



World Ostomy Day 2015 in Poland

Polish Ostomy Association POL-ILKO celebrated the day together with 20th anniversary of one of our regional chapters – POLILKO Kielce. We met in the Holycross Cancer Center in Kielce on Friday, October 2nd, 2015. The opening ceremony was graced by presence of representatives of local authorities as well as medical community: doctors and nurses. We enjoyed the presence of patients advocates from many associations (nurses associations, health promotion organizations, patients societies). POLILKO regional chapters from all around Poland were represented by our association members. As a part of the official ceremony we had the pleasure to listen to several lectures given by our honorable guests.

At the evening we had an opportunity to meet together at the gala dinner. The next day was full of attractions: we were travelling around the beautiful region of Kielce and visiting the city itself. That was the wonderful opportunity to talk, share our experiences and enjoy being together. On Sunday, the third day of the event, we participated in the training on issues of social work that was fantastically run by Bianca-Beata Kotoro, the psychologist.

The relation from the opening ceremony was transmitted by the regional TV station:

<http://kielce.tvp.pl/21948693/zyc-normalnie-ze-stomia> and the report was published in the local newspaper: <http://www.echodnia.eu/swietokrzyskie/wiadomosci/kielce/art/8964556,wolontariusze-ze-stomia-z-calego-kraju-po-raz-pierwszy-spotkali-sie-by-swietowac-w-kielcach,id,t.html>

Honorary Patronage over the event was given by the Voivode of the świętokrzyskie voivodeship, Marshall of the voivodeship, Mayor of the City of Kielce and Mayor of the county. The event was sponsored by several companies: Coloplast, ConvaTec, Paul Hartmann/Dansac, Life+, Pofam-Poznań, ABC Medica/Welland, Roche, Salts.

The whole program of the meeting was prepared and run by our colleagues from the Kielce Regional Chapter of POLILKO: Mieczysław Więckowski, Barbara Tomaszewska, Krystyna Siejek, Andrzej Kosiarkiewicz, Helena Wsół, Lucyna Tabarkiewicz and Eugeniusz Kotlarski.

That was a wonderful event and one more invaluable opportunity to integrate our community!



Opening ceremony in the Holycross Cancer Center in Kielce



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Doctor Wojciech Korejba, The Holycross Cancer Center in Kielce



Andrzej Piwowarski, The POLILKO President



The Kielce Chapter Team: Mieczysław Więckowski, Eugeniusz Kotlarski, Basia Tomaszewska and Andrzej Kosierkiewicz



Discussions about ostomy appliances with the products suppliers during the coffee breaks



Site seeing in Podzamcze