



## ***8–10 MAY 2026, KRAKÓW – POLAND: “Peace and Earth”***

Dear Friend,

I hope you and your family have had a very good start to the New Year, and that 2026 holds many exciting opportunities and challenges ahead.

I cordially invite you to participate in our "Peace and Earth" conference, which will take place on May 8-10, 2026 in Kraków. Below are the **registration links** in Polish, English, and Spanish. You just choose one.

[PEACE AND EARTH - Kraków 2026 - polski](#)

[PEACE AND EARTH - Kraków 2026 - English](#)

[PEACE AND EARTH - Kraków 2026 - español](#)

**Please promote our conference among your friends.** We cordially invite everyone.

The detailed conference program is still being developed, and I expect it to be finalized by the end of February. For now, I can only describe our outline for the event.

Program briefly:

### **Friday, May 8, 2026**

- Arrival of guests,
- visit and dinner in the historic Wieliczka Salt Mine

17:15 – departure by a coach to Wieliczka, where during the guided walk (tour in English\*) we will learn about the centuries-old history of the mine and see the underground corridors, salt chambers, and intricately carved chapels that create an extraordinary world which has amazed visitors for centuries.

The first tourist whose name we know was Nicolaus Copernicus, who likely visited the mine in 1493.

20:00-22:00 – dinner in the underground chambers of the mine (Jan Haluszka I Chamber).

### **Saturday, May 9, 2026 – Conference sessions,**

- 9:00–16:00 – sessions, including coffee breaks and lunch

Our speakers will include:

**Wawrzyniec Konarski** (Poland), Ph.D., Professor and Rector of the Vistula University

**Dan Smith** (Sweden), former director of STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

**Dr. Benedykt Hac** (Poland), Head of Department at Maritime Institute in Gdansk is the most experienced hands-on expert in cleaning the Baltic Sea

**Dariusz Królicki** from RC Wroclaw Novum (Poland) about the educational and awareness raising project titled "Saving Water - the Source of Life"

**Mark Krawczynski** RC Warszawa City (Poland), Environmental Architect about the potential for cheaper energy from renewable sources if we start with new mindsets. Former Baltic Sea Regional Action Network of Rotarians Chair

**Brian Rusch** (USA), Storyteller, Motivational Speaker, Board Director and Advisor, Global Charity Consultant and Strategist, & Human Rights Advocate

**Mateusz Cisowski** (Poland), Founder AI Hero (AI Transformation) on Artificial Intelligence

and several panelists from various countries (including Poland, Ukraine, Spain and more) and of course our wonderful guests from Rotary serving in positions important to peace and environmental protection.

16:30–18:30 – guided walk through the Old Town, visit to St. Mary’s Basilica

20:30 – Gala Dinner (Hotel Mercure)

## **Sunday, May 10, 2026**

- 9:30-10:30 Rotary Peace Pole Ceremony ,
- 10:30-12:30 Guided visit to the Wawel Royal Castle

**IMPORTANT!**

**One of our distinguished guests will be RI President Francesco Arezzo**

**Dear Friend,**

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me [k.baj-pawluk@rotary.org.pl](mailto:k.baj-pawluk@rotary.org.pl)

I am attaching some materials to promote the conference, and I really look forward to your arrival. It will be an honor for us.

Best regards,

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