The new academic year is upon us with new scholars arriving through The Kosciuszko Foundation’s exchange program and our domestic scholarship recipients beginning their studies. Our members can learn all about our impressive grantees on the following pages of this Newsletter, but I want to take this opportunity to tell you about two other projects which also pertain to the Foundation’s scholarly support and which you may find of interest.

With the end of communism in Poland in 1989 environmental issues became a priority for the Polish government. During the half century of communism, Poland had suffered enormous environmental damage to its water, air, forests and soil quality, especially around the industrial centers of Upper Silesia and around Cracow. The situation was made even worse by overcrowding, with eleven percent of Poland’s population living in the region. With nearly 2,400 persons per square mile, Upper Silesia ranked among the most densely populated regions of Europe. It is against this background that the Foundation entered into agreements in February 2000 with both the Alfred Jurzykowski Foundation and the AGH University of Science and Technology in Cracow (“AGH”) to financially support AGH’s initiative in establishing a Department of Environmental Sciences to provide a critically needed extension of AGH’s focus on the theory and practice of environmental protection. Together the two foundations jointly committed $100,000 annually for a ten-year period to be used by AGH for the purchases of scientific equipment and technical engineering books; support of faculty and student exchanges to and from the United States; costs for attendance by AGH faculty at scientific conferences and scholarships for Ph.D. students.

June 1, 2004 was an important milestone for the AGH’s Department of Environmental Sciences. With press, radio and television coverage the Department’s new laboratories were inaugurated in a ceremony attended by the department’s faculty and administrative personnel. I was pleased to be in Poland at that time and to deliver some remarks on behalf of both Foundations, stressing the involvement that each has had with Poland, in particular through the Kosciuszko Foundation Exchange Program for scholars, academics, artists and professionals in all disciplines. Professor dr hab. inz. Ryszard Tadeusiewicz, Rector and Professor Janusz Golas, Ph.D., D.Sc., on behalf of AGH, thanked the two Foundations for their generosity. They spoke about the work of the Department, emphasizing the importance of research activities in the Cracow area, such as monitoring the water quality of the Dąbczyce water reservoir, a main water...
supervisor for the city of Cracow. Professor Golas, as the Project Director for the Department’s development, has been the dynamic contact with the Kosciuszko Foundation. A brass memorial plaque was prominently displayed as a lasting tribute and a recognition to the two American Foundations whose support made the Department of Environmental Sciences possible at AGH.

Also during my visit to Poland, along with the Foundation’s Vice President Maryla Janiak, Professor dr. hab. Wladyslaw Miodunka, Vice-Rector for the Jagiellonian University and representatives of the Semper Polonia Foundation, I participated in interviewing candidates for the Visiting Professor of Polish Studies position at Columbia University. The Visiting Professor is the first step towards the establishment of a Chair of Polish Studies at Columbia University. In the Fall of 2003, the Kosciuszko Foundation entered into an agreement with the Semper Polonia Foundation, a Polish educational foundation providing scholarships to Polish students in countries in Central and Eastern Europe, whereby each party agreed to contribute up to $50,000 annually for a period of five years in support of the Visiting Professor. Of the candidates recommended, Professor dr hab. Leszek Koczanowicz of the University of Lower Silesia of the Association for the Advancement of Education in Wroclaw was selected by Columbia University. Professor Koczanowicz, who has degrees in psychology and philosophy, was previously a visiting scholar in the United States at the University of Buffalo, the University of California at Berkeley and Rice University and has published extensively in his areas of scholarly expertise.

As you can see, the Foundation’s work extends well beyond the granting of scholarships and financial aid to individuals. Through its support the Foundation also makes an important impact on major academic institutions – on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. It is activity of which members of The Kosciuszko Foundation can justly be proud.

Joseph E. Gore
President and Executive Director

In the last issue of the Newsletter, President Gore described the impressive range of programs the Kosciuszko Foundation has scheduled for its current fiscal year which commenced on July 1. He also alluded to the uncertainty of the income side of the budget which was approved by the Board of Trustees to support these important activities.

