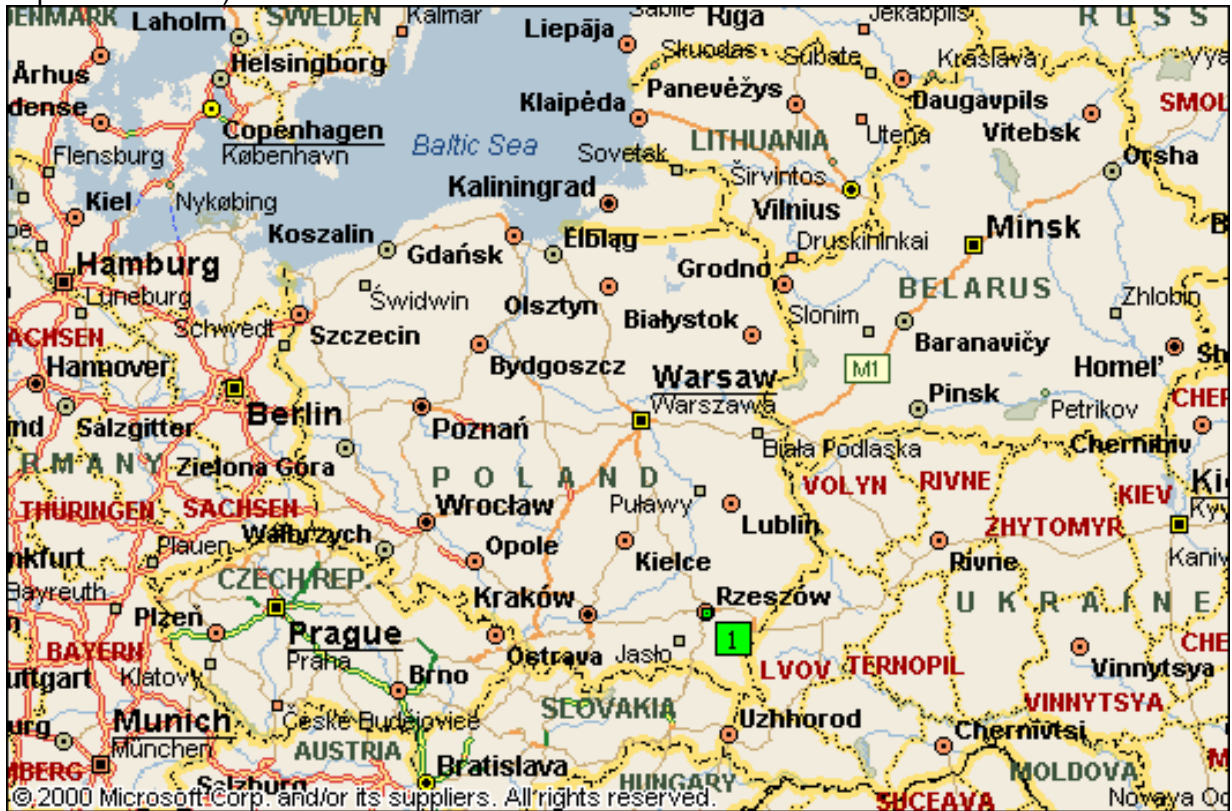


Dear colleagues,

WELCOME TO RZESZOW !

Where is Rzeszow?

Rzeszow [1] (see map) is situated in south-east part of Poland, 100 km of Slovakia and Ukraine border; 300 km from Warsaw (capital of Poland) and 160 km from Krakow (previous capital of Poland).



About RZESZOW

Rzeszów is an economic, scientific and cultural centre of southeastern Poland, the capital of the Podkarpackie Province and the seat of the Authorities of the Catholic Diocese. With an area of 54 Sq. Km. and population of about **163,000** it is one of the largest cities in this region. The location in the wide Wislok River valley, on the border of the Sandomierska Basin and the Carpathian Foothills, the two physical geographical units stand in contrast with each other, dividing the region into two parts differing in topography and nature. In the south, the horizon line of the city is marked by the Strzyczowsko-Dynowskie Plateau, divided by the winding valley of the Wislok River. In the north, a natural depression, called the Podkarpacie Trough then rises into the Kolbuszowski Tableland, which is largely covered with forests of the former Sandomierska Primeval Forest. The proximity to the southern and eastern frontiers makes Rzeszów an important communication centre. The following highways meet here: the E-40 interstate highway, running from the East to the West, which joins Medyka with Zgorzelec, and the North - South highway, which lays out the route from Gdansk via Warsaw and Rzeszów to Slovakia and Romania. The city is approximately 100 km from Slovakia, and not more than 90 km from the Ukraine. Within close proximity of the planned motorway, there is an airport

<http://www.lotnisko-rzeszow.pl/>

<http://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/porty/porty/pl/rzeszow.php>

<http://www.lot.com/> situated 11 km from Rzeszów, in Jasionka.

