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Dear Colleague,

CONFERENCE ON "THE FUTURE OF AUSCHWITZ"
KRAKÓW AND OŚWIĘCIM, 6-9 APRIL 1992

CENTRE DE RECHERCHE
SUR L'HISTOIRE
ET LA CULTURE JUIVE
EN POLOGNE

We are delighted to learn that you are planning to attend the conference which we are hosting here next April on "The Future of Auschwitz", and we have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the provisional programme.

We hope that you will in due course let us know the details of your schedule of arrival in Poland, so that we can be of assistance in arranging transfers from the airport or railway station at Warsaw or Kraków. In making your travel arrangements, please try to ensure that you arrive in Kraków on Sunday, 5th April since, as you will see from the programme, we are hoping to arrange that evening a special concert in one of the town's synagogues, and it would be excellent if you were able to attend. Moreover, it is planned that the conference will get off to a prompt start at 9.00 a.m. on the Monday morning - so for both these reasons your presence on the Sunday is earnestly requested if at all possible.

If you are not flying direct to Kraków, the best way to reach here from Warsaw is either on a domestic flight or on an express train. The latter takes three hours and is available only in the morning (6:25, 9:25 a.m.) or late afternoon (4:25 p.m., 5:45 p.m. - except saturday); first-class travel is recommended, for which seat reservation need to be made in advance. Please let us know whether you would be requiring these. (If there are enough participants with similar schedules, we shall try to organise bus transportation to Kraków from Warsaw, in which case we shall notify you of the details).

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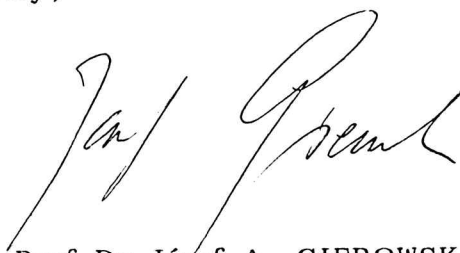
If your plans are such that you expect to arrive in Kraków before the weekend, i.e. on the Thursday, please let us know, since we would be pleased to make the necessary room reservations for you. However, we regret that due to obvious budgetary constraints we are not in a position to offer you additional hospitality over and above the actual conference period, i.e. from Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive. There is no kosher restaurant in Kraków (though there is one in Warsaw), but it is planned that all food served during the conference itself will be kosher.

Please also note that we shall do our best to arrange sightseeing tours of places of Jewish interest: a walking tour of Kazimierz (the old Jewish quarter of Kraków) will be offered on the Sunday afternoon before the start of the concert. An optional three-day excursion to places of Jewish interest in Polish Galicia will be arranged on the Sunday to Tuesday after the conference (i.e. 12-14 April) if there is a demand for it: this would cost approximately \$200 per person, all expenses included, though the cost of room and board from the Friday morning to the start of the excursion on the Sunday morning would be extra. The sort of places we would visit (though, again, this could be adjusted according to the specific interests of participants) would be the small towns and villages in southern Poland where there are synagogue buildings and Jewish cemeteries still standing. The tour would be accompanied by Dr Jonathan Webber, who knows the area intimately as he has for the past few years been preparing a detailed gazetteer of surviving Jewish monuments in Galicia. So please bear this idea in mind when making your travel plans - and of course let us know as soon as you are able whether you would be staying on for this purpose.

It would be helpful if you could be in touch with our office with regard to your practical arrangements; queries concerning the conference itself should be addressed to Dr Webber, who is the convenor.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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