



# 18<sup>th</sup>

## Meeting of the Group of European Charophytologists (GEC)

**15-18 September 2011**  
**Poznań and Ślubice, POLAND**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Circular**

**Organized by:**

**Department of Hydrobiology (in Poznań)  
& Collegium Polonicum (in Ślubice),  
Faculty of Biology, Adam Mickiewicz University (AMU)**

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**The Meeting web site:**

**<http://www.gec.amu.edu.pl>**

### **Preliminary programme:**

**14. September (Wednesday):** informal meeting in Poznań Old Town & city tour

**15-16. September (Thursday and Friday):** oral and poster sessions at *Collegium Biologicum* building, Faculty of Biology, AMU campus in Poznań

**17-18. September (Saturday and Sunday):** field excursion, charophyte collection and determination workshop at *Collegium Polonicum* building in Ślubice, return to Poznań on Sunday afternoon, between 4 and 6 p.m.

### **Registration fees for meeting (excursion not included):**

IRGC-Members: 40€

Non IRGC-Members: 50€

Students: 30€

### **Excursion fee:**

120€ (all costs included)

**Payment:** By bank transfer

**Payee:** Adam Mickiewicz University

**Address:** H. Wieniawskiego 1, 61-712 Poznań, Poland

### **Bank account:**

**IBAN:** PL77 1090 1362 0000 0000 3601 7903

**SWIFT:** WBKPPLPP

**Bank name:** BZ WBK S.A. VI O/Poznań

**Bank address:** Plac Wolności 15, 60-967 Poznań

**Please indicate** the Meeting subaccount number **711 067 and your surname** in the title of the bank transfer (reference)!

### **Important date, only one!**

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 – deadline for:**

**final registration**

**abstract submission**

**NOTE:** both on-line through the web site: <http://www.gec.amu.edu.pl>; guidelines are given there. In case of technical problems please contact organizers using [marpelhydro@poczta.onet.pl](mailto:marpelhydro@poczta.onet.pl) mailbox

### **payment of registration and field excursion fees**

**NOTE:** Only for those, who for serious reasons cannot pay by bank transfer, there is still possibility to pay by cash upon arrival

## 18<sup>th</sup> GEC Meeting place and venue:

***Collegium Biologicum*, Adam Mickiewicz University Campus ‘Morasko’**

**Address: Umultowska Str. 89, PL-61-614, Poznań, Poland**

The 18<sup>th</sup> GEC Meeting is organized in Poznań, an old Polish city, the capital of Wielkopolska (in English: Great Poland) Voivodship (mid-western Poland). With its more than a thousand year long history, relations to the origin of the Polish nation, and architecture, representing a wide variety of styles: from the Roman style to Secession, Poznań belongs to the most attractive tourist destinations in this part of Poland.

The Meeting will be organized by the Department of Hydrobiology that has long tradition of charophyte study developed by prof. I. Dąbmska. Her work resulted in a charophyte herbarium, one of the most important in Poland. Two days of lectures and poster presentations will be held at the *Collegium Biologicum* building, Faculty of Biology, one of the 13 faculties of the Adam Mickiewicz University (AMU), lately celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and listed among leading Polish universities. For details use:

<http://amu.edu.pl/en/home/about-us/newsletters>

<http://amu.edu.pl/en/home/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-biology>

*Collegium Biologicum* building, a new seat of the Faculty of Biology was opened in 2003 and is localized within the AMU campus ‘Morasko’ in Poznań. The building is divided into two main parts: research and didactic. It is well equipped and offers among others eight modern lecture rooms with 732 sitting places and a computer room with 56 stations. Within *Collegium Biologicum* building an open access Wi-Fi is freely available. All didactic rooms are adapted for the disabled.

The Faculty of Biology has its own cafeteria, localized in a beautiful main hall of *Collegium Biologicum*, with glass roof and filled with tropical plants, where we are planning to arrange coffee breaks and lunches.

Although the campus ‘Morasko’ is located away from the city centre, there are many convenient connections to get there very quickly.

