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Cover story

On 27th-30th May 2007 the Worldwide Congress on Materials and Manufacturing Engineering and Technology COMMENT2007 is taking place. On the cover the main venues in which debates of that important scientific event are taking place can be seen. The Opening Ceremony of the COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress is organised in the Main Hall of Collegium Novum of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, the oldest one in Poland. Expect a few scientific lectures given during the Opening Ceremony, and selected from over 250 papers, which have been submitted for the presentation during COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress.



During that ceremony also the concert of MoCarta Group is foreseen. That outstanding quartet promoting in the original way the classic music surely will intrigue with its artistry the delegates of the COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress. Surely sounds of their music will superbly sound in the historic interiors of Collegium Novum. Then the sightseeing of the Royal Castle Wawel in Cracow is foreseen. The visit in those outstanding interiors and among valuable monuments of Polish history surely will deliver unforgettable impressions to the delegates of the COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress.

Zakopane in Poland chosen as a main venue of the COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress. Zakopane (800-1.000 m above sea level) is a town located at the foot of the Tatra Mountains in the valley between Mount Gubałowska (1.123 m a.s.l.) and Mount Giewont (1.894 m. a.s.l.) and is seen at the main cover photo. It is the Polish most famous summer paradise and winter sports capital. Zakopane is a climatic spa and a starting point for trips into the Tatras – a belt of the Western Carpathian Mountains, and the only segment of Alpine-type mountains in the Central Europe. Zakopane and its environs are a unique reserve of Podhale folklore. It may be viewed nowadays since the Highlanders still wear their characteristic, richly ornamented dresses. Authentic Podhale folklore may be observed in the architecture, during weddings, Highlanders' dances, and religious ceremonies. Highlanders' song and dance troupes present music and dances. Many of these may be seen at the Folkloristic Dinner which is organised during the COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress. Zakopane is a major centre of the Polish culture. The best place to start any visit to Zakopane is the Museum of the Tatras (Krupówki 10 str.), founded in 1888. The museum has large ethnographic and natural collections on the display. The "Tea" Highlander Hut (built approximately in 1870) with its ethnographic collections, the Villa "Pod Jodłami" (Under the Firs) on the Koziniec hilltop – a classical work in the Zakopane architectural style, and the Villa "Atma" where Karol Szymanowski – the great Polish composer – lived and worked (the building is presently a museum devoted to the artist) are worth seeing. The old timber church from the first half of the 19th century on the corner of Krupówki str. and Kościeliska str., the old cemetery known as "Zakopane Pantheon" is worth noting. The oldest part of the town, Kościeliska str., is still the site of historical Highlander huts dating from the 19th century. Villa "Koliba", at No. 18, is the first building erected in what has come to be known as the Zakopane style – its author was Stanisław Witkiewicz, the father of the well known playwright and painter from the first half of the 20th century known as Stanisław Witkacy.

The COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress is taking place in the conference rooms of the very modern Mercure Kasprowy Hotel in Zakopane, Poland. Of course the most important part of the COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress will be the plenary sessions, the thematic sessions of the given conferences and the poster sessions during which over 250 papers qualified for the presentation during the COMMENT2007 Worldwide Congress after the achievement of positive reviews of at least two reviewers each will be presented.