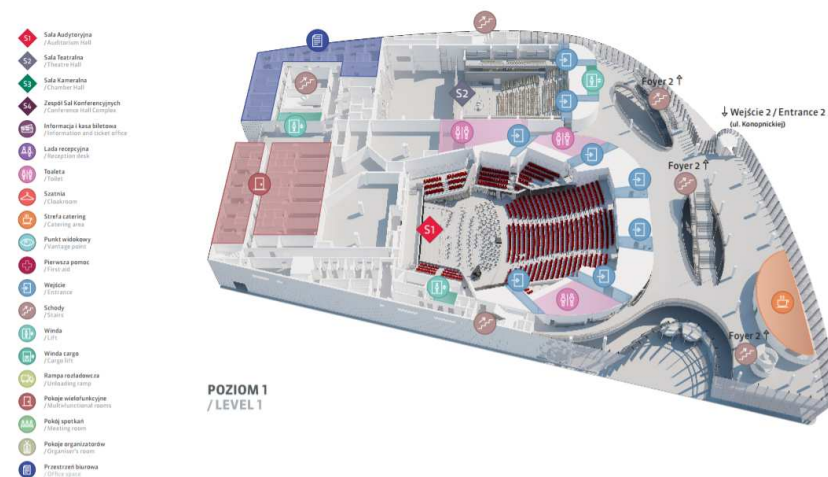
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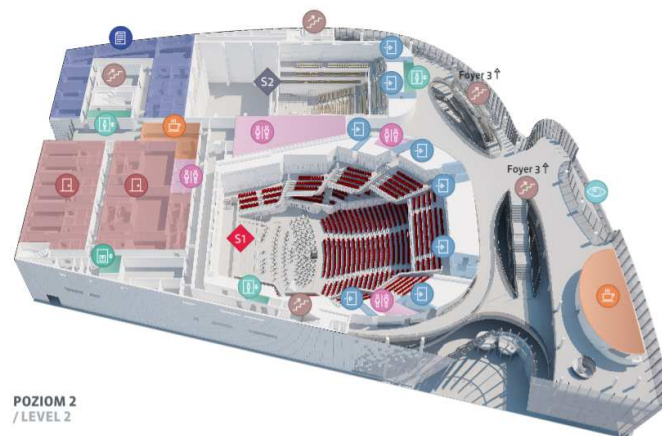
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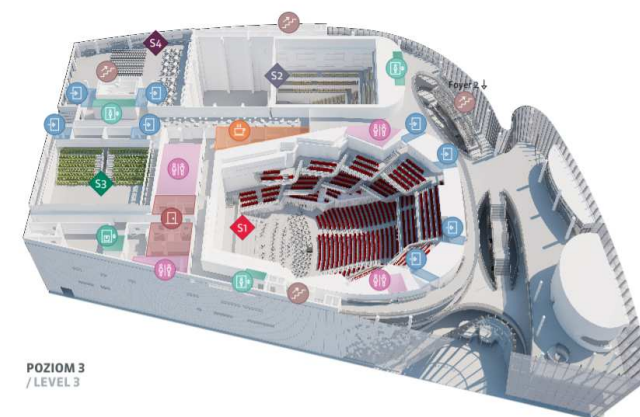
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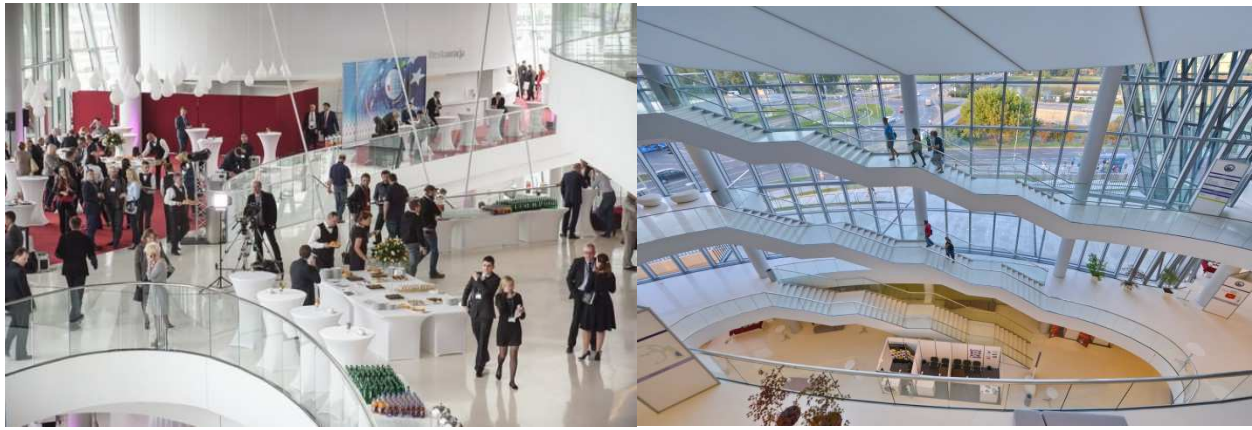
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❖ Welcome Reception

Welcome Reception with catering might be organized in ICE space: hall complex and foyer of 1st and 2nd levels.