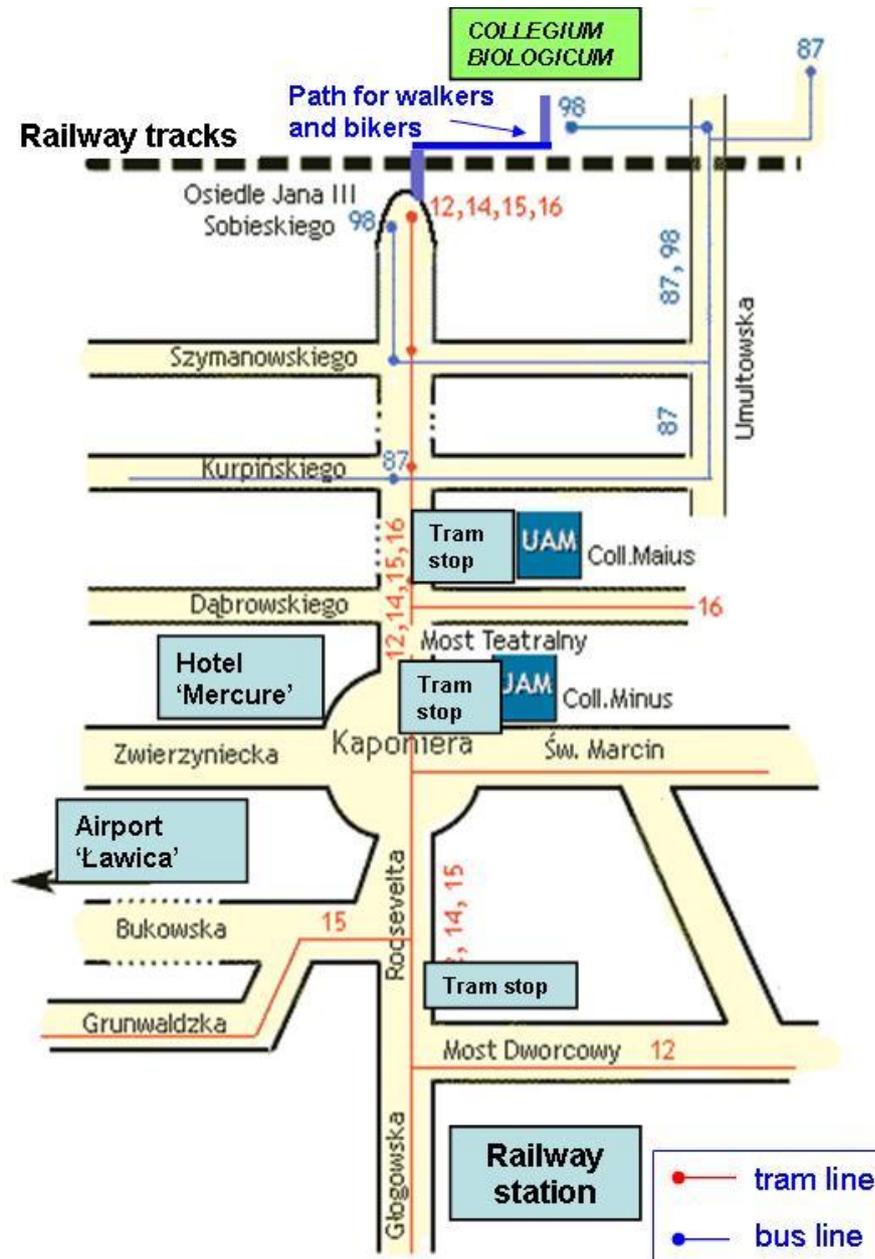
## How to reach the conference venue

The fastest and the cheapest way to get to the *Collegium Biologicum* building is public transport. You can use tram lines: 12, 14, 15 or 16, towards **Osiedle Jana III Sobieskiego**. All these lines have the same stops beginning from ‘Most Teatralny’ stop and they run every 10 minutes. You should get off at the finish stop (‘Osiedle Jana III Sobieskiego’), then cross the street on the right, turn left, take the path for pedestrian crossing the rail tracks and walk from there directly to the *Collegium Biologicum*. After about 7-10 min. of walk you will see two modern buildings at the end of the path. The one on the left side of the path is *Collegium Biologicum*.

To get to the *Collegium Biologicum* directly from the main railway station (Dworzec Główny), you should leave the railway station through the main exit, walk along the car park until you reach the bridge and walk up the stairs up to the bridge (not the first but the second ones, so you could be on the same side that the tram stop is). On the bridge turn right and walk about 50 meters further to tram stop ‘Most Dworcowy’ (Eng. ‘Railway Station Bridge’ stop). Choose line 12 or 14 and ride to the finish stop (‘Osiedle Jana III Sobieskiego’), then walk the way described above.

A trip from ‘Most Teatralny’ to ‘Osiedle Jana III Sobieskiego’ takes approximately 12 minutes and from ‘Most Dworcowy’ about 15 minutes.

Map of tram lines is given below. City map with navigation is available at our web site <http://www.gec.amu.edu.pl>



### Tickets

There is only one kind of tickets for both kinds of transport, bus or tram. You can get tickets for 15 or for 30 minutes, that cost 2 PLN (0.50 EUR) and 3 PLN (0.75 EUR), respectively. Please note that you cannot buy a ticket from tram/bus driver. Tickets are available in newspaper kiosks and at some stops - from ticket machines. Remember to punch your ticket right after entering and keep it until the end of the ride.