The economic picture of the city was formed to a large extent by the strong aviation tradition and a program of constructing COP (the Central Industrial District), which gave rise to the present WSK-PZL (the Production Plant of Communication Equipment - the State Aviation

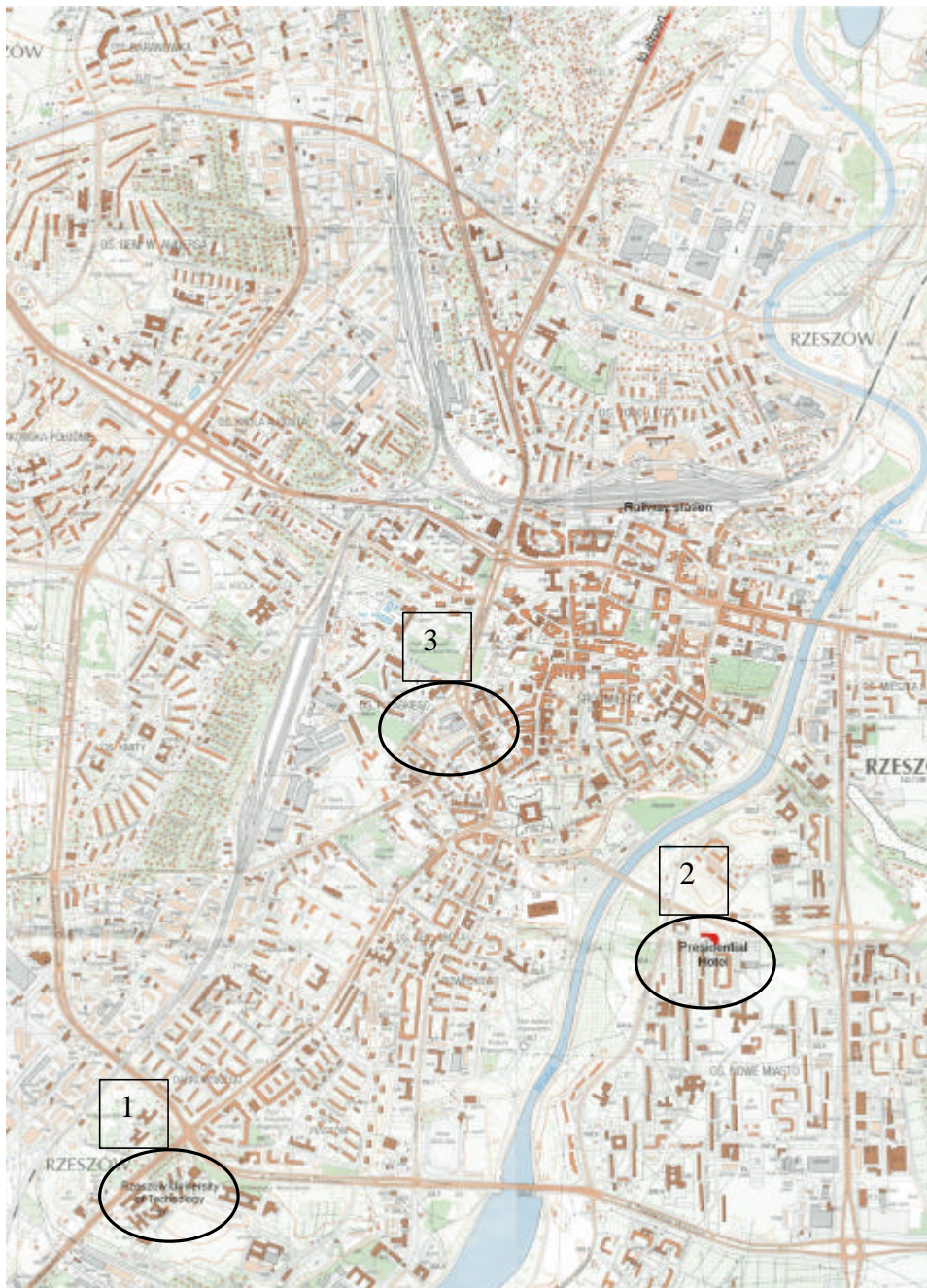
Works), famous for its production of aircraft engines and a city leader with respect to employment. Household equipment produced by ZELMER is recognised by markets all over the world. Among firms with the participation of foreign capital, the most important are: ALIMAGERBER, producing juices and foodstuffs for children, and ICN-POLFA, a producer of pharmaceuticals.

The city is an important academic centre. More than **40,000 students** are being educated at the local universities and colleges. The Rzeszów University of Technology (<http://www.prz.rzeszow.pl/>) is the only school in the country, which has a faculty for training civil pilots. In September 2001 the Classical University of Rzeszów initiated its affiliation with three previously existing institutions of higher education: the Higher Pedagogical School, the Branch of the Maria Curie - Skłodowska University from Lublin and the Visiting Faculty of the Agricultural Academy from Krakow. Presently, the University of Rzeszow educates: scientists, teachers, lawyers, economists and future administrative workers. The full educational spectrum is completed by: the Higher Theological Seminary, the Higher School of Management and the Higher School of Computer Science and Management. 24,000 pupils from the city and the region attend numerous secondary schools, and an additional 19,000 are enrolled in gymnasiums and primary schools. Rzeszów is thus a city of young people.

