

To the members of the Senate (of The University)

Dear Senators,

The 2nd Smolensk Conference (Warsaw, October 21-22, 2013), had as a goal *"to create a forum for presentation of interdisciplinary research on the technical, medical, sociological and legal aspects of the Smolensk catastrophe"*. This objective seems to be fully achieved and the Conference revealed the current state of the scientific investigation on the tragic event of April 10, 2010, in which the President of the Polish Republic died, along with 95 accompanying persons.

The conference seems to be also successful in several other issues. It proved the capability of the scientific community to integrate within a particular scientific goal, and this without any organizational or financial help from the side of official institutions. It turned out that over a hundred professors from five countries were able to combine their research efforts. They proved that even in the absence of access to such essential material as e.g. the air plane wreck, it is still possible to make a substantial progress in the scientific investigation.

The basic assumption of the Conference was its openness and transparency. The departments of academic institutions, as well as the institutes and other research units, both public and private, have been asked to participate by written invitations, whenever their research was in scope of the Conference. In addition, the invitation was placed open on the website. As a result nearly 50 communications have been received, 38 of these were admitted to presentation at the Conference by the Scientific Committee. They represented a wide spectrum of scientific domains - from technical sciences (23 papers), through medical (3 papers), sociological (6 papers) and legal (6 papers) disciplines. To ensure transparency and to prevent any potential manipulation by media, the whole debate has been broadcasted live *via* the Web. In this way the Conference has been watched not only by its 220 participants, but by a large number of the web surfers. The Conference has been retransmitted by several TV stations, the estimated number of viewers amounted to about 200 thousand, a remarkable number in science (on a global scale).

The 2nd Smolensk Conference examined the technical, medical, sociological and legal aspects of the Smolensk catastrophe. The papers presented showed the current state of our knowledge, as well as proposed further studies necessary for understanding the subject. The picture that emerges of the presented work demonstrates clearly that the hypothesis that the Tu -154 aircraft in Smolensk, lost a piece of wing due to a birch tree and then crashed completely as a result of hitting the ground (catastrophe type 1A) - this hypothesis is false. There is a clear evidence that the plane broke up in the air and fell to the ground, its parts being already separated (catastrophe type 2B). The ground represents a kind of book, in which the sequence of events is reflected and the appearance and distribution of the wreckage on the ground and on the landmarks are documented in thousands of photos and videos taken by numerous independent operators. This huge documentation both in whole and in detail shows that the laws of physics rule out the possibility of the course of events presented in the reports of the MAK (Russian) Commission and Miller (Polish) Commission. It is clear, even for those with a basic knowledge of mechanics, that the fuselage was torn, not compressed.

Dear Senators,

In the situation when the false version of destruction mechanics is being diffused and promoted, we ask you to undertake scientific efforts, so important for keeping scientific honesty and responsibility with respect to our students. We ask you for taking appropriate actions to make possible scientific research on the Smolensk catastrophe, with all the rules of the scientific research. We believe it is appropriate to find the corresponding resources for independent research within the university as well as encourage scientists to participate in it. The 1st Smolensk Conference Proceedings are already in your university library, they are also available on <http://konferencjasmolenska.pl> and <http://smolenskrash.com>. You may kindly find there the full account of the 2nd Smolensk Conference for your critical analysis.

We would like to stress, that even without any financial resources found it is still possible to organize scientific seminars in order to break with indifference with respect to the most important post-war tragedy in our country. We are sure that, in a situation of keen interest of the Polish society in the Smolensk catastrophe, the ostentatious indifference of the official academic institutions in this subject does not bring them glory, but rather leaves many honest scientists with a feeling of shame.

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The Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee of the 2nd Smolensk Conference