Your continued – and if possible increased – support is essential to assure the full implementation of these plans. A good start has already been made thanks to the generosity of the Long Island-based law firm of Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, which is led by our Trustee Cynthia Rosicki and her husband Tom. With a sum of $30,000 the firm has graciously underwritten the Chamber Music Series, thereby permitting the Kosciuszko Foundation to redirect the funds reserved for this important outreach program to other pressing needs. Our heartfelt thanks to Tom and Cynthia!

Important and very welcome as such actions are, we must also rely on our members and friends to support the Kosciuszko Foundation by means of humdrum dues. You should already have received pertinent reminders from the Foundation and I urge you to respond promptly and to raise your membership category. This will not only help achieve the level of activity planned, but also permit us to broaden our educational and cultural services.

In the same vein, we urge you to draw your family, friends and associates to the Kosciuszko Foundation and its events with the objective of encouraging them to become members. To facilitate your and our task, you will also have received a new engaging membership brochure which provides an overview of this year’s cultural activities and a return mail application form. We have set a goal of 20% growth in membership contributions this year and hopefully – with your assistance – new members will help us achieve this ambitious figure. Membership benefits include discounts on admissions to cultural events at Foundation House and on the New Kosciuszko Foundation two-volume Polish-English and English-Polish Dictionary with CD ROM.

For those wishing to make a meaningful and lasting contribution to the Foundation, we suggest that you consider the opportunity provided by our Pooled Income Fund. It is a “win-win” situation, a way to make a gift that gives back to the contributor as well. It provides significant tax benefits and a lifetime income to the donor and/or his designated beneficiary, and for the Foundation the assurance of a future cash infusion. Information on the Kosciuszko Foundation Pooled Income Fund will be distributed to all members in the Fall and I recommend that you give it your serious consideration. Meanwhile, you may wish to contact our Development Office or visit our web site, www.thekf.org, for more information. I might add that my wife and I have made a contribution to the Fund some years ago and are considering making an additional one.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to express my confidence in your doing the right thing to help ensure that your Foundation may continue to thrive.

Witold S. Sulimirski
Chairman
The Kosciuszko Foundation is extremely grateful for a $30,000 contribution given by Tom and Cynthia Rosicki of Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, Attorneys at Law, which will enable continued radio and web broadcasts of the Foundation’s Chamber Music Series concerts into the next season. The Rosickis’ leadership support will help keep the Chamber Music Series alive. With its broadcasts over WQXR-FM Radio and www.wqxr.com this series is one of the most visible ambassador programs of the Foundation. The support the Rosickis have given is not only significant for its financial value, but also for its programmatic value, as it will keep the Foundation and its programs in the public eye – and ear – reaching hundreds of thousands of listeners.

Cynthia and Tom Rosicki are the founding principals of Rosicki, Rosicki, & Associates, one of the most prestigious mortgage banking law firms in New York State, and they have recently established a 12-acre vineyard and winery in Southold, New York. Their support of The Kosciuszko Foundation is longstanding. Cynthia made her formal debut at the Foundation’s Annual Dinner and Ball in 1978 and met her future husband, Tom, at the Ball in 1987. She was Debutante Patroness of the 2000 Diamond Jubilee Ball, and she became a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees in 2002. Tom and Cynthia also served as Chairpersons of the 69th Annual Dinner and Ball this past April.

The contribution from the Rosickis will augment the Kosciuszko Foundation Cultural Endowment Fund, established some years ago in memory of Dr. James Hagadus by Dr. Ronald J. Hagadus and Foundation Trustee Maria J. Hagadus. The Rosicki contribution is targeted toward underwriting the Chamber Music Series season of eight concerts in the Foundation House Gallery. The concerts showcase Polish composers and performers, and have also been supported by the Mary Koons Charitable Trust and the New York State Council on the Arts. The Chamber Music Series for twelve years has been a major “voice” of the Foundation through its New York area broadcasts over “The Classical Station of The New York Times,” WQXR 96.3 FM radio and worldwide over www.wqxr.com. The contribution from the Rosickis will specifically support the increasing costs of these broadcasts. The upcoming roster of Chamber Music Series concerts includes performers such as the Paderewski Piano Trio, The Gregg Smith Singers and the Silesian String Quartet, among others.

