



## **KONFERENCJA SMOLEŃSKA 22. 10. 2012**

## **FINAL DOCUMENT OF SMOLENSK CONFERENCE**

The main objective of the Smolensk Conference was *“To create a forum for the presentation of interdisciplinary investigations and research associated with the mechanics of the flight and the mechanics of the destruction of the aircraft TU-154M in the Smolensk Catastrophe”*. This goal has been fully achieved and the adjourn has given the testimony of scientific recognition of this tragic event, called the Smolensk Catastrophe and has shown that there are other rational causes explaining the course of events of the crash, than those given in the official version. The conference not only has achieved its main objective, but also proved to be successful in several other areas. It was an important evidence of the integration and research capabilities of the scientific community. With neither organizational nor financial support of the official agencies, more than one hundred professors and researchers from 5 countries were able to combine their efforts towards a common scientific goal and prove that even without access to the key research material, as the wreckage constitutes, it is possible to achieve progress in uncovering the truth of the circumstances of the Smolensk Catastrophe.

The fundamental assumption of the Conference was its total openness and transparency from organizational point of view. Thus, invitations to participate and submit research papers were sent out to all departments at all universities, all institutions and all research units in Poland, both state and private, if only in the circle of their research interest laid any branch of engineering, technology or science. In addition, such an open invitation was placed on the conference website. As a result, 30 research submissions were received. The Scientific Committee of the Conference selected 19 papers for oral presentations that represented a wide spectrum of all fields of modern engineering and science. In order to fulfill the commitment to transparency of the Conference and prevent any media manipulation, a live broadcast of all sessions was provided via Internet and the entire video recording of the conference is available on the following Conference websites: <http://konferencjasmolenska.pl> and <http://smolenskrash.com> where all other conference materials may be found. The conference papers will also be published later as a printed Conference Proceedings.

The Conference has demonstrated on the one hand the research capabilities of the modern science and engineering, on the other hand it has evidenced the need for further research leading to a thorough and complete explanation of the course of events of the Smolensk Tragedy.

For more effective research it is absolutely necessary to have access to all the key evidence, which do not arise any controversy with respect to credibility. Critical importance is associated with all the proof material, even the smallest objects found on the crash site, as well the recordings from all independent electronic devices installed on aircraft and ground stations that could track the aircraft TU-154M No 101 flying from Warsaw to Smolensk on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2010. We are appealing to all persons and all institutions that are in the possession of such objects or such recordings to make them available for further scientific investigation and research keeping compliance with all procedures required by law to ensure full credibility. A separate issue is related to the satellite images of the area of the Smolensk Catastrophe from the period prior to the air incident, as well taken on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2010 or later. We are appealing to all institutions having access to such imagery for their release for further analysis and investigations. However, the key importance is the examination of the wreckage. Thus, we are demand from the Polish state authorities that they lead to the return of the wreckage and flight recorders to Poland being groundlessly kept in Russia.

We have no guarantee that the key material evidence, i.e. the wreckage, will ever be made available for investigation. We know too that all the traces existing on the crash site have been irrevocably destroyed. In this situation the reconstruction of the sequence of events of the Smolensk Catastrophe constitutes an enormous challenge for scientists and engineers because the fundamental material of evidence and other important information are unavailable. The meager material of evidence must therefore be subject to extremely meticulous and comprehensive research. Thus, we appeal to colleagues representing various research fields and scientific disciplines for active involvement in this research and their contribution to the explanation of the Smolensk Catastrophe. We address our request to all researchers, irrespectively of their nationality or their workplace calling for scientific solidarity. In particular, we count on the response of those scientists and researchers who feel spiritual communion and unity with Poland.

The Smolensk Catastrophe requires both coordination of further research and formation of a center acting as the coordinator. Considering inactivity and lack of any interest of existing Polish research organizations in the explanation of the tragedy we believe that such a center should emerge in a natural way from our scientific community and should be independent of the existing official research organizations.

We also believe that for explanation of such important event in the history of our Country, which was the Smolensk Tragedy, the country must find sufficient financial resources to conduct the necessary studies. We call upon the governmental agencies responsible for providing research support to set aside the necessary funds and include such research into their financial plans.

We declare that this Smolensk Conference is regarded not as the final event but as the beginning of the research, which will result in full clarification and explanation of all circumstances of the Smolensk Catastrophe. We will make every effort in our research to determine the true course of events of the Smolensk Catastrophe and pledge that the results of these investigations will be presented regularly at the next open Smolensk Conferences.

We believe that is necessary to organize similar conferences by scientific communities other than those associated with engineering and technical physics. We appeal to members of law, sociological and medical communities to organize their own conferences on this important topic. They should not only discuss and analyze all legal, sociological and medical aspects of the Smolensk Catastrophe itself, but should also take into account all subsequent efforts to impose to the public opinion a false interpretation of the events.

We are appointing the Organizing Committee of the Second Smolensk Conference and pledged to organize such a conference not later than in a year from now.

Warsaw, 22nd of October 2012

*Organizing Committee and Scientific Committee of the Smolensk Conference*