For more information about public transport in Poznań visit:

<http://www.mpk.poznan.pl/?lng=en>

And for route planning:

<http://poznan.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en>

## Post-conference field excursion

Traditionally, oral and poster presentations will be followed by the two-day field trip with charophyte collection. There are many lakes with charophytes in lowland Poland. We have decided to show you some of the most interesting, located in western part of the country. The first lake to be mentioned is Lake Lednica (approx. 40 km from the center of Poznań), one of the famous tourist destinations. At this lake the very first proofs of Polish nationality were discovered (now to be seen in the largest Polish open-air museum). Despite long-term anthropopressure Lake Lednica is characterized by a good ecological status, great water clarity and the vegetation dominated by charophyte meadows, including *Tolypella glomerata*, a population of which has been observed for four decades here.

Next destination will be Ziemia Lubuska (Lubusz Land) region, starting with the visit to Łagów Lubuski, a small town, with a nice castle in the center. It is localized in a very diverse postglacial landscape, between two ribbon lakes: Trześniowskie and Łagowskie. This is the area of Łagowski Landscape Park and the Nature 2000 refuge. Although Lake Trześniowskie is bigger, deeper (the 10<sup>th</sup> deepest lake in Poland) and has very clear water, much more charophytes occur in more eutrophicated Lake Łagowskie. This is where *Lychnothamnus barbatus* builds its own community! During the second day three other interesting charophyte lakes are planned. For detailed information on the field excursion look at [www.gec.amu.edu.pl](http://www.gec.amu.edu.pl), where you can also find **a plan of the excursion and some pictures** of the places we would like to show you!

The charophyte identification workshop is planned at the end of the first day of field excursion in Słubice town, in a laboratory of the

## Collegium Polonicum, Adam Mickiewicz University - European University Viadrina, Słubice, Poland

**Address: Kościuszki Str. 1, PL-69-100, Słubice, Poland**

*Collegium Polonicum* is a modern and well equipped building, localized just 50 meters from the border bridge between Słubice, Poland and Frankfurt-on-Oder, Germany. It is a place that offers perfect spatial and organizational conditions for a cross-border teaching and research institution.

For details use: [http://www.cp.eu-frankfurt-o.de/en/o\\_nas/index.html](http://www.cp.eu-frankfurt-o.de/en/o_nas/index.html)

The overnight will be arranged in nice and well equipped dormitories, located up to 10 minutes walk from *Collegium Polonicum*.

Bus transportation during the excursion, overnight, meals (two lunches, dinner and breakfast), entrance tickets etc. are included in the excursion fee.

Social events, including informal meetings and city tour, will be arranged in Poznań. We encourage to visit the city at the web page:

<http://www.poznan.pl/mim/public/turystyka/index.html?lang=en>

## How to get to Poznań?

### By plane:

Poznań (Henryk Wieniawski Airport Poznań-Ławica) has regular plane connections with e.g. Barcelona-Girona, Copenhagen, Dortmund, Edinburgh, Frankfurt, Liverpool, London, Munich, Oslo, Rome, Warsaw, Zurich and Cracow. The airport Ławica is 7 km away from the city centre, but still within the city limits. The city centre can be reached from the airport by bus lines No. 78 and No. 78 (leave the bus at 'Rondo Kaponiera' stop, which is in the city centre, near the Sheraton and Mercure hotels), or by line 59 (you have to get on the bus at a stop across the street in front of the airport (approx. 50m)

For more details use: <http://www.airport-poznan.com.pl/en/> and Lot Polish Airlines web site: <http://www.lot.com/web/lot/home>

You can also fly to Warsaw or Berlin airports and then get to Poznań by trains.

### By train:

EuroCity trains, regularly connecting Berlin and Warsaw, go via Poznań. It takes three hours to get from Berlin to Poznań as does the train journey from Warsaw. There are also convenient rail connections with all major towns and cities in Poland.

If you are going to take a train from Warsaw you should get to Warsaw Central Station (Warszawa Centralna), from Berlin to Berlin Hbf or Berlin Ostbf. All trains coming to Poznań stop at Poznań Central Train Station (Poznań Główny). The Railway Station is located in the city centre. For timetables use:

PKP (Polish State Railway) webpage: <http://rozklad-pkp.pl/?q=en/node/143>

Deutsche Bahn (German Railway) webpage: <http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/d>

### By car:

Poznań has road connections with major Polish cities, and with the Western Europe. Travelling by car take international roads A2/E-30 Berlin-Warsaw-Moscow or E-261 Gdańsk-Wrocław-Prague that cross in Poznań. The nearest places to cross the Polish-German border are: Kostrzyn-Kietz, Ślubice-Frankfurt/O., Świecko-Frankfurt/O.