Thomas Pniewski, Director of Cultural Affairs for the Foundation, says of the contribution, “This latest gesture not only harmonizes with the Rosickis’ earlier contributions, but makes them significant promoters of the arts at a critical time. They represent the best of their generation of young Polish-American professionals and philanthropists.”

There are many needs and many ways that members who recognize the importance of the Foundation’s programs can help us grow. We salute Cynthia and Tom Rosicki for their commitment and generosity to the mission and work of The Kosciuszko Foundation. We invite members and friends who are interested in helping the Foundation move forward in its efforts to contact the Kosciuszko Foundation Offices of Development or Cultural Affairs (212-734-2130) for further information on how to become involved.
Work is underway to make this year’s Ball our most successful fund raising event in support of the Foundation’s cultural and educational programs. This means we need to welcome many new and old friends to fill the Ballroom. “It’s your party,” so plan to bring your friends and associates to this joyous, gala event. You are invited to help fill the hall by becoming a Table Host, pledging to bring guests to fill a table of 10 or 12 people. It is a delightful way to entertain, and in addition to having the pleasure of hosting your own table, Table Hosts are pledging to raise $2,250 for a 10-person table or $2,700 for a 12-person table. You will be honored at the special Debutante Reception held at the Kosciuszko Foundation House on the evening prior to the Ball, will be listed as a member of the Ball Committee and will receive special recognition in the Ball Journal and other Foundation publications.

To volunteer to become a Table Host, or for more information and invitation materials, please call our Director of Development, Christopher Broadwell, at 212-734-2130.
Fulfilling one of its most important duties, the Board of Trustees of The Kosciuszko Foundation has once again selected an exceptional group of 28 Polish scholars and scientists as recipients of the Fellowships and Grants for Polish Citizens Program for the academic year 2004/05. These individuals were selected from 57 applicants for the Fellowship and Grant Program for advanced study or research or for teaching at universities and other institutions of higher learning in United States. Basing its decision on the results of a highly competitive selection process, the Board approved an expenditure of $539,478 for this program.

As has been the case for the last few years, in March of this year, seven members of the U.S. Advisory Committee (whose names are listed on page 9), traveled to Poland and presided, along with the members of the Polish Commission (likewise listed on page 9), over the personal interview sessions. Also present at the interviews were Mr. Joseph E. Gore, the President and Executive Director and Ms. Maryla Janiak, Vice President/Educational Programs of the Kosciuszko Foundation, who facilitated the sessions.

Following a time-tested format and process, members of both Committees had an opportunity to review the materials on all candidates in order to effectively evaluate the merit of the candidates’ research proposals, their clarity, seriousness and importance of purpose, as well as the persuasiveness of the argument for conducting research in the United States. Careful consideration was given to the choice of the American educational institution selected by the candidates for conducting their research projects. Interviews with the candidates were conducted in English to help evaluate the necessary language proficiency of the candidates. Each interview lasted approximately 30 minutes, including Commission discussion prior to and after each session. The discussion after the interviews resulted in ranking the candidates in order from the highest score down. The discussions also created a good basis for consensus-building in evaluating the overall excellence of the candidates and the importance of their proposed research, both in the fields of study and their significance to Poland.
The 2004-2005 Fellows and Grantees are presented here within their academic disciplines.

**HUMANITIES**

**Berska, Barbara**, Head of the Department of Cartography, State Archives in Cracow: 6 month Grant to conduct research on the British influence on the Polish-Soviet War, at the archives of the Josef Pilsudski Institute of America.

**Bielik-Robson, Agata**, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Polish Academy of Science: 5 month Fellowship to conduct research on the philosophical aspects of contemporary literary theory, at the Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University with Professor Harold Bloom.

**Capik, Beata**, Librarian/Bibliographer, Department of Foreign Polonica, National Library, Bibliographic Institute: 5 month Grant to compile a bibliography of American Polonica and the publications by Polish emigrants, at the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in New York with Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada.

**Chruszczewski, Piotr**, Assistant Professor, Department of English Studies, University of Wroclaw: 3 month Fellowship to conduct research on the verbal aggression ideolect of selected American presidents, at the Center for Language, Interaction and Culture, University of California, Los Angeles with Professor Alessandro Duranti.

**Czech, Dorota**, Archivist, State Archive in Czestochowa: 5 month Grant to conduct research at the archives of the Polish Institute of Art and Sciences in New York City with Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada.

