2012 - THE YEAR OF JANUSZ KORCZAK
IN POLISH JANUSZ KORCZAK ASSOCIATION

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Polish Janusz Korczak Association is a non-governmental organization that promotes and popularizes the humanistic concepts and work of that eminent educator, publicist, writer, doctor and social activist. In its activity (registered in Companies House in 2003) that has been carried out since 1997, the association has been continuing and increasing the fifty–year old achievements of The Polish Korczak Committee. It accomplishes the educational, cultural and pedagogic projects as well as preventive ones, being directed to children, teenagers and adults. The association undertakes rehabilitation actions for the benefit of children and teenagers suffering from different disabilities. It has been cooperating with academic communities. The members of the Association, together with collaborators, research into the work of Janusz Korczak and disseminate the results.

The Polish Janusz Korczak Association unites schools, institutions and non-governmental organizations either bearing the name of Janusz Korczak or working with children and teenagers using Korczak’s method. Since 2006, the association has been a public benefit organization that has been implementing projects and providing assistance as well as organizational and content-related support pro publico bono.

In Poland, PJKA (pol.PSK) forms the federation of regional Korczak Branches. At present, several branches function there, namely Lower Silesia (Lower Silesia and Opole voivodeships), Łódź (Łódź and Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship), Lesser Poland (Lesser Poland and Podkarpackie Voivodeship), Masovian (Masovian and Lublin Voivodeship), Podlasie Branch (Podlaskie Voivodeship), Northern Branch (Kuyavian and Pomeranian, Pomeranian, Warmian Masurian Voivodeship), Silesian Branch (Silesian Voivodeship), The Józef Ruciecki College Branch in Olsztyn, Warsaw Branch (consisting of individual members of PJKA). The branches, accepted in accordance with the principle of their own autonomy, not only have been accomplishing the programmes in their local environments but also taking nationwide actions as well as joining the international Korczak movement. Initiatives taken were reported to The Commissioner for Children’s Rights, to the Calendar of Celebrations of the Year of Janusz Korczak.

The year 2012, in the Association proceeded together with the motto (which was the subject of the nationwide competition): “Feel like a child, think like the Old Doctor”. The representatives of the PJKA board had an honour of participating, together with distinguished guests, in the opening ceremony of the Korczak Year that took place in the Belvedere. The opening ceremony was executed by the Chairman of the Honorary Committee – Mrs Anna Komorowska - the Wife of The President of the Republic of Poland.
Mrs Anna Komorowska – the Chairman of the Honorary Committee of The Korczak Year Celebration with the group of members of Polish Janusz Korczak Association. Belvedere 18th January 2012.

THE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE ASSOCIATION IN 2012 - THE YEAR OF JANUSZ KORCZAK

THE CELEBRATION OF THE PATRON’S DAY IN SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

The Polish Janusz Korczak Association collaborates mainly with Polish schools and educational centres that bear the name of Janusz Korczak. In 2012 there was a special focus on the preparations for the Patron’s Day Celebrations. The local societies of educators, parents, students, wards as well as local authorities, institutions and organizations working outdoors for the benefit of children and teenagers were also engaged.

The fifth ‘Macius’ Parade of students of The Janusz Korczak Primary School No.1 in Sobótka to the Monument of the school patron-Janusz Korczak, where the occasional plaques were officially unveiled.
Symposia, the meetings of teachers’ staff, workshops for teachers, parents and students, theatrical and art performances as well as art contests for children and teengars were organized. Pupils took part in contests concerning the knowledge of the Patron, ceremonies, and school festivals. Together with teachers they were also arranging the exhibitions of their work of arts, creating school bulletins patterning them on “Mały Przegląd” magazine.

With reference to the tradition of “Mały Przegląd”, a special edition of “KORNISZON” was prepared by the Editorial Staff from The “Ochota” Community Centre, Warsaw. It was published in Polish and English version and directed especially for the Korczak people and all interested, for whom the opinions of children and youth were essential.

Young journalists from Schools Complex No.21. Mrs Barbara Janina Sochal, the Chairman of Polish Janusz Korczak Association, was talking about the extraordinary human being- Janusz Korczak. This way a special interview was inserted in a special edition of “KORNISZON”.

Young people had a chance to work in an active way, broaden their knowledge, gain new skills as well as have fun in the company of their friends, presenting countless talents and abilities.