❖ **Gala Dinner** might be organized in:

1. Polish Aviation Museum in Krakow - <http://muzeumlotnictwa.pl/indexen.php>



2. Tauron Arena in Krakow - <http://www.tauronarenakrakow.pl/en/about-us/>



3. EXPO Krakow - <http://expokrakow.com/gb/>



❖ Social Programme

City sightseeing of Kraków



The Royal Route - the most ceremonial route through the city, the route of grand entrances, parades, and funerary processions. It begins by St. Florian's Church in Matejki Square and runs past Krakow's Barbican (built late in the 15th century), Florian's Gate, across the Main Market Square, the route leads to **Wawel Hill** – the seat of royal power until 17th century. **The Main Market Square** it is the natural centre of Kraków, a stage for various minor and major events. The centrally located Cloth Hall has survived to this day. It is a perfect place to shop for local souvenirs. In the north-eastern corner of the square stands **St. Mary's Church** with its two slender, twin-spined towers reaching high above the whole city. Inside, there is a monumental altar sculpted by Wit Stwosz.

Duration: 4 hours

The Traces of Jewish Culture



Kazimierz district - named after the king who invited Jews to Poland in the 14th century. Kazimierz became the flourishing centre of Jewish religion, culture and trade. Due to the policy of religious tolerance that prevailed in Poland from the 15th century, Kazimierz became a safe haven for diverse groups of Jewish refugees from all over Europe. The tour of Kazimierz present the most important monuments in this area:

The Old Synagogue

(now the Judaic Department of the Historical Museum of the city of Krakow), the **Remuh Synagogue** and **Remuh Cemetery**.

Duration: 4 hours

Wieliczka Salt Mine



Legend has it that the salt mine in Wieliczka were part of the dowry of the Hungarian princess, Kinga, when she married Bolesław the Shy over 700 years ago. Over the centuries, devout and superstitious, miners have carved fabulous figures, monuments and altarpieces out of its salt walls. These amazing works of art, in addition to the mine's historical importance, have earned the Wieliczka Salt Mine a place on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list. Route through the mine leads through galleries and chambers on three levels, from 64 to 135 meters below the ground, including the unique and richly ornamented Chapel of the Blessed Kinga. A lift carries you back to the surface. Duration: 4 hours.

Dunajec River Gorge – rafting trip



The raft trip down the Dunajec river through the Pieniny Gorge and along the Polish-Slovak border is one of the greatest tourist attractions in Poland. The towering cliffs and the limestone rock formations of the gorge itself plus the picturesque mountain scenery, the surrounding national forest and the colorful river guides make for a wonderful day in a pristine and wild environment. For many centuries, the Dunajec valley served as an important trade route to Hungary and so Czorsztyn Castle (13th c.) and Niedzica Castle (14th c.) were built as strategic strongholds high on the cliffs on either side.

Duration: 8 hrs.

Zakopane Tatra Mountains



Nestled at the foot of the spectacular Tatra mountains, Zakopane is the winter sports capital of Poland and its most famous resort. During the winter, plentiful snow and challenging runs make for excellent skiing while the summer months offer hikers mountain lakes, glacial valleys and waterfalls. The mountains are also home to an unique and diverse range of flora and fauna.

Duration: 8 hrs

❖ General Information about Poland



Country's full name:

The Republic of Poland (Rzeczpospolita Polska)

Geographical situation:

Poland is situated just in the center of Europe. With its territory of 312683 square km (120725 square miles), it belongs to the biggest European states.

Poland borders with Germany to the West, Czech Republic and Slovakia to the South, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Lithuania to the East and Baltic Sea to the North. In December 2007 Poland joined the Shengen area.

Capital city: Warsaw (Warszawa)

Major cities: Krakow, Gdansk, Wrocław, Poznan,

National symbols:

National emblem: white eagle with a gold crown

National flag: top – white, bottom - red

EU membership: from 1 May 2004

Climate:

Poland has a moderate climate with maritime and continental elements.

From May to the end of September you can expect a lot of sunny days with the temperatures from 15°C to 32 °C.

People:

Poland has a population of 38 million, from which 1,8 million live in Warsaw.

Language: Polish

Other popular languages spoken: English, German, French and Russian

Time: GMT/UTC plus one hour

Currency: 1 Złoty (abbreviation zł) = 100 groszy (gr)

Foreign exchange:

Major foreign currencies may be exchanged for Polish Złotys at banks or exchange counters, called in Polish “Kantor”, operating at larger hotels, border crossings, airports and just across the cities.

Credit cards:

Major credit cards, such as Visa, Eurocard, Mastercard are widely accepted.

Electricity: 230 volts, 50 Hz AC Euro socket style

Telephones:

Direct telephone connections with almost all countries of the World are available. Country code to Poland +48.

Tips: It is customary to leave a tip of around 10-15% in cafes and restaurants.

Emergency phone numbers:

General Emergency number for mobile phones

Police: 997

Fire Brigade : 998

Ambulance service :999

Emergency calls from phone boxes are free of charge. When using a mobile, remember to dial the local code before the emergency number. Local code for Krakow is 12, so you would dial 12 – 997 to call to the police in Krakow.

