



Ogólnopolskie Stowarzyszenie Plecionkarzy i Wikliniarzy

Dear Sir/Madam,

We will be glad to host you during **III World Wicker and Weaving Festival Nowy Tomyśl 2015**. We kindly invite you to take part in this incredible event which will take place from 21 to 23 August, 2015. During these three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) there will be a lot of interesting events. Below, we present the overall programme of the Festival.

The great opening of the Festival will take place on Friday, 21 August, 2015 at about 9 o'clock in the morning on the main stage of the Culture and Recreation Park in Nowy Tomyśl. After the opening ceremony and a treat organised by the Commissioner (Sielskie Jadło), the International Weaving Competition for the Grand Prix of the Festival will start and it will last till Saturday. Also on Friday, we are planning to encourage the participants of the Festival to take part in a colourful fair parade, which always starts the annual festivity of the town, namely Hop and Wicker Fair which will be accompanied by III World Wicker and Weaving Festival.

We would like to ask you to select representatives of the countries participating in the Festival to take part in the parade. We will be glad to see your national clothes, and national flags are obligatory. After the fair ritual (also on the main stage of the Culture and Recreation Park), the Mayor of Nowy Tomyśl invites the participants of the Festival to a treat with honourable guests.

On the third day of the Festival – on Sunday at 8 o'clock, in the conference room of the Hi-Fi Hotel the participants of the Festival and invited guests will take part in a Discussion Forum "Weaving in a social context". The discussion will concern problems connected with the profession of a weaver and their possible solutions. After the evening gala of giving awards and the official closing of the Festival on the main stage of the Culture and Recreation Park in Nowy Tomyśl at about 8 o'clock in the evening, the organisers and co-organisers will invite the participants of the Festival to the Hi-Fi Hotel for a banquet together with honourable guest. It will end this edition of the Festival. In a nice atmosphere you will be able to enjoy yourself, share your thoughts concerning the Festival and give suggestions which can be helpful while organising next editions.

Due to organizational reasons, we kindly ask you to arrive in Nowy Tomyśl on Thursday 20 August and report to the Festival Office situated in Nowy Tomyśl Culture Centre (Tysiąclecia street 3) from 8 o'clock in the morning till 4 o'clock in the afternoon. On the very same day at about 6 o'clock in the afternoon we are planning a get-together meeting in the form of an open-air picnic. The meeting will be for participants, organisers and co-

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organisers. You will get detailed information about the place of the meeting and the plan of all Festival days in the Festival Office.

For those who will be unable to come to our town on the day mentioned above we will open the Festival Office on the premises of the Culture and Recreation Park in Nowy Tomyśl, which is also the venue of the Festival, on Friday 21 August 2015. (we will send an appropriate map later on)

During the whole event there will be a fair of woven products. All participants of the Festival will be able to present and sell their goods on free stands.

The Organiser of the Festival arranges and pays for the accommodation and food for all participants of the Festival during 20-23 August 2015 (4 days)

You will receive a detailed programme of the Festival and Fair later on.

We would like you to fill in the Application Form which was sent to you and send it back to the address given above so that we can plan all the booking and your stay. We underline that the number of participants is limited as it was mentioned in the Regulations sent to you earlier.

We accept applications until 31 August 2014.

We are trying to inform you in advance because we realise that as busy people, you would like to plan and prepare everything.

We are also glad to inform you that 50.000 PLN, numerous in-kind prizes, honourable mentions, cups, and cash bonuses will be offered as awards in the weaving competition.

We would also like you to pay attention to the fact that you may apply for subsidizing your trip to the Festival by various institutions and organisations in your country. We are ready to provide you with any information required. It is also possible to put logotypes and emblems

of your towns/cities in the public space of the Festival if they give you any financial support in order to help you to get to the Festival.

Yours faithfully,

Andrzej Pawlak - Festival Commissioner

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