First Local Overwiev of School Theatres. The Janusz Korczak Public Primary school in Jasienica, led by Edward Urbanowski (the Chairman of Masovian Branch of PJKA), 25th – 26th October, 2012.
The Festival of Children and Youth Artistic Creativity in Podlasie: “Great Festival of Small Human Beings”. The initiator and coorganizer of the event was Marta Tolko-Koziuta - The Chairman of Podlasie branch and the Headmaster of The Janusz Korczak Special Educational Centre No.1 in Sokółka. Sokółka, 14th June 2012.

Schools, institutions and organizations belonging to the association implemented the pedagogical concepts of Janusz Korczak in everyday work, supported each other and exchanged experience. “The bivouac with Korczak” event, held for 240 participants in July and organized by Lubusz scouts (Lubusz Branch of PJKA) could be a perfect example. During the event, there were methodological workshops with the usage of 'Old Doctor's method. They referred to the work with children and young people.

The cooperation with parents in the Korczak schools and institutions resulted in the rise of their pedagogical competences, i.e. the trainings for parents led by The Janusz Korczak Primary School No.3 in Czeladź. The School Headmaster and at the same time The Chairman of Silesian Branch of PJKA – Mrs Renata Paluch together with a group of educators acquainted parents with the rights of children and students as well as with Korczak’s methods.

Initiatives taken often went far beyond the society of a certain school or institution belonging to the association, they not only integrated the local environments, but also popularized Korczak’s pedagogical concepts in a local area and throughout the country. Such initiatives were taken by all Chairmen of the branches who became leaders in disseminating the person and educational concept of Janusz Korczak.

The representatives of PJKA were invited to cooperation by various institutions and organizations engaged in the celebration of The Korczak Year. It is not so easy to enumerate all the events. One of them is the Conference entitled “When a child laughs - the world laughs”, dedicated to the ‘Old Doctor’, organized by the Marshal of Upper Silesia Voivodeship – Mr Adam Matusiewicz in association with The Silesian University and The Polish Janusz Korczak Association together with Silesian Branch and its Chairman - Mrs Renata Paluch.
“King Maciuś the First” from Cieszyn. Provincial Conference “When a child laughs, the world laughs – dedicated to the Old Doctor”. Insides of Silesian Council (pol. Sejmik Śląski) in Katowice, 20th June 2012

Another example – Overview of School and Institution Bands from the region of Lower Silesia, organized annually by The Janusz Korczak Educational Centre in Złotoryja. That year, the 6th Overview, was proceeding due to the motto “I feel like a child and I feel like my Patron”. In the Centre of Culture and Recreation in Złotoryja, the students from The Korczak schools and institutions from such cities as Jaroszów, Jawor, Brohchin, Sobótka and Wałbrzych were received. Furthermore, performances were given by two groups from that Centre, namely – a vocal and instrumental as well as a theatrical one - formed by the educational groups. As guests, the students of Złotoryja schools also performed, namely of Primary School No. 1, Junior High School No. 2 and children of the Municipal Nursery in Złotoryja as well as a student from the Music School in Legnica.

The Korczak Festival in Radom was also the initiative of artistic dimension. Its initiator and organizer was The Janusz Korczak Special Purpose school and Education centre. Eleven groups from various schools and institutions of the region participated in the festival. These were mainly special purpose institutions such as special purpose school and education centres or special therapy workshops.

The Korczak Festival, the Concert Hall of City Hall in Radom. 9th October 2012
SUPPORT AND DISSEMINATION OF STUDENTS’ SELF-MANAGEMENT

Schools and institutions belonging to the association were active in organizing or participating in meetings as well as debates with children and youngsters from Poland and foreign countries on the subject of creating appropriate conditions for students’ self-management and the protection of children’s rights and obligations.

One of the most interesting and at the same time stormy discussions took place during The Youth Council at International Korczak Festival, Berlin 2012. The festival was organized by Polish-German Association “Polonica” (that dealt with integration and culture matters) together with active participation of institutions and representatives of The Janusz Korczak Polish Association.

Another form of self-management promotion was ‘The Appeal to Students’ Self-Managements’, read and received by acclamation by the debators of the conference entitled “Is self-management an effective way to achieve aims and, at the same time, ‘food for the mind’ of a child?” Here is the excerpt:
Dear Youngsters!

We, the participants of the conference, kindly ask you to promote the Korczak’s concept of self-management as a proven tool of shaping social and moral attitudes of students.

