



1. Gdańsk - Poland's principal seaport and the largest city in the Pomerania region of Northern Poland lying on the southern edge of Gdańsk Bay (of the Baltic Sea),

2. and its very modern Mercure Hevelius Hotel situated in its very centre became a seat of the consecutive COMMENT'2009 Congress

3. including among others the 17<sup>th</sup> AMME'2009 Conference.

4. The first guests started to arrive on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009...

5. ...and among them Prof. Janez Kopac and his wife from Slovenia...

7. ...Prof. Bozo Smoljan from Croatia

6. ...Prof. Jerry Sokolowski from Canada....

8. ...Prof. Jerzy Świder - the Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the Silesian University of Technology with his wife

9. ...and Prof. Nivaldo Coppini from Brazil

10. Prof. Leszek A. Dobrzanski, the President of the WAMME Academy welcomed Guests

11. from numerous countries on the Welcome and Cocktail Dinner





12. Further warm individual welcomes took place during the solemn dinner (Ms Marzena Kraszewska, MA – the Secretary of the Congress Organising Committee, Dr Anna Dobrzańska-Danikiewicz, Prof. Janez Kopac - Slovenia)



13. Prof. Gilmar Batalha (Brazil), Prof. Mario Rosso (Italy), Prof. Jerry Sokolowski (Italy) and his wife – Bożena (Canada),



14. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in the morning the Congress delegates went for a walk to the Centre of Gdańsk...

15. ... where welcomed them Neptune's Fountain in the centre of the Long Market...



17. and where in its Great Hall the solemn Opening Ceremony of the Congress took place...



16. ...in the front of Artus Court, which in the past was a place of the meetings of merchants and a centre of social life and attraction for numerous strangers from abroad



18. The ceremony opened by the President of WAMME and the Chairman of the Organising and Programme Committees, Prof. Leszek A. Dobrzański

19. was honoured with Mr Maciej Lisicki's - V-ce President of Gdańsk – presence



20. He made a speech and was granted with the occasional diploma and the statute of the Owl.

21. This year the Prof. Fryderyk Staub Golden Owl Awards were achieved by Prof. Gilmar Batalha from Brazil...



22. ...Prof. Emin Bayraktar from France...



23. ....and Prof. Stanislaw Rusz from Czech Republic.



24. Dr Marek Kremzer from Gliwice, Poland achieved the Prof. Jan Adamczyk Honorary Award of the World Academy of Materials and Manufacturing Engineering for a young scientist for the best PhD thesis.

25. The Ceremony was also enriched by the wonderful music of the outstanding Polish romantic composer Frederic Chopin played by the famous Polish pianist of the young generation Wojciech Waleczek from Silesia.



26. The audience with great attention listened to the Opening lectures given by:



27. Prof. Jerry Sokolowski from Canada...



28. ...Prof. Janez Kopac from Slovenia.



29. ...Dr Ayodele Olofinjana from Brunei.



30. ...Very interesting lectures were also given by Award Holders' Lectures (here Prof. Stanislaw Rusz):



31. and outstanding Professor from various countries eg. Prof. Mario Rosso from Italy



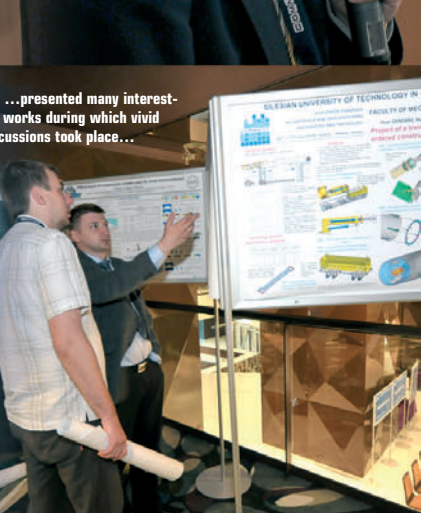
32. Prof. Hong Hocheng from Taiwan



33. Prof. Ming-Yen Tan from Singapore



34. Prof. Marian Zenkiewicz from Poland



35. The Poster Session opened by Dr Miroslaw Bonek...

36. ...presented many interesting works during which vivid discussions took place...