**Dakowska, Maria**, Professor, Department of English, Warsaw University: 5 month Fellowship to conduct research on theoretical advances in foreign language instruction, at the English Language Center, Michigan State University with Professor Susan Gass.

**Graban, Marcin**, Ph.D. candidate in History, Department of Humanities, University of Bydgoszcz: 3 month Grant to conduct research for Ph.D. thesis *The Encyclical “Rerum Novarum” by Pope Leo XIII and Its Reception in the United States*, at The Catholic University of America with Prof. Robert A. Schneider.


**Lipa, Anna**, Curator, Department of Art, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan: 3 month Fellowship to conduct research on Gustaw Gwozdecki, his art and life in the United States, at the New York Public Library, Archives of American Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York University with Prof. Bruce J. Altshuler.

**Szydlowska, Mariola**, Ph.D. in History of Theater, Jagiellonian University: 5 month Fellowship to conduct research on the American variety theater and Polish artists on the New York stages in the 1920s and ‘30s, at the University of Buffalo, Faculty of Arts and Letters with Professor Kazimierz Braun and at the Polish Music Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

**Zajaczkowski, Ryszard**, Ph.D. in Polish Philology, The Catholic University of Lublin: 3 month Fellowship to conduct research on the works of Aleksander Wat and the Aleksander Wat archives, the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Yale University with Professor Thomas Venclova.

**ART**

**Duszynski, Jan**, M.A. in Composition, Frederick Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw: to study composition at the Mannes School of Music with Professors Leo Edwards, Robert Cuckson and Mr. Michael Patterson and to participate in the one-year non-degree program "Arts, Education, Creativity in New Europe," at the New School University with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.
POLISH STUDIES:

Grabowski, Artur, Assistant Professor, Department of 20th Century Literature, Jagiellonian University: 10 month Teaching Fellowship to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Herzog, Tomasz, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Policy and Civic Education, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan: 10 month Teaching Fellow to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at the University at Buffalo, SUNY.

Jankowicz, Grzegorz, Ph.D. in Polish Philology – Jagiellonian University: 10 month Teaching Fellowship to teach courses at the Polish Studies Program at the University of Indiana, Bloomington.

Szelc-Mays, Magdalena, Senior Lecturer, Department of Polish as a Foreign Language, Institute of Polish Diaspora and Ethnic Studies, Cracow: 10 month Teaching Fellowship to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at the University of Connecticut, Storrs.

Chmielarz, Paweł, Assistant Professor, Department of Seed Biology, Polish Academy of Science, Institute of Dendrology in Kornik: 10 month Fellowship to conduct research on Conservation of the Genetic Diversity of Oak Through Micropropagation and Cryopreservation, at the United States Department of Agriculture, National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation, Fort Collins, Colorado with Professor Christina Walters.

Kusmierczyk, Jaroslaw, Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Medical University of Lodz: 3 month Fellowship to participate in the Visiting Glaucoma Fellows Program at the New York Eye & Ear Infirmary under a supervision of Dr. Ronald J. Hagadus, Director of International Exchange.

Lotysz, Sławomir, Assistant Professor, Department of Construction and Architecture, Institute of Civil Engineering, University of Zielona Gora/ Ph.D. candidate in History of Science at the Polish Academy of Science: 5 month Grant to conduct research towards dissertation on the pioneers of the early American transportation system entitled Pneumatic Railway in Inventive Thought in Europe and the USA in the 19th Century, and to complete a biography of engineer Joseph Sendzimir, who arrived in the United States after the 1830 Polish Uprising, with Professor Andrew Targowski at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Malecki, Andrzej, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Medical University of Silesia, 10 month Fellowship to conduct research related to nicotine-mediated neuroprotection in spinal cord trauma, at University of Kentucky with Professor Michal Toborek.

Pietrasik, Joanna, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Institute of Polymers, Technical University of Lodz : 10 month Fellowship to conduct research in polymer chemistry and technology at the Department of Chemistry, Carnegie Mellon University with Professor Krzysztof Matyjaszewski.