We will be grateful for taking initiatives within the frameworks of modified, suitable for the present day, and effective in action - Korczak’s tutorial techniques.

We recommend creative study of philosophy of ‘Collegial Court’ (pol. Sąd Koleżeński) applied by Korczak, in which he analysed the moral aspects of evil and violence, protecting a child from being hurt and from its illusionary sense of blame and suffering.

We strongly believe that pedagogy and psychology of the ‘Old Doctor’, will in the significant way contribute to undertaking social tasks, not only in schools but also in adult life.

We are convinced that universal Korczak’s concepts of self-managements will activate you to solving complicated tutorial problems of our times where youngsters are not only the victims but also the culprits of violence, aggression and intolerance.

May the Korczak’s concept of self-management be a precious guide on the way of shaping ethical and moral attitudes, appropriate for the 21st century.

The appeal was read by Mrs Teresa Szczepańska, the Chairman of Łódź branch of PJKA who was also the organizer of the conference with the cooperation of Delegacy of Łódź School Board in Skierniewice.
Cruise to Bornholm.

Fryderyk Chopin and Janusz Korczak, two great men, were connected by young people from The Janusz Korczak Youth Sociotherapy Centre from Zgorzelec. A cruise was organised by the stunning sailing ship ‘Fryderyk Chopin’ to the Bornholm Island. Mrs Gabriela Przybysz, the tutor of the centre and the association member of the board was the supervisor. The week with the Sea, broadening horizons, shaping characters but above all, with good results – using the Korczak methods in unusual conditions, was possible only thanks to Mr Piotr Kulczycki – the owner of the sailing ship and the admirer of ‘The Old Doctor’.

![Cruise to Bornholm, the sailing ship ‘Fryderyk Chopin’.

Under the spell of scout Korczakowo.

Also, this year in Korczakowo, there was a summer camp organised for primary school children and youngsters (2 shifts). The participants of international seminary in Broniszów - visitors from Poland, Israel, France, Germany, Switzerland, Kongo, Ukraine were acknowledged with the ways of conducting the camp by the Korczak’s method. Mr Jerzy Zgodziński, the host of Korczakowo, the Chairman of the Lubusz Branch of PJKA together with instructors and youngsters showed how campers spent their time on art workshops and sporting activities. There were “Blumka’s diary” (pol. “Pamiętnik Blumki”) extracts read in the woods. Visitors also watched the performance based on the poems of Wisława Szymborska. It took place on the lake. Then, children surrounded by the sounds of music, read their messages to adults, describing what little human beings felt and thought and what they were often scared to state.
Creating the scouts circle.

Visitors, watching the exhibition “There are no children, there are people. The human rights start from the childrens’ rights”, prepared by the Commissioner of Children’s Rights and The Scouting Museum
The members of Polish Janusz Korczak Association were not only accomplishing their own projects but also disseminating various actions especially those taken by the Commissioner for Children's Rights – Mr Marek Michalak. With concern, they participated in voivodeship conferences organized by the Commissioner. Also, they were involved in the preparations of International Congress of Children’s Rights. Many members became signatories of The Warsaw Declaration. In the educational as well as popular science work, the problems of modern society, namely with children and for children, as well as the dissemination of Children’s Rights were priorities.

Special attention should be paid to the following events:

- International Korczak Seminary in Geneva, dedicated to Janusz Korczak, dealing with Children’s Rights, especially with the article number three of the Convention of the Rights of the Child. The seminary was organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nation Office and International Janusz Korczak Association.
The Inauguration of the third edition of “Democracy in Schools” Summer Academy. The representatives of the Council of Europe, the European Wergeland Centre, officials of the Ministry of Education and Education Development Centre as well as representatives of embassies and non-governmental organizations participated in the event. Mrs Barbara Janina Sochal answered guests’ questions concerning democracy in education according to Korczak.

- The 6th International Summer School meeting entitled “The Rights of the Child – modern solutions according to pedagogical concepts of Janusz Korczak”. The meeting was organised by Janusz Korczak group operating at Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education in Warsaw, in cooperation with Polish Committee for UNESCO and International as well as Polish Janusz Korczak Associations.
Participants of the 6th International Summer School - 21 young researchers, specialists in pedagogy and psychology, teachers and representatives of Janusz Korczak associations from Iran, Izrael, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Poland, Warsaw, 16-21 September 2012

- National Conference “The Korczak's lesson is on” was organised by Education Development Centre with the support of Janusz Korczak Polish Association, for curators, inspectors, directors, teacher consultants, specialists from teacher training institutions, counselors, teachers and teacher educators.

