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Already on October 21st this year the HYDROFORUM 2026 XVth Polish Hydropower Conference will start its debates at the "Warszawa" (*Warsaw*) hotel in the town of Augustów. Located in the eastern part of Mazury region, surrounded by lakes and forests, close to the Polish-Lithuanian and Polish-Belarus borders, Augustów is one of the most famous Polish recreation resorts. The name of the town comes from Sigismund Augustus, the last Polish king of the Yagellon dynasty, well known in our history for his role in uniting the Polish and Lithuanian states into the Commonwealth of Two Nations, a regional empire which collapsed in the end of XVIIIth century. Today we are proud that despite of complicated history, Poland and Lithuania are countries more friendly to each other than ever before, our hydropower associations have remained in close relationship for over 20 years and *AB Ignitis Gamyba* – the owner and operator of the whole Lithuanian public power plant fleet – has agreed to act as the key partner of HYDROFORUM 2026.

In fact, the HYDROFORUM 2026 venue has been selected in view of the planned study visit to Kruonis Pumped Storage Power Plant which is located at the south-eastern coast of the so-called Kaunas Sea - the power plant lower water reservoir. Kruonis PSPP is currently at the end of an upgrade process which includes adding a variable speed unit. The supplier of the unit is *Voith Hydro Co*. which is another partner of our conference and will host our study visit group at the Kruonis PSPP together with *Ignitis Gamyba*. The visit to the power plant will be an opportunity to spend few hours in the historical part of the Kaunas city and taste the Lithuanian cuisine in the *Berneliu* restaurant, famous for serving the national dishes.

HYDROFORUM conferences are annual events of regional European impact, usually organised close to new or recently rehabilitated hydropower installations, representing the goal of conference study tours. The conferences are held in Polish and English, with simultaneous interpretation. The thematic scope addresses professional interests of the hydropower community. The problems of the sector development strategy and conditions precede information on new projects, technical and environmental issues and typical scientific reports, which we leave to the end of the meeting. The possibility of online participation is also under consideration. The final decision on this issue will be based on the number of those interested.

As usual, also this year HYDROFORUM event is co-organised jointly by the Polish Hydropower Association (TEW), the Polish Association for Small Hydropower Development (TRMEW) and the Institute of Fluid-Flow Machinery of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IMP PAN), which initiated the whole cycle back in 1973. The central item of the conference programme will be again the HYDROFORUM Debate, to be focused on the topics of key significance for Polish and European hydropower sector. Further details will be specified in the coming weeks. In any case, we'll invite representatives of central offices, broadly conceived hydropower sector and the world of science, as well as independent experts to the panel table. Of course, active engagement of the audience is assumed.

The Conference will be preceded by the National Assembly of Polish Hydropower Association to be held at the same venue on October 20h. The Assembly will be followed be the TEW reception - free of charge for Assembly delegates and TEW guests. The other persons should notify their wish to join the reception at the Application Form or contact directly the HYDROFORUM Organising Committee.

The Conference Proceedings (abstracts and mini-papers) will be available at the registration desk in the printed or electronic (flash-disk) version. Those interested in available options, including the study visit, free subscription of *Energetyka Wodna* quarterly electronic version and other benefits are invited to mark them in the Conference Application form. The electronic version of Proceedings will be available after the conference as open access from the HYDROFORUM website ***hydroforum.tew.pl***. With authors' consent the same website will be used to spread the pdf version of their presentations. Authors of selected contributions will be invited to submit their post-conference papers to the *Energetyka Wodna* quarterly.

Conference applications

Participation in the Conference requires registration and payment of the conference fee. You can register by sending the completed registration form at the following address**:**

Biuro Towarzystwa Elektrowni Wodnych,
ul. Piaskowa 18, 84-240 Reda, tel.: +48 58 678 79 51,
e-mail: ***biuro@tew.pl***,. ***biuro.tew@gmail.com.***

The form is already available from the HYDROFORUM_and ***www.imp.gda.pl/en/conferences/*** websites. Soon the on-line registration will be available from the HYDROFORUM website. The completed form will be the basis for issuing an invoice. The following fees apply (PLN net values):

Application date	till 20.09	after 20.09
basic fee:	1 900	2 100
hydropower association members	1800	2 000
speakers*, students	1500	1500
additional payments		
study visit	300	300
accompanying person	600	600
TEW reception**	250	250

Notice: The basic fee covers lunches & dinners, incl. the Conference Dinner

* Only non-commercial contributions.