Zawadzki, Marek, Physician Resident, General Surgery, The Oncology Center, Bielsko Biala: 3 month Grant to conduct research on virtual reality and its implications for surgery training, at the Department of Surgery, University of Illinois at Chicago with Professor Marek Rudnicki.

SCIENCES:

Balazy, Anna, Ph.D. Candidate in Chemical and Process Engineering, Warsaw University of Technology, Warsaw: 6 month grant to conduct research on aerosol characterization and the investigation of filtration/respiratory protection against airborne particles and microorganisms at the Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati with Professor Sergey Grinshpun.

Bydlon, Gabriela, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Environmental Monitoring, Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University: 6 month grant to conduct doctoral dissertation research: The Effects of Copper Toxic Dose Low-Term Exposure on Physiological Condition of Sheep at Molecular and Experimental Medicine Department, Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, California with Professor Jeffrey S. Freedman.

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**LAW/ECONOMICS:**

**Gajewska-Krasnicka, Izabela,** Ph.D. candidate and Teaching Assistant, Department of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bialystok: 5 month Grant to conduct research on the process of federalization of the American Union and the European Community, at the Catholic University of America, The Columbus School of Law, Comparative and International Law Institute with Professor Rett R. Ludwikowski.

**Kowalewski, Oskar,** Assistant Professor, Department of Finance, Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management: 5 month Fellowship to conduct comparative research of the financial systems and patterns of Central and East European countries with that of the United States and Western countries, at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania with Professor Franklin Allen.

**Mazur, Mieszko,** Ph.D. candidate, Department of Investments and Capital Markets, The Poznan University of Economics: 3 month Grant to conduct research on Capital Market and Corporate Restructuring Techniques, at Columbia University with Professor Gur Huberman.

**Siemiatkowski, Tomasz,** Adjunct Professor, Business Law Department, Warsaw School of Economics, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński Law School: 6 month Fellowship to conduct research on the legal aspects of corporate governance systems in publicly held corporations, at University of California, Berkeley with Professor Richard M. Buxbaum.

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**Pro Arte League**

**PLAN TO ATTEND:**

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Sunday, November 14, 2004, 12:00 noon

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Honorary Chairman

**Christine J. McMullan**
Event Chairman

**Eugenia Gore**
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Two hundred and seventy applications were received and reviewed by the Kosciuszko Foundation’s Grants Department for its various domestic scholarship programs for the 2004/2005 academic year. For this academic year, the Board of Trustees has awarded $235,136 through its scholarship programs to 103 Americans of Polish descent. Of this, forty-nine graduate students will receive $148,000 allocated in Tuition Scholarships. In addition, nine students will receive $15,500 in scholarships from the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women’s Clubs, the Polish American Club of North Jersey and the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc., whose scholarships are administered by the Foundation and are offered to undergraduate students who are affiliated with these organizations.

The Kosciuszko Foundation in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education offers an exchange program from the United States to Poland. This year 15 students will study Polish language and culture as part of the Foundation’s Year Abroad Program at the Jagiellonian University, Institute of Polish Diaspora and Ethnic Studies. The Polish Ministry provides each scholarship recipient with a tuition waiver and funding for living expenses. This year the Foundation will supplement the tuition waivers by awarding a total of $20,250 to the students for this program.

Finally, six graduate students and professors will conduct research in Poland toward Masters, PhD or post-doctoral degrees under the auspices of the Graduate/Postgraduate Studies and Research in Poland Program. The Polish Ministry of National Education provides these students with dormitory housing and a stipend for living expenses. An additional $13,500 has been awarded by The Kosciuszko Foundation to supplement the funding received from the Polish Ministry for these Studies and Research scholarship winners.

In addition to the yearlong programs recipients, scholarship assistance was awarded to 24 American students to attend Summer Sessions at Polish Universities. These scholarships were made possible through the generosity of the Tomaszkiewicz-Florio Foundation, which specifically supports summer studies.

