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Almost seventy years have passed since the liberation of Auschwitz. Not long from now, on January 27, 2015, we—the postwar generations—will stand together with the last Survivors. We will tell them that we have grown into our role, and that we understand what they have been trying to tell us all these years. The memory has ripened within us.

We will also tell them—I hope—that just as their words will always remain a powerful warning, so also the tangible remains of the hell they lived through will bear eloquent witness for future generations.

The authenticity of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial, the only one of the major extermination camps preserved to this degree, is systematically maintained today by professional conservators. To meet this challenge, 29 countries have decided to join in creating a Perpetual Capital of 120 million EUR. The revenue will finance comprehensive preservation work. Thanks to this, the authenticity of this place will endure to testify about the fate of those who can no longer tell their own story. I believe that it is possible to raise the 19 million EUR still lacking in time for the seventieth anniversary. We owe this to history and we owe it to future generations.

Dr. Piotr M. A. Cywiński
President of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation
Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
Interior of a brick barracks on the grounds of the women’s camp at the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp.
The goal of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation, created in 2009, is to raise a Perpetual Capital serving to finance conservation work and preserve all the authentic remains of the former Nazi German concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau.

We are creating the Fund so that we can be certain that future generations will be able to experience the authenticity of this place that is not only a witness to the worst crime in human history but also, for many reasons, a space with fundamental significance for the whole of European civilization. Auschwitz is precisely the place to confront in all their fullness the most important questions about mankind, about society, about the poisonous fruit of anti-Semitism, and also about the consequences of bringing to life ideas built on foundations of racial hate and contempt for others.

The target for our Perpetual Capital is 120 million EUR; thanks to the annual interest on this sum, amounting to some 4 to 5 million EUR, it will be possible to carry out a long-term program of preservation work at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial. This program has been drawn up in cooperation with specialists in various fields of preservation, and a Master Plan for Preservation team assembled especially for this purpose will oversee its implementation at the Museum.

The Fund is made possible, above all, thanks to the support of countries from around the world, and also thanks to the commitment of many companies and private individuals.

Jacek Kastelaniec
Director General of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation
The data as of December 31, 2013

The Mission to Preserve the Memorial

PAYMENTS DECLARED

Federal Republic of Germany 60 000 000,00 EUR
United States of America 15 000 000,00 USD
Republic of Poland 10 000 000,00 EUR
French Republic 5 000 000,00 EUR
Republic of Austria 4 000 000,00 - 6 000 000,00 EUR
State of Israel 3 600 000,00 NIS
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 2 100 000,00 GBP
Kingdom of Norway 2 000 000,00 NOK
Kingdom of Sweden 2 000 000,00 SEK
Czech Republic 2 000 000,00 CZK
Russian Federation 1 000 000,00 USD
Swiss Confederation 1 000 000,00 EUR 100 000,00 CHF
Kingdom of Belgium 500 000,00 EUR
Australia 500 000,00 AUD
Canada 400 000,00 CAD
Republic of Azerbaijan 200 000,00 EUR
Hungary 120 000,00 EUR
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg 100 000,00 EUR
New Zealand 100 000,00 EUR
Republic of Turkey 100 000,00 EUR
Georgian 50 000,00 EUR
Principality of Monaco 50 000,00 EUR
Republic of Finland 50 000,00 EUR
Republic of Estonia 20 000,00 EUR
Argentine Republic 5 000,00 EUR 10 000,00 USD
Republic of Ireland 5 000,00 EUR
Republic of Malta 5 000,00 EUR
City of Paris 310 000,00 EUR
City of Boulogne-Billancourt 25 000,00 EUR
District of Kolobrzeg 10 000,00 PLN
Frank Lowy 1 000 000,00 USD
Leszek Czamecki 100 000,00 USD
Other individual contributions 56 704,04 EUR
1 995,04 USD
168 567,97 PLN
Institutional contributions 25 000,00 EUR
30 360,00 PLN
Thanks to the income generated by the Perpetual Capital of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation, the Museum is able for the first time in its 60-year history to develop a comprehensive long-term preservation plan extending to all the authentic original remains of the Nazi German concentration and extermination camp.

