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Subject: Re: Walne zebranie Fundacji Dziedzictwa Polskiego

Thank you. I would recommend that future conferences should have reference to Siberian Refugees to avoid confusion with the Polish Heritage Foundation, which cover much wider field. We have Zonderwater - Italian prisoners of war event in the morning, but will try to attend. May be late.
Best of luck with your efforts
Andrzej

On 23 Oct 2016, at 9:10 PM, Steve Szewczuk <SSzewczuK@csir.co.za> wrote:

Dear Andrzej

Thank you very much for the invitation to participate in the meeting with the Polish Heritage Foundation in Southern Africa. On behalf of the Polish Association of Siberian Deportees in South Africa I look forward to collaborating with the Heritage Foundation, particularly since the Siberian Deportees and in particular the Polish Children of Oudtshoorn and their offspring form an integral and significant part of Polish heritage in South Africa.

It is vital that archived material on the Polish heritage in South Africa is not lost. Consequently I am in full support of your project proposal of compiling an inventory of archived material related to South African Polish heritage.

Towards compiling such an inventory I can offer an inventory of material that I have collected over the years on the Sybiracy with the bulk of the material obviously on the Polish Children of Oudtshoorn. The description of the inventory is about 3 years old with new material being constantly added. When Stefan Adamski went into frail care his personal archived material on the Sybiracy was passed onto me. Included as part of the growing personal archived material is heritage material on the Kresy, the region where the bulk of the Siberian deportees came from.

Having direct access to the bulk of the archived material on the Polish Children of Oudtshoorn and other Sybiracy a formal project has been registered at the History & Heritage Department at Sol Plaatje University (SPU) in Kimberley under Dr Cobus Rademeyer. This project was registered with a view to exploiting this archived material as research projects leading to publications and university degrees. This project, the South Africa Poland Heritage project, enjoys the full support of the Vice-Rector of SPU, Prof Yunus Ballim. Currently Dr Cobus Rademeyer, Dr Marta Nowakowska (in Wroclaw) & myself form the core team of the South Africa Poland Heritage Project and we are in discussions with universities & other institutions in Poland with a view to undertaking joint South Africa Poland heritage research projects. As I write Marta Nowakowska is finalising a project proposal for submission to solicit Polish funding.

Andrzej, I am also wanting to use this opportunity to inform you and those on this email distribution list of the upcoming 3rd South Africa Poland Heritage conference that is taking place on Sunday 6 November at 14:00 at the Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre.

Regards
Stefan Szewczuk
President: Polish Association of Siberian Deportees in South Africa