The grants and scholarship for Americans are made possible by the money generated from the funds that are listed below. We are pleased to announce the names of the scholarship recipients for the 2004-2005 academic year.
THE KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Michalonek, Jaroslaw, Sunnyside, NY – fourth year of graduate studies in English Education, Columbia University. Scholarship: $3,000 including $1,000 from the Richard Sobieraj Scholarship Fund

CHYLINSKI-1 FUND

Berencz, Barbara, Perry Hall, Maryland – one year Master program in Central European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Cracow. Scholarship: $3,000 including $1,000 from the Stephen P. Mizwa Scholarship Fund

EDWIN L. HARASIMOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND


THE WALTER JARZEMBSKI FUND

Badger, William, Salt Lake City, Utah – first year of graduate studies in Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Cracow. Scholarship: $3,000

Dynda, Agnieszka, Brooklyn, New York – third year of graduate studies in Psychology, St. John’s University, Jamaica, New York. Scholarship: $3,000

Kellogg, Boguslawa, El Segundo, California – first year of graduate studies in Occupational Therapy, California State University, Carson, California. Scholarship: $3,000

Ostas, Magdalena, Durham, North Carolina – final year of Doctoral studies in Literature, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Scholarship: $3,000

CASIMIR V. KIERZKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Babiracki, Patryk, Baltimore, Maryland – third year of graduate studies in Modern Russian and East European History, Johns Hopkins University. Scholarship: $3,000 including $1,000 from the Josephine Wall and Ignatius Wall Scholarship Fund

JOHN E. KIERZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Galek, Kathleen, Brooklyn, New York – final year of doctoral studies in Psychology, Columbia University. Scholarship: $3,000 including $500 from the Michalina and Herman Zimber Scholarship Fund

VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Doucette, Siobhan, Washington, D.C. – one year Master program in Central and East European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Cracow. Scholarship: $3,000
Drewniak, Sarah, Media, Pennsylvania – one year Master program in Central and East European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Cracow. Scholarship: $3,000

Malin, David, Rockford, Michigan – one year Master program in Central and East European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Cracow. Scholarship: $3,000

Michalik, Ellen, Charlottesville, Virginia – one year Master program in Central and East European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Cracow. Scholarship: $3,000

STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Banas, William, Buffalo, New York – second year of graduate studies in Aerospace Engineering, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York. Scholarship: $3,000

FOSTER, KRISTI, Dania Beach, Florida – first year of doctoral studies in Marine Biology and Coastal Zone Management, Nova Southeastern University, Dania Beach, Florida. Scholarship: $3,000

Pluto, Charles, Toledo, Ohio – fifth year of doctoral studies in Cellular and Molecular Neuro-biology, Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio. Scholarship: $3,000

Przybylski, Piotr, Warsaw, Indiana – first year of doctoral studies in Geodesy, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Scholarship: $3,000

FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bowen, Mary of Brighton, Massachusetts – second year of graduate studies in Film, Boston University. Scholarship: $3,000

Bucki, Craig, New York, New York – second year of studies in Law, Columbia University. Scholarship: $3,000

Jurewicz, Aleksandra, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – first year of graduate studies in Law, University of Pittsburgh. Scholarship: $3,000

Kurzyna, Luiza, New Britain, Connecticut – first year of graduate studies in Art/Painting, Yale University. Scholarship: $3,000

Skorek, Kinga, Brooklyn, New York – fourth year of studies in Vocal Performance, Hunter College. Scholarship: $3,000

Spangenberg, Malgorzata, Hanahan, South Carolina – first year of studies in Law, University of Washington. Scholarship: $3,000

REV. PAUL J. MISKOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Rosman, Artur, Seattle, Washington – second year of graduate studies in Slavic and Comparative Literature, University of Washington. Scholarship: $3,000 including $1,000 from the Irene and Damian Wandycz Scholarship Fund
JEANETTE K. NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Haremza, Dorothy, Bayonne, New Jersey – first year of graduate studies in Teaching, St. Peter’s College, Jersey City, New Jersey. Scholarship: $4,000

THE JOSEPH NOWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bebenek, Krzysztof, New Haven, Connecticut – second year of graduate studies in International Relations, Yale University. Scholarship: $3,000

THE DR. EDWARD AND MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND


Mastalerz, Katarzyna, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – second year of medical studies, University of Pittsburgh. Scholarship: $3,000

Mydlarz, Wojciech, Baltimore, Maryland – third year of medical studies, Johns Hopkins University. Scholarship: $3,000

