

Silesian Cultural Award

Foundation for the Preservation of Silesian Industrial Heritage

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Activities of the award-winning Foundation for the Preservation of Silesian Industrial Heritage

The preservation is done primarily by transforming factories into museums, employing the best international solutions. There are currently three museums within the Foundation:

- Museum of Railway in Silesia in Jaworzyna Śląska
- Zinc Metallurgy Museum in Katowice
- Historic Grain Mill in Dzierżonów

The following museums are being prepared:

- Museum of Silesian Porcelain in Tułowice near Opole
- Museum of Agricultural Technologies in Piotrowice Świdnickie
- Railway Museum in Dzierżonów

This is the largest network of technology museums in Poland - www.muzeatechniki.pl

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In addition to its museum activities, the Foundation initiates and participates in campaigns to save and protect technical monuments, such as:

- the establishment and promotion of the **Lower Silesian Technology Monuments Route Map**, a project carried out jointly with the Lower Silesian local government - www.mapazabytkow.pl
- the action of saving the historic **Pilchowice Bridge** from being blown up during the production of a film with Tom Cruise
- an application for placing the **Szombierki Power Plant** on the "List of 7 Most Endangered Monuments" maintained by the European organisation for the protection of cultural heritage - **Europa Nostra**
- support for work on the application for inclusion of the **Gdańsk Shipyard on the UNESCO** list of historic monuments
- expert national and international conferences supporting the protection of industrial heritage - together with Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Europa Nostra, TICCIH, ERIH, Lech Wałęsa Institute
- preparation of a number of applications to place endangered monuments under conservation protection (including e.g. HUTMEN, the railway station in Jaworzyna Śląska)

Pilchowice Bridge (2020)

The action of saving the historic **Pilchowice Bridge** from being blown up during the production of a film with Tom Cruise



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Szombierki Power Plant (2019)

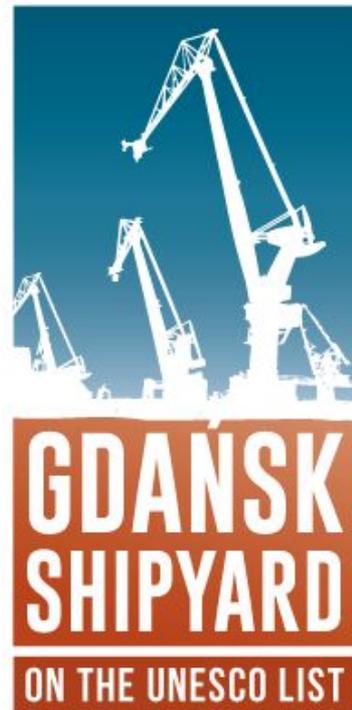
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Gdańsk Shipyard - the symbol of the fall of Communism in East-Central Europe

Support for work on the application for inclusion of the **Gdańsk Shipyard on the UNESCO** list of historic monuments



Preparation of a number of applications to place endangered monuments under conservation protection

- HUTMEN from 1961
- the railway station in Jaworzyna Śląska from 1843



1) HUTMEN

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2) Railway station in Jaworzyna Śląska

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Selected publications

- "HISTORICAL HOSPITALS" authors Piotr Gerber, Renata Halicka, by Foundation for the Preservation of Industrial Heritage of Silesia, Wrocław 2017

How to renovate so as not to destroy? Historic hospitals deserve protection. More than one-third of hospitals operating in Poland are historical facilities; many are examples of unique architecture, hiding monuments of medicine and technology.

- "STEAM FAST LOCOMOTIVE Pt31 SERIES", author Grzegorz Dejneka, by Foundation for the Preservation of Industrial Heritage of Silesia, Wrocław 2016

The publication is devoted to the history of one of the most famous and valued steam locomotives of Polish construction and production - the pre-war steam locomotive PT31.

- "INDUSTRIAL ARCHITECTURE OF WROCLAW IN THE BEGINNINGS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION" author Piotr Gerber, by Wrocław Scientific Society, Wrocław 2007

A book presents the development of Wrocław's industrial architecture - steel mills, production plants, factories - scattered around Wrocław and its immediate vicinity. In addition to a comprehensive discussion of the construction and architectural issues, it contains numerous photos and plans.