The preservation plans embrace the grounds of the former Auschwitz I camp and the Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp, together with all buildings, ruins of gas chambers and crematoria, remains of the barracks and the sewage and drainage-ditch networks, roads, fences, and railroad infrastructure. There are also plans for the conservation of the items displayed in exhibits for hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world, and for items held in storage. These are above all personal belongings stolen from the victims, but they also include archival documents and objects associated with the SS garrison.

Thanks to the financial bulwark of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation’s Perpetual Capital, the Master Plan for Preservation (MPP) can replace the preservation work that has previously been conducted on a limited ad hoc basis at the Memorial. Priorities, guidelines, and individual projects are being planned over a multi-year perspective by an interdisciplinary team of specialists.

The greatest preservation challenge at present is securing the grounds and buildings of the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau site. Maintained in original condition, this unique historical area requires the most urgent work, especially in sector BI. The brick barracks of the so-called women’s camp stand there, 45 in all—prisoner quarters, latrines, washrooms, kitchens, and storehouses. The first projects carried out under the MPP are intended above all to prepare these buildings for the multiple stages of complete preservation.
The former Auschwitz I camp
THE PRESERVATION OF BRICK BUILDINGS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE FORMER AUSCHWITZ I CONCENTRATION CAMP

ORIGINAL PRESERVED BLOCK 28

Inventory, structural analysis, geological-engineering documentation, and intervention work to protect against further deterioration.

Block 28 which is designated for preservation is one of four prisoner blocks with reserve status. When Auschwitz I camp was in existence, the block housed part of the camp hospital. The camp morgue was located in the basement of the building. The corpses of prisoners who had died or been murdered were delivered from there to the crematorium.

Original preserved buildings are in a state very close to their wartime condition. Securing them is especially vital because these structures offer the maximal opportunity for encountering an authentic space in which the history of the camp is present.

The detailed inventory and structural analysis were completed in 2013. This will make it possible to prepare project documentation and subsequently to carry out the comprehensive preservation of Block 28.

Protective work included spot repairs to the roof panels to protect the unique wall painting titled *The Pharmacist* in the loft. The chimney shafts were also cleaned, improving ventilation and at the same time yielding information on the actual layout of the shafts.
THE PRESERVATION OF VESTIGES OF WOODEN AND BRICK BUILDINGS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE FORMER AUSCHWITZ I CAMP

FIRST CAMP KITCHEN AND BATHHOUSE

Preservation and protection of the vestiges of the building abutting Block 2.

This project comprised the conservation and protection of the vestiges of the building located between Blocks 1 and 2. It served various purposes when the camp was in operation. It was first a kitchen, then a metalworking shop and smithy, and later a bathhouse. It was here that SS men carried out selections during which prisoners classified as incapable of work were sent to the gas chambers. Parts of the former bathhouse building are visible to this day, including the chimneys, water tanks, and floor.

The historic vestiges abutted the wall of Block 2. This work was important in view of the fact that the whole of Block 2 of the former Auschwitz I camp was being preserved at the same time with a European Union grant.

A brick trough that was part of the furnishing of the building that is no longer standing was preserved, as were vestiges of the structure that are visible on the elevation of Block 2. An important role was played here by the exceptionally high-precision inventory and photographic documentation of all components, because it was necessary to dismantle the entire structure. After cleaning, reassembly, and reinforcement, each element was restored to its exact former location. This work was accompanied by specialist research intended to establish the degree of salinity of the walls, the ingredients and qualities of the mortar, and the identification of pigments. The base of the brick trough was reinforced at the same time.
CONSERVATION RESEARCH

A priority task of the MPP is the preservation of 45 brick barracks from the women’s camp located in sector BI of the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp. Carrying out complex work on these unique historical objects requires innovative solutions covering complicated hydro-geological, structural, and conservation problems. For this reason, a special research program has been launched to identify the mechanisms behind the deterioration of the buildings, with the aim of developing methods for their protection and comprehensive preservation.

Renowned research institutions were selected in 2013 and contracts signed. The initial tasks consist of collecting samples of the historically significant material for specialist examination. The completion of all research is planned for 2015.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:
- research into the biological corrosion of the buildings;
- research on the techniques, technology, and condition of the original paint layers and research on developing methods for preserving them;
- research to identify the construction materials, defining their physical-chemical properties and durability, along with research on methods for conserving, protecting, and reinforcing components made from mineral materials;
- research on the effectiveness of materials and methods in the anti-corrosion and cleaning and protecting of metal components;
- research on developing methods for the conservation, protection, and reinforcement of building structures, components of their finishing, and their foundational underpinnings, taking the statics and physics of the structures into account.