For tourists interested in the heritage of our past, we recommend the monuments of Rzeszów, which are preserved and renovated with special attention. The documented history of the city dates back to the year 1345, when King Casimir the Great granted Rzeszów city rights. Among the most interesting monuments are: the 14th century Fara Church; the City Hall, dating from the 15th century, rebuilt and extended many times (beautifully renovated in the years 1993-1996); the 16th century Castle of the Lubomirski Family; dated from the 17th century: the Church of the Bernardine Fathers, the Monastery Complex formerly belonging to the Piarists and the Summer Mansion of the Lubomirski Family; the 18th century Church and Monastery of the Reformat Fathers; as well as the tenement-houses in the Market Square, which, beginning in the 17th century, gradually gained their present architectural form. For centuries, the community of Rzeszów was a mixture of cultures and nations. The proof of the fact that Jewish people lived here lies in the Old-City Synagogue, dating from the 17th century, and the New-City Synagogue from the 18th century, both preserved to this day. In the near future the old underground cellars and tunnels, situated beneath the Market Square of the city, will be renovated and opened to the public for tours.

Numerous cultural and sporting events take place in the city and its surrounding areas, and many of them are of an international character. Special fame was gained by the Music Festival in Lancut, organised by the Philharmonic of Rzeszów, and the World Festival of Polonia Folkloristic Ensembles, which takes place every three years and connects our region with people of Polish origin from all over the world. The Theatre Festival of Rzeszów, the Biannual Theatre Poster display, the Biannual Computer Art exhibition, as well as numerous exhibitions of painting and photography are always met with great interest. The Symphony Orchestra of the Rzeszów Philharmonic is proclaimed as one of the best in the country. The acoustics in Rzeszów's Philharmonic concert hall are considered to be among the best in the country.

Visitors may take advantage of the wide accommodation and catering base in the city. They may spend their time pleasantly in numerous pizzerias, restaurants, coffee bars and discos.



How to get to Rzeszow?

The most convenient way is to fly to Warsaw, which has daily connection to most of the Europe countries, and from Warsaw fly to Rzeszow. Nowadays there are three flights every day from Warsaw to Rzeszow

http://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/katalog/rozklad/pl/rozklad_lotow.php

(http://www.lotnisko-rzeszow.pl/katalog/rozklad/en/rz_rozklad_lotow.php)

The domestic air terminal is in the same building. You can also travel from Warsaw to Rzeszow by train, but it takes 5 hours. From Warsaw airport (Okęcie) to Central Station (Dworzec Centralny) you can go by bus nr 175 (tickets can be bought in newspaper shops (kiosk)), or by taxi. Use only regular, licensed taxi from taxi stop in front of exit. In the bus and in train be careful of pocket pickers.

You can also fly to Krakow and from Krakow take the train to Rzeszow (2 - 2,5 hours). From Krakow airport (Balice) to Krakow Railway Station take: the local train or the bus nr 192 or 208 (ticket about 2,5 PLN, you can buy by driver) or taxi (about 15 Euro = 55 PLN).

From Rzeszow - Jasionka airport you should take:

Taxi: Price is about 55 PLN = 15 Euro.

Or Bus: http://www.lotnisko-rzeszow.pl/katalog/dojazd/pl/rz_dojazd_autobus_mpk.php

Price is about 3.70 PLN (1 Euro)

http://www.lotnisko-rzeszow.pl/katalog/dojazd/pl/rz_dojazd_linia_specjalna.php

Price is about 6.0 PLN (2 Euro). Special bus line for Ryanair.

Currency

In Poland currency used Polish zloty (PLN).

Nowadays 1 Euro is about 3,7 PLN. You can change money in the banks or in the private small shops called "kantor". Zloty is now also available in many airports, so you can buy in your country.

Credit cards are generally accepted.

Prices in Poland are about 20-30 % lower than in West Europe countries.

Place

Politechnika Rzeszowska [1]

Address: Politechnika Rzeszowska, ul. Poznanska 2
35-084 Rzeszow, Poland

Accommodation

In Rzeszow, I recommend you:

"Presidential Hotel" (Hotel Prezydencki) [2] <http://www.hoteleprezydenckie.com.pl/>

or

"Hotel Forum" [3] <http://www.hotelforum.pl/>

Useful links:

- city of Rzeszow: <http://www.erzeszow.pl/>
- LOT, Polish airlines: <http://www.lot.com/>
- Polish railways: <http://pkp.pl/>
- hotels: <http://www.poland4u.com/>
<http://www.hotelseer.com/>
<http://www.expedia.com/daily/home/default.asp>

*****It is important to notify your attendance at least 10 days before the meeting*****

The local host, Adam Rybka can be contacted at:

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Please fill and send back response form.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND WG MEETINGS

Dates and place: Thursday 8th and Friday 9th May 2008, Rzeszow, Poland

Address: Politechnika Rzeszowska, ul. Poznanska 2
35-959 Rzeszow, Poland

Name:

Country:

WG group:

E-mail:

I will attend* meeting

I would like to nominate as my deputy.

E-mail

I would like to participate:

in the common dinner on Thursday 8th April 2008* * please, write **YES** or **NO**.

Please return by April 8th 2008 by e-mail to:

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