“The Korczak's lesson is on”, Education Development Centre, Warsaw 12 November 2012

– Conference organised by Olsztyn High School entitled ”The Rights of the Child and threatened childhood in modern world” in cooperation with, among others, Korczak Academy Group, 16 November 2012.

– International Seminar in Beijing dedicated to Janusz Korczak entitled ”A Child in a Contemporary World. Different needs – equal rights”. Issues raised at the seminar were connected with the education of Janusz Korczak, establishing and respecting the rights of the child, the situation of children in modern world, for example in China. Problems of education as well as help and support for children with special educational needs were also discussed. The main guest at the seminar was the Spokesman of Children's Rights, Marek Michalak, who acquainted the listeners with the idea of Janusz Korczak Year 2012 and presented the aims and duties of the Spokesman of Children’s Rights in Poland.
International Seminar "A child in a contemporary world. Different needs – equal rights" The Department of European Languages and Cultures, University of Beijing, 27 November 2012.

The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak also organized or participated actively in conferences devoted to the person of Janusz Korczak and his achievements as the Old Doctor; there was also a promotion of Poland abroad – Polish Day in Dusseldorf.
23 March 2012 The Association “Polska Szkoła (Polish School) – Polnishe Schule e.V.” organized A Polish Day. This celebration took place in Assembly Hall Dieter-Forte-Gesamtschule in Dusseldorf. The participants could see a rehearsal “A king of happy childhood” played by the theatre group “Flesz” working with The Association. Before the rehearsal vice-chairman of The Association Jacek Krogel presented the person of Janusz Korczak.

The International Workshops in Broniszowo “Dialogue in the spirit of Korczak”, were devoted to problems of social dialogue in the context of Janusz Korczak's idea and work. The participants discussed the issues of intergenerational solidarity, the dialogue that is the symptom of personal activity and responsibility, problems with social communication, intercultural integration. The organizers of the meeting were: The Foundation of Kondrad Adenauer in Poland, The International Association of Janusz Korczak, The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak and The Foundation “Porozumienie Wzgórz Dalkowskich”.

“The dialogue in the spirit of Janusz Korczak” with the guests from Poland, Israel, France, Kongo, Germany and Ukraine. Broniszowo, 30 July – 5 August 2012.

International Scientific Conference

“KORCZAK – POLISH-JEWISH COMMUNION OF PLACE, CULTURE AND MEMORY”

The conference was organized by the Institute of History, Institute of Upbringing Education and Institute of Modern Languages at the Pedagogical University in Cracow and Beit Berl College under the patronage of The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak. The Conference was addressed to researchers living in Poland and abroad, being concerned with widely understood Korczak's problematic aspects and Polish-Jewish relations in the past and now. Students and graduates from the University also took part in the Conference.
The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak also invited to cooperation students who contributed to The Graphic Collection “Janusz Korczak: The Spirit and The Letter”.

The collection, prepared by William Wolkowski, retired professor of Sorbonne, was a project of the Association, addressed to students of philological departments of universities in Poland and friends of Janusz Korczak abroad.

The collection consists of graphical compositions based on two quotations of the Old Doctor:
– “There are no children – there are people”
– “When a child is laughing, the whole world is laughing”.
The compositions using some graphical signs of Latin, Greek and Cyrillic alphabet appeared in various languages: English, Czech, Esperanto, Estonian, Spanish, Finnish, French, Greek, Kurdish, Lingala, Latvian, Maltese, Mongolian, German, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene, Swahili, Swedish, Tahiti, Turkish, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Vietnamese, Italian and Wolof.

The collection exhibited in Lalka Theatre in Warsaw was accompanied by The International Congress of Children's Rights organized by Marek Michalak, the Spokesman of Children's Rights in Poland.


The graphics were also presented at the Pedagogical University in Cracow as a part of International Scientific Conference “Korczak – Polish-Jewish Communion of Place, Culture and Memory”

**METHODOLOGICAL ADVISORY, ORGANIZATIONAL AND ESSENTIAL HELP**

The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak was giving organizational and methodological help to different institutions and organizations that were interested in celebrating Korczak's Year.