38. ...when others enjoy the morning coffee (Prof. Gilmar Batalha, Dr Anna Dohrzańska-Danikiewicz, Mr Marcin Bilewicz, MSc)



39. when the Spanish posed for their photos.



40. The break was also time for vivid lobby discussions (Prof. Jan Szajnar, Prof. Mirosław Cholewa, Dr Marcin Kondracki)



41. Discussions took place also directly after lectures (Prof. Leszek A. Dobrzański and Prof. Elzbieta Skrzypek)...



42. ....and while waiting for sessions, (Dr Klaudiusz Golombek, Dr Marek Krupiński from Gliwice, Poland)



43. Unofficial debates took place also in the sections



44. ... and in the evenings



45. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 the solemn Banquet Dinner took place...



46. In the Town Councillors' Restaurant...



48. from various countries participated in it.



47. Many delegates...



49. Traditionally "New Transformation" group of Adam Snopek

50. let the Organisers dance



51. and encouraged others



52. ...Prof. Elżbieta Skrzypek (Poland)...



53. ...Dr Maciej Rojek and Dr Małgorzata Szymiczek (Poland)



54. ...Prof. Lubomír Cizek (Czech Republic)



55. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 Dr Anna Dobrzańska-Danikiewicz, the leading expert of the FDR-SURF project, opened the 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop at the General Session giving the introductory lecture



56. which was continued on the next day



58. among others: Dr Jarosław Mikula...



59. ...Dr Marcin Adamiak...



57. In the workshop general contractors presented the results of their researches



60. ...Dr Janusz Madejski...



61. who were listed by experts very carefully



62. and then commented,



63. among others by:  
Prof. Bozo Smoljan  
(Croatia)...



64. ...Prof. Mario  
Rosso (Italy)...



65. ...Prof. Gilmar  
Batalha (Brazil)



66. and carried out questionnaire forms



67. The Congress was also accompanied by other events as:



69. co-organised by BSI  
Management Systems



70. and the Association of  
Computational Materials  
Science and Surface  
Engineering, Gliwice, Poland

68. "Scientific  
Conference  
on Certificated and  
uncertificated quality  
management systems  
in education"  
QMSEU/2009



71. and the General Assembly of WAMME...



73. and diplomas and medals were handed there – Prof. Gilmar Batalha...



72. during which its Fellows discussed about its activeness during last year and plans for future



74. In the afternoon dressed in wind- and waterproof coats

75. delegates went for a trip

76. to the metro-politan cathedral in Gdańsk Oliwa to listen to the concert



77. played on one of the biggest organs in Poland, designed and constructed between 1763 and 1788



78. which caused their admiration

80. "Dragon" galleon in order to cruise on the Baltic Sea



79. Then they moved to Gdynia Port and walked to





81. A few hour trip passed on eating...

82. ...talking

83. and admiring the views

84. ...making pictures

85. ...singing by the guitar (Mr Henryk Poloczek and pirates)...

86. ...or dancing...



87. and finished with the historical trip to the Gdańsk Shipyard

88. After four days the Congress was solemnly closed by Prof. Leszek A. Dobrzański

CLOSING CEREMONY  
Prof. Leszek A. Dobrzański



89. and after last farewells (with Prof. Bozo Smoljan)...

91. (and with Prof. Marian Żenkiewicz)... the Mercure Revelius Hotel became empty and the Guests full of impressions and memories went home on five continents staying the Presidium of WAMME with hope that they will come back to participate in the 18<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference AMME-2010, which will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Zakopane

... who thanked the delegates for the fruitful debates and the authors for their contributions and the closest staff for the preparation of the event