RESEARCH IN PREPARATION:
- research on methods for preserving, protecting, and reinforcing historical wooden components.
Projects Continued in 2013

THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF SECTOR BI

The following tasks connected with the conservation of sector BI on the grounds of former Auschwitz I-Birkenau were completed:

- geodesic measurement of the sector and the adjacent grounds of the sewage treatment plant. The resulting map will make it possible to draw up project documentation for the brick barracks,

- inventory and technical analysis containing an assessment of the condition of the sewer system in sector BI. Inspection with a miniature camera of the entire original camp sewer system, along with additional examination, makes possible a precise evaluation of the condition of the subterranean infrastructure and its potential usefulness in the process of regulating the water table in this area,

- laser scanning of two brick barracks yielded the most detailed and accurate possible drawings, which are necessary for construction calculations. These analyses will serve as the basis for the project documentation for the first two barracks designated for conservation,

- intervention to protect the buildings in sector BI from further deterioration. Temporary internal and external structural reinforcement of the buildings in the worst condition was installed. The roofing panels were also secured.
Many projects, concentrating above all on sector BII of the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp, were initiated in 2013. They mainly included:

- the geodesic inventory of sector BII on the grounds of the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp, which will serve in creating an up-to-date map for planning purposes. This work will be accompanied by the clearing of the sewer canals, manholes, and holding tanks, and vestiges of them, on the grounds of sector BII and the adjacent sewage treatment plant, "Kanada", the bathhouse, and crematoria IV and V;
- geological and hydrological research on the grounds of the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp, serving to develop a project for regulating the water table in this area.
Projects Initiated in 2013

PROJECTS UNDER PREPARATION

Full conservation and project documentation will be drawn up and initial work begun in 2014 on the first brick barracks in the women’s camp in sector BI of the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp.

Subsequent projects under preparation encompass the conservation of wooden barracks and the regulation of the water table on the grounds of the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp.

Looking further ahead, there will also be planning for work connected with improving conditions for the preservation of the Museum collections. Plans will be drawn up in 2014 for specialized cases design for preserving textile items.
Conservation research being conducted on the brick barracks.
In 2013, the Foundation continued to concentrate on obtaining more financial pledges for the Perpetual Capital.

2013 was the second year in which the Foundation financed preservation work on the grounds of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. A total of 3,500,000.00 PLN was allocated for this purpose in the fiscal year 2013, of which 2,144,991.00 PLN were transferred to the Museum bank account in accordance with the needs of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. The remainder of this allocation is available to the Museum at any moment to meet the needs of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Master Plan for Preservation.

The operation of the Foundation in 2013 was made possible thanks to funding for administrative expenses donated by KPMG and to the income from the Perpetual Capital—a portion of which, in line with the bylaws of the Foundation, was assigned to covering the costs of current operations.

In 2013, an audit for the year 2012 was carried out at the Foundation office. As specified in a Foundation Council resolution, KPMG conducted the audit. The auditor found no irregularities. The auditor’s report and all other reports are posted in Polish and English on the Foundation website.
PLEDGES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PERPETUAL CAPITAL

1. Countries

In 2013, the Foundation obtained donations and pledges of donations from:
- Azerbaijan (200,000.00 EUR);
- Georgia (50,000.00 EUR);
- Ireland (5,000.00 EUR);
- Russia (1,000,000.00 USD);
- Hungary (120,000.00 EUR).

The following countries decided to raise their contributions to the Perpetual Capital:
- New Zealand (by an additional 50,000.00 EUR);
- Sweden (by an additional 109,556.00 EUR);
- Switzerland (by an additional 1,000,000.00 EUR);
- Turkey (by an additional 50,000.00 EUR).

Taken together, these amounts, contributions, and pledges from previous years add up to a sum of approximately 101 million EUR. Such broad international acceptance of this unique project raises hopes for collecting the last 19 million EUR and concluding the creation of the Capital by January 27, 2015—the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

2. Individual donors and partnership with companies:

The largest individual donors to the Foundation are:
- Frank Lowy: 1,000,000.00 USD;
- Leszek Czarnecki: 100,000.00 USD.

The Friends of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation (FDBF) continued to operate in 2013. It is the fundraising organization for the Foundation in the United States, and has 501(c)(3) status, thanks to which donors can deduct their donations on their tax returns.

