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## 55th EHPRG CHAIR'S INVITATION

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Hi Pressure Friends!

European High Pressure Research Group (EHPRG) Meetings continue to be the leading forum for all high-pressure scientists in Europe and are one of the best known conferences in the world for exchanging ideas, views and discussions on high-pressure science and technology.

The 55<sup>th</sup> EGPRG Meeting in 2017 will be held in Poznań. About 11 centuries ago Poznań was the birth place of the first kings of Poland and its capital. Later, Poznań became a vibrant medieval and renaissance city, but in the 19th century it was turned into a stronghold, one of the largest in the world. In the 20th century several historical events of great significance took place in Poznań.

Poznań is not only a historic city, well known for its cultural heritage, industry and commerce, but one of the largest academic centres worldwide, with over 100 000 students in more than 10 universities. Poznań is the capital of the Wielkopolska (Greater Poland) region, located on the banks of the Warta River, amidst lakes, forests, glacial hills, lavish residences of noblemen within their amazing grounds, and other tourist attractions.

The long tradition of higher education in Poznań is often connected with the College of St. Maria Magdalena, opened in 1303 and still operating today as a secondary school. Lubrański Academy,

established in 1520, had to close just before Poland lost its independence at the end of 18<sup>th</sup> century. Poznań University was inaugurated in 1919, and in 1955 named after the famous poet Adam Mickiewicz. The 55<sup>th</sup> EHPRG Meeting will be held in the new building of Collegium Chemicum, in the beautifully located Morasko University Campus, which includes a sports complex (with swimming pool, tennis courts, training halls etc.), and is conveniently connected by a fast tramline to the city centre (10 min).

Today, Poznań is associated with the University, the Old Market square, the City Hall with its fighting goats (see the logo), parks, monuments, excellent transport links (trains, airports, river), international fairs, the football-league championship club Lech (unfortunately not this year), Olympic medallists, Lech brewery, cuisine (the famous St. Martin's croissants), the Morasko Nature Reserve of Meteorites (from a shower of meteorites, fortunately ca. 5000 years ago), a steam -engine train line still operating and one of the largest train museums in nearby Wolsztyn, a large Zoo, botanic gardens, top-quality agriculture, as well as theatre, music and dance arts festivals, along with many other attractions.

We cordially invite you and your families to the festival of high-pressure science and technology in 2017 in Poznań!

Andrzej Katrusiak 55<sup>th</sup> EHPRG Chair

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