MICHALINA, KAZIMIERZ, JOZEF & HENRY W. ROKICKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sobol, Urszula, Chicago, Illinois – first year of medical studies, Loyola University, Maywood, Illinois. Scholarship: $3,000

THE ARTHUR AND GENEVIEVE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Geca, Małgorzata, Garfield, New Jersey – first year of graduate studies in Financial Management, Pace University, New York, New York. Scholarship: $3,000 including $1,000 from the Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund

EDWARD C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sipser, Richard, San Francisco, California – second year of graduate studies in Gerontology, San Francisco State University. Scholarship: $3,000

RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND


ALBERT SPIEZNY JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Siedlarz, Lisa, New Haven, Connecticut – second year of graduate studies in Humanities and Creative Writing, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. Scholarship: $3,000

JEROME AND MARY STRAKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Slugocki, Małgorzata, Bayonne, New Jersey – final year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy, Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York. Scholarship: $3,000 including $1,000 from the Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund
Labazevitch, Martin, New York, New York – first year of graduate studies in Classical Piano Performance, Manhattan School of Music, New York, New York. Scholarship: $3,000


McQuillen, Colleen, New York, New York – final year of doctoral studies in Slavic Languages and Literatures, Columbia University. Scholarship: $3,000

Pakuski, Jill, State College, Pennsylvania – first year of graduate studies in Nutrition and Health Sciences, Columbia University. Scholarship: $3,000

Pawlowska, Wioletta, Andover, Massachusetts – third year of graduate studies in Counseling, Boston University. Scholarship: $3,000

Krolikowska, Anna, Chicago, Illinois – second year of studies in Law, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois. Scholarship: $3,000

Molleur, Jessica, San Francisco, California – fourth year of studies in Traditional Chinese Medicine, The American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, San Francisco, California. Scholarship: $3,000

Nowaczewski, David, Chicago, Illinois – second year of studies in Law, University of Chicago. Scholarship: $3,000

Tomaszewski, Lukasz, Laurel Hollow, New York – first year of graduate studies in Civil Engineering, Princeton University. Scholarship: $3,000

Jarecke, Jason, Minneapolis, MN – third year of graduate studies in Architecture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Scholarship: $3,000

Rogalski, Joanna, Lake View, New York – third year of graduate studies in Urban and Regional Planning and Geography, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York. Scholarship: $3,000

Kilanowski, Jill, Dublin, Ohio – second year of doctoral studies in Nursing, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Scholarship: $3,000

Karwowski, Piotr, Portland, Oregon – third year of medical studies, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Oregon. Scholarship: $3,000
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Maestro Krzysztof Penderecki, an Honorary Trustee of the Kosciuszko Foundation, was selected as the Praemium Imperiale Laureate for 2004, recognizing his outstanding achievements in the arts, in the field of music. Other recipients this year include Georg Baselitz (Germany) in Painting, Bruce Nauman (United States) Sculpture, Oscar Niemeyer (Brazil) Architecture, and Abbas Kiarostami (Iran) Theatre/Film.

One of Poland’s best-known contemporary composers, Krzysztof Penderecki was born in Debica in 1933. He studied composition privately with Franciszek Skolyszewski and then (1955-8) with Artur Malawski and Stanislaw Wiechowicz at the State Higher School of Music in Cracow, where he also taught, being appointed its rector in 1972. Penderecki’s career had a very auspicious beginning: in 1959 he came to prominence when three of his works won first prizes in a national competition organized by the Polish Composers’ Union. His reputation quickly spread abroad, notably through performances of such works as Anaklasis and Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima. The latter piece, as well as the Passion According to St. Luke of 1963-5, found an unusually wide audience for contemporary works, and Penderecki soon received important commissions from diverse organizations in Europe and the USA. He has also appeared widely as a lecturer and in 1972 began to conduct his own compositions.


Penderecki’s teaching career developed in Germany, the U.S. and Poland. He taught composition at the Volkwang Hochschule fur Music, Essen (from 1966 to 1968); in 1973-78 he lectured at Yale University in New Haven. In 1982-87 he was rector of the Academy of Music in Cracow, in 1987-1990 he served as the artistic director of the Cracow Philharmonic. Since his conductor’s debut with the London Symphony Orchestra (1975), he has performed with prominent symphony orchestras in the United States and Europe, and he is chief guest conductor of the Norddeutscher Rundfunk Orchestra in Hamburg. Apart from his own works, his conducting repertoire covers the works of composers from various epochs, with a preference for 19th-century and early 20th-century compositions. In 1997 he published a book entitled “The Labyrinth of Time. Five Lectures at the End of the Century” and in 1996 the performance of his piece Seven Gates of Jerusalem, commissioned by the city, commemorated the celebrations of “Jerusalem – 3000 Years” in Israel.