The Friends of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation employs two people in the United States. Beata Schulman is responsible for fundraising on the East Coast, and Mark Rothman on the West Coast. Christa Kaufmann, a fundraiser with many years of experience, has decided to support the FDBF pro bono.

OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR STATUTORY ACTIVITIES

In 2013, the Foundation continued to cooperate with law and accounting firms that support it. The Weil, Gotshal & Manges law firm works pro bono for the Foundation.

Thanks to the kindness of the Union of Jewish Religious Communities in the Republic of Poland, the Foundation leases office space in the Jewish Religious Community building in Warsaw on favorable terms.

Edelman PR does public relations for the Foundation pro bono.

INFORMATION ABOUT HOLDINGS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

In 2013, the Foundation purchased treasury and company bonds with a value of 78,205,828.63 PLN. The financial instruments held by the Foundation are issued by the Dexia Group, The Royal Bank of Scotland, PKO Finance, Depfa, The Republic of Slovenia, Santander Bank, Morgan Stanley, The European Leasing Fund (EFL), The Republic of Poland, the Kingdom of Belgium, Landesbank Berlin, and the City of Warsaw.

The total value of long-term securities held by the Foundation was 143,938,707.88 PLN (at the close of business on December 31, 2013).

The total value of short-term securities held by the Foundation was 21,808,770.33 PLN (at the close of business on December 31, 2013).

All transactions involving financial instruments in 2013 were made through the PKO BP, PEKAO S.A. and Societe Generale S.A. banks.

INFORMATION ABOUT FUNDS INVESTED IN BANK ACCOUNTS (AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 2013):

Current accounts in PLN: 1,274,296.01 PLN
Current accounts in EUR: 1,306,620.11 PLN
Current accounts in USD: 3,012,099.34 PLN

Short-term deposits in EUR with an interest rate of 0.45% to January 20, 2014: 1,106,035.57 EUR
Short-term deposits in EUR with an interest rate of 0.45% to January 20, 2014: 639,098 EUR

Detailed information about revenue, listed by source, and the costs of achieving the Foundation’s statutory goals are included in the Financial Report for the year 2013. The Report also presents employee compensation and the value of Foundation assets in 2013. The document is published on the official website of the Foundation.
The total sum of raised and declared funds for the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation is 101 million EUR, out of a 120 million goal. To complete this enormous and important mission and challenge, we now need to raise an additional 19,000,000 EUR and will call Phase II of the campaign, ‘18 Pillars of Remembrance’.

We will invite individuals, foundations, or companies, who through their philanthropic activities have become leaders in preserving the memory of the Holocaust and fighting anti-Semitism. We are doing so because we cannot imagine our mission of maintaining this Memorial without the engagement of people who have devoted so much to fight anti-Semitism, xenophobia and hatred.

The 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz is approaching — probably the last round-number anniversary with such an active role of Survivors. This day of commemoration will be held on January 27, 2015. We would like 18 donors, or ‘Pillars of Remembrance’, to consider donating 1 million EUR each to secure the preservation of Auschwitz. Donors can also be groups of individuals or institutions that together decide to become a Pillar.

In recognition of these important and generous commitments, donors will be invited to take a prominent place alongside the Survivors and heads of states at the anniversary proceedings. These commitments to the preservation of the Memorial will also be recognized by engraving the names of the ‘Pillars’ on a major donor wall erected at the entrance to Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

In addition, the names of each ‘Pillar’ will be mentioned in all editions of the annual Museum Report to be released, and which are distributed among the 3,000 most prominent people and institutions in the world. Recognition of all supporters will also be noted on the Auschwitz-Birkenau website.
The Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation

**BOARD**

The Board directs the work of the Foundation and represents it to the outside world. It is responsible for creating a strategy, and for administering the assets of the Foundation. The Foundation Council nominates and dismisses members of the Board.

**Dr. Piotr M. A. Cywiński – Chairman**

Historian. Doctor of humanities. Graduate of the Mark Bloch University in Strasbourg, the Catholic University of Lublin, and the Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. Co-founder and President of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation.

**Łukasz Rozdeiczer-Kryszkowski – Deputy Chairman**


**Rafał Pióro – Deputy Chairman**

Conservationist, Deputy Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum responsible for protecting the authenticity of the Memorial and preserving the grounds, collections, and archives. Creator of the Museum Conservation Laboratories.