** The reception will take place on October 20th. It will be free of charge for TEW National Assembly delegates and TEW special guests.

The fee shall be paid at the TEW account, according to the invoice received. **The conference fee does not include the hotel costs which are to be covered by the delegates on an individual basis**. The Organisers reserve themselves the right to apply special discounts and to issue free invitations for Conference guests. For further details please consult the TEW Office. Cancellations prior to September 30th are free of charge. Later on the delegate may be charged with the cost up to 50 % of the basic fee. After October 11th, the Organisers keep the right to charge the delegate with full fee.

Call for papers

All those interested in sharing their knowledge and experience in form of a conference contribution are invited to declare such a wish at the registration form. You are also invited to contact us on Conference Programme issues using the phone n umber +48 608 19 71 85 or the *steller@imp.gda.pl*. e-mail address. Conference contribution applications will be awaited until **September 10th** this year. By **September 20th**, you'll be expected to send us the full version of the mini-paper or extended abstract prepared in accordance with the attached template. We cannot guarantee that texts submitted at a later date will be included in the printed proceedings.

Conference venue and logistics

The Conference venue will be *Warszawa* hotel, ul. Zdrojowa 1, 16-300 Augustów, *www.hotelwarszawa.pl*. The hotel is located at the south-eastern coast of the Necko Lake, at ca 3 km distance from the bus main station in the centre and 2.5 km from the railway station at the eastern outskirts of Augustów.

Railway connection with Warsaw is quite comfortable. There are 3 direct connections and 3 indirect ones available daily. A bus station reached by all municipal buses is located at the distance of some 650 m from the hotel (the last departure to the downtown at 21:07).

The hotel rooms in Warszawa Hotel have been already pre-booked. The negotiated prices for hiring a single or double/twin bed room are 320 PLN and 495 PLN per night, respectively. The hotel parking spaces are available at the price of 45 PLN per day. Numerous free spaces are usually available in direct neghbourhood of the hotel territory. Due to limited room availability in Warszawa Hotel the rooms in the Nad Nettą (*At Netta River*) and Logos hotels are also proposed. Both hotels are located some 2 km from Warszawa Hotel. The prices are 280 and 400 PLN per night in single- and double-bed rooms at Nad Nettą and 230 PLN per night in single rooms at Logos hotel, respectively. Please select proper option at your registration form if you wish to make use of our assistance in making a booking. The overnight invoices will be issued by the respective hotel. The organisers will provide assistance in organizing transfers for those without their own transportation means.

Provisional Framework Programme

21 October 2025 (Wednesday)	
8:00	Registration of delegates
9:00	**Opening of the Conference**
9:30	**Block I:** Potential, strategy, energy policy, legal and economic constraints
13:00	Lunch break
14:00	**HYDROFORUM Debate**
15:30	**Block II**: New projects, environmental and social impacts
18:00	Closure of the 1st day debate
19:30	**Conference Dinner**
22 October 2025 (Thursday)	
9:00	**Block III:** Design, operation and maintenance
13:00	Lunch break
14:00	**Block IV:** Research and R&D studies
17:00	**Closure of the Conference**
23 October 2025: Study Tour (Note the EE Time in Lithuania!)	
07:30	Departure from „Warszawa" Hotel
11:00	**Arrival at Kruonis PSPP; Technical visit**
13:45	**Departure from the power plant**
14:30	Lunch at *Berneliu užeiga senamiestis* restaurant in the Old Town of Kaunas
15:30	Sight-seeing of the Kaunas Old Town
17:30	Departure to Augustów
19:30	**Farewall dinner at "Warszawa" Hotel**

Disseminating detailed information about the program of the conference is planned for **October 5th at latest**. Additional information can be obtained at the TEW Office address or by phone (+48 608 19 71). During the conference the contact with the Organising Committee will be available at phone numbers +48 605 56 55 86 (H.Stachowicz) and +48 608 19 71 85 (J.Steller).

Sponsorship

The Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for establishing your new contacts or strengthening existing relationships with your partners. Sponsorship of our event may appear really helpful in this respect. You are invited to use one of our sponsor packages or to an opportunity for an individual sponsorship agreement. Please, contact the TEW Office for further details.

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