The Japan Art Association in Tokyo established the Praemium Imperiale in 1988 in memory of His Imperial Highness Prince Takamatsu to celebrate the human spirit expressed through the genius of artists of the world. Five awards of 15 million yen (approximately $135,000) each are given annually in the categories of Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, Music and Theatre/Film – fields that are not covered by the Nobel Prizes. Each year an organization that nurtures young talent is also presented with a 5 million yen ($45,000) Grant for Young artists.

Six nominating committees, each chaired by an International Advisor, survey individual artists and institutions throughout the world without reference to nationality. The Advisors then make recommendations to the Japan Art Association’s Board of Trustees, which selects the Praemium Imperiale Laureates in each field. His Imperial Highness Prince Hitachi in Tokyo will present the awards to the 2004 Laureates on October 21.

Previous winners of the Praemium Imperiale in the field of music have included Pierre Boulez, Leonard Bernstein, Mstislav Rostropovicz and Claudio Abbado, among others.
CULTURAL REVIEW:
Special Guests at the Kosciuszko Foundation

In May and June of this year the Foundation was honored to host three fascinating meetings with special guests.

Magdalena Tulli, one of Poland’s leading writers, was honored at the Kosciuszko Foundation on Saturday, May 8. The evening celebrated her latest book, *Dreams and Stones*. She was joined by her translator, Bill Johnston, and together they read in Polish and English. The event was sponsored by Archipelago Books, which published *Dreams and Stones*; the Kosciuszko Foundation; the Polish Consulate; and PEN American Center. To read a selection from the book, visit www.wordswithoutborders.org.

Ms. Tulli won Poland’s prestigious Koscielski Award in 1995 for *Dreams and Stones*. She writes fiction and translates from French and Italian (authors including Marcel Proust, Italo Calvino and Fleur Jaeggy). Ms. Tulli has published three novels, has also won prizes awarded by the journal of international writing *Literatura na Swiecie*, and has been nominated for the NIKE award.

On June 17 Boguslaw Winid, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Polish Embassy in Washington, gave an illustrated talk on “Stolen Polish Art.” Beginning with the tragic looting by Nazis and Soviets during the war, he went on to postwar theft and efforts to track down and recover stolen pieces. Art continues to turn up around the world; he mentioned paintings that had recently surfaced in places as disparate as Africa and California. Legal questions are often difficult to resolve, since territories in present-day Poland, Germany, and Russia have changed administrations from prewar times. Private collections, which were extensive, were often not catalogued, and determining rightful heirs further complicates restitution. He also mentioned a “local” case; some art and other pieces from the Polish Pavilion at the 1939 World’s Fair in New York. Some works were legally transferred, such as the magnificent statue of King Jagiello now in Central Park; but the locations and legal status of others is still a matter of debate. Additional information about the stolen Polish art is available at the Embassy’s Website: http://www.polandembassy.org/LostART

Finally, Victor Ashe, newly sworn in Ambassador to Poland, visited the Foundation on Wednesday, June 30, to meet President Joseph E. Gore and other Kosciuszko Foundation officers. Ambassador Ashe, a former Tennessee legislator and mayor of Knoxville for 16 years, was already familiar with Poland through visits he made as part of the Knoxville-Chelm Sister City Program. Ashe is a personal friend of both President George Bush and Presidential Candidate John Kerry; all three were at Yale together.

Ambassador Ashe is the first Ambassador posted to Poland after the country’s accession to the European Union. Coming to the Foundation after orientation in Washington and meetings with administration officials specializing in Central European affairs, he had many questions about Kosciuszko and the Foundation’s programs in Poland. President Gore presented him with several texts on Kosciuszko; in turn, the Ambassador urged President Gore to contact him if he could be of assistance to the Foundation.
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