## Where to stay?

Accommodation does not make any problems when visiting Poznań as there is a good choice of hotels and hostels. A few chosen hotels and hostels in Poznań are listed below. We recommend to choose hotels in the city centre, from where you can easily reach the Meeting venue

<b>Sheraton Hotel Poznan*****</b>	Bukowska 3/9 Tel. +48 61 655 20 00 Fax.+48 61 655 20 01 <a href="mailto:reservations.poznan@sheraton.com">reservations.poznan@sheraton.com</a> <a href="http://www.sheraton.pl/poznan/en/">http://www.sheraton.pl/poznan/en/</a>	City centre, 20 min. walk from old market square.  Double room from 320 PLN (80 EUR)
<b>Ibb Andersia Hotel*****</b>	Plac Andersa 3 Tel. +48 61 667 80 00 Fax +48 61 667 80 01 <a href="mailto:andersia@andersiahotel.pl">andersia@andersiahotel.pl</a> SKYPE: <a href="https://www.skype.com/en/contacts/andersiahotel">andersiahotel</a> <a href="http://en.andersiahotel.pl/">http://en.andersiahotel.pl/</a>	City centre, 15 min. walk from old market square.  Double room from 300 PLN (74,5 EUR)
<b>Mercure Poznan****</b>	Roosevelta 20 Tel : (+48)61/8558000 Fax : (+48)61/8558955 <a href="mailto:H3393@accor.com">H3393@accor.com</a> <a href="http://www.mercure.com">http://www.mercure.com</a>	City centre, 20 min. walk from old market square.  Double room from 289 PLN (72 EUR)
<b>Quality Hotel Poznan***</b>	Lechicka 101 Tel. + 48 61 821 07 00 Fax + 48 61 821 07 70 <a href="mailto:poz@quality-hotels.pl">poz@quality-hotels.pl</a> <a href="http://www.quality-hotels.pl/en/poznan">http://www.quality-hotels.pl/en/poznan</a>	5 km from city centre, 2,5 km from Faculty of Biology AMU.  Double room from 169 PLN (42 EUR)
<b>Hotel Wloski Business Centrum Poznan***</b>	Dolna Wilda 8 Tel. +48 61 833 52 62  Fax +48 61 833 52 61 <a href="mailto:info@hotelwloski.pl">info@hotelwloski.pl</a> <a href="http://www.hotel-wloski.pl/">http://www.hotel-wloski.pl/</a>	18 min. walk from old market square.  Double room from 287 PLN (71 EUR).
<b>Ibis Poznan Centrum**</b>	Kazimierza Wielkiego 23 <a href="http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/home/index.shtml">http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/home/index.shtml</a>	14 min. walk from old market square.  Double room from 139 PLN (34,5 EUR)
<b>Melody Hostel</b>	Stary Rynek 67, entrance: Kozia 16 Tel. +48 61 851 60 60 +48 792 742 752 <a href="mailto:info@melody-hostel.pl">info@melody-hostel.pl</a> <a href="http://www.melody-hostel.com/">http://www.melody-hostel.com/</a>	Old market square  Bed from 50 PLN ( EUR)
<b>Fusion Hostel &amp; Hotel</b>	Sw. Marcin 66/72 Reception 7th floor Tel. +48 61 852 12 30 Tel. +48 61 853 44 03 Fax +48 61 853 46 00 <a href="mailto:office@fusionhostel.pl">office@fusionhostel.pl</a> <a href="http://www.fusionhostel.pl/en/">http://www.fusionhostel.pl/en/</a>	City centre, 15 min. walk from old market square.  Bed from 55 PLN (14 EUR).

For full hotels list with maps and prices visit: <http://www.travelpoland.com/>  
Prices above are approximate. In order to get a cheaper offer, we recommend on-line reservation: <http://www.booking.com/>

## **Additional notes:**

### **Currency rates**

Poland does not participate in the European currency union yet and has an own local currency – the Polish zloty (PLN). The actual exchange rate is: 1 EUR = 4.0 PLN (Polish National Bank exchange rate). Nevertheless, you can pay in Euros in most of Polish hotels and some restaurants. Major credit cards are accepted at most hotels, restaurants and shops. The most widely accepted are: MasterCard, Visa and Euro Card.

### **Weather**

The weather in Western Poland is usually very nice in September, within the range of 15-20°C. However, some rain and cold nights can occur.

Depending on the actual weather conditions, water temperature in most of our lakes can reach up to 18°C.

### **Passport and Visa**

All the members of the European Union, the European Economic Area and holders of the “Schengen agreement” do not need a visa to enter Poland. If you're not a citizen of the listed structures or you are not sure if you need a visa, please contact the Polish Embassy or Consulate in your country.

**Looking forward to seeing you in Poland!**