**Jacek Kastelaniec – Director General**

Co-founder of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation. Responsible for fundraising for the Foundation’s Perpetual Capital and directing the Foundation office.
THE FOUNDATION COUNCIL

The Council of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation is a constituent and supervisory organ that oversees all the work of the Foundation. Its members include persons involved in perpetuating the memory of Nazi German crimes, historians, and diplomats. Some of them are also members of the International Auschwitz Council, a supervisory-consultative organ of the President of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Poland.

Professor Władysław Bartoszewski – Chairman
Former prisoner of the Auschwitz camp, co-founder of the “Żegota” Council for Aid to the Jews, Chairman of the International Auschwitz Council and the Council for the Protection of the Memory of Combat and Martyrdom, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Polish Republic on two different occasions, Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the President of the the Council of Ministers, and Plenipotentiary for International Dialogue. Honorary Citizen of the State of Israel.

Dr. Elenora Bergman
Historian of architecture. Former director of the Jewish Historical Institute, member of the board of the Museum of the History of the Polish Jews, and member of the International Consultative Council working on the new Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum main exhibition.

Piotr Kadiłek
Chairman of the Union of Jewish Communities in the Republic of Poland, member of the board of the European Congress of Jews.

Dr. Serge Klarsfeld
Vice President of the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah (Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah), Chairman of Fils et Filles des Déportés Juifs de France (Association of the Sons and Daughters of Jews Deported from France), member of the International Auschwitz Council.

Prof. Edward Kosakowski
Director of the Chair of the Conservation and Restoration of Wall Paintings at the Fine Arts Academy in Cracow, member of the Board of Trustees of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

Prof. Paweł Machcewicz
Director of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk. Member of the International Auschwitz Council.

Agnieszka Magdziak-Miszewska

Zbigniew Nosowski
Deputy Chairman of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews, editor in chief of Więź monthly, co-founder and Chairman of the Civic Committee for the Remembrance of the Jews of Otwock and Karczew.

Jürgen Rüttgers

Wojciech Soczewica
Former member of the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and later of the Bureau of the Plenipotentiary of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland for International Dialogue. From 2013, director of the International Cooperation Group in the Bureau of the Spokesman for Civic Rights (Ombudsman).

Józef Wancer
Vice President of Citibank of New York for 23 years, former Chairman of the board of Bank BPH, later adviser to the board of Deloitte in Poland. President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Poland. Currently Chairman of the board of the BGŻ bank.

Henryk Wujec
Survivor of the expulsions from the Zamość Region during the Second World War. Spent many years in opposition to the Polish communist regime. Community organizer. Delegate to the Polish Parliament in the years 1989-2001. Currently adviser to the President of the Polish Republic for social affairs. Member of the International Auschwitz Council.

Marek Zając
Secretary of the International Auschwitz Council, lecturer at the Tischner European University.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The International Committee ensures full access for information on the Foundation’s finances and work to donors to the Perpetual Capital. It also has an advisory and oversight function. The Committee is made up of persons recommended by donor countries.

FINANCIAL COMMISSION

The Financial Commission advises the Board on managing the Foundation’s assets, and also oversees its operations. The main task of the Commission is to develop strategic guidelines for investing the capital assembled in the Perpetual Capital. The Foundation Council approves the Commission’s recommendations. Members of the Financial Commission serve pro bono.

Józef Wancer – Chairman
Alfred Finz, Włodzimierz Grudziński, Peter Hommelhoff, Antoni F. Reczek, Ekkehard Thiesler, Claude Trink
The Pharmacist wall-painting in Block 28
DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY TO ITS BANK ACCOUNT:

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FOR DONORS IN THE USA

The Friends of Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation (FOABF) has been formed to support the mission of the Foundation in the United States. Its mission is to make it easier for private individuals in the USA to contribute. The FOABF has 501(c)(3) status as a tax-exempt non-profit.

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FOR DONORS IN POLAND

The Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation has the status of an Organization for the Public Benefit (OPP). Private individuals can donate 1 percent of their income tax to the Foundation by entering the Foundation’s KRS number in the appropriate space on their Polish tax returns:

KRS: 0000328383
The ramp or unloading platform where the selection of Jews deported for extermination was carried out at the former Auschwitz II-Birkenau camp.