An important essential support for Korczak's communion was the activity of the Research and Documentation Center KORCZAKIANUM, Department of History Museum in Warsaw. The manager of the Centre – Marta Ciesielska – and its employees were cooperating with The Association offering the knowledge and the resources gathered in the office.

Great help was given to The Association by the long-term members – scientists, experts, researchers of that great person and his idea, also the people who are dealing with the problems of child's needs and the protection of his rights. They represented The Association on conferences, arranged meetings and workshops, gave advice and consultation. Among many other members, this group consists of Professor Jadwiga Bińczycka, Honorary President of The Association, Professor Adam Frączek, dr Irena Skipor-Rybacka, dr Magdalena Wojnarowska-Soldan, dr Urszula Markowska-Manista and dr Bożena Wojnowska, who together with dr Anna Kamińska have given the texts to the newly created
What is more, the representatives of The Association were invited to take part in committees that have looked at the works sent for local and national competitions under the patronage of The Association. Barbara Janina Sochal, the president of The Association was a member of the jury:

- IV Edition of The National Competition “Youth against social pathologies” in a category “Thinking by the picture” organized by the University of Social Science PEDAGOGIUM in Warsaw,
- The Competition “Mały Przegląd – Reaktywacja” (“Small Review – Reactivation”) for the kindergartens and schools announced by The Opera and Philharmonic Podlasie – European Art Center in Białystok.
- XXI International competition “My toy” addressed to pupils, educational institutions; made by pedagogists of Youth Culture Centre “Ochota” in Warsaw.

*King Brum-Drum, author Dominika Gawel, student of School No 3 in Marki. A special prize of The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak for the author and her teacher – Maria Domolewska.*

- Competition “Bloggers for Korczak” organized at the initiative of Książki Zbójeckie

**PATRONAGE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Apart from the events mentioned above, The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak took under its patronage numerous initiatives, conferences, educational programmes, artistic reviews, publishings, international, national and local competitions and various projects connected with the person of the Old Doctor – his unusual biography and his achievements.
The events which were privileged the patronage were:

- XXI edition of the Olympic promoting a Healthy Lifestyle. The Olympic is a national competition of Polish Red Cross for junior and senior high school students, whose aim is to draw young people's attention to their health, and the promotion of physical activity and learning of first aid.

- Musical “Korczak” directed by Robert Skolimowski, realization by The Opera and Philharmonic Podlasie in Białystok. The musical was taken under the patronage by Professor Jadwiga Bińczycka, The Honorary President of The Association,

- The book about the Orphan's House, the wards and their beloved child-minder entitled “There is such a story – the novel about Janusz Korczak” by Beata Ostrowska,

- Regional Competition “Janusz Korczak – a doctor, a writer, an educator” addressed to junior and senior high school students from province. The contest was announced by Gymnasium No 3 in Lublin with the cooperation of Ośrodek Brama Grodzka Teatr NN,

- Project “Meeting with Janusz Korczak” addressed to Warsaw's schools and children's homes prepared and organized by educators and parents from the Primary School No 225 in Warsaw,

- Project of The Foundation BO Wart “The Korczak's lesson is on”. During the project a thematic symposium about the person of Janusz Korczak was planned entitled “Janusz Korczak – a friend of the smallest and an educational VIP”, and a series of classes with King Matt the First. The competition was for teachers to plan 12 meetings with Janusz Korczak.

The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak played a role of a partner organising:

- National Internet Competition “Passions of Janusz Korczak” organized by Kujawy and Pomorze Teachers' Educational Centre in Włocławek,

- Methodological Conference WCIES (Warsaw's Centre of Educational and Social Innovations and Training) entitled “Korczak's upbringing ideas” prepared by the team of teaching consultants in kindergarten,

- Warsaw's art contest for children entitled “Janusz Korczak a friend of children” organized by Kindergarten No 95 with the cooperation of a Council of District Targówek in Warsaw.

On the Internet webside of The Association interesting events connected with Janusz Korczak and his achievements were promoted. The Association took under its patronage radio audition “King Matt the First” and “King Matt on a desert island” in the adaptation of Hanna Bielawska-Adamik
The photo of album with 9 CDs, with the recording of a radio play of “King Matt the First” and “King Matt on a desert island”

The meeting with the author of the radio play and many interesting guests was organized by Iwona Brzeska, The President of the Warsaw Circle – Warsaw's Salon.

Hanna Bielawska-Adamik is telling her guests of Warsaw's Salon the history of making the radio play about King Matt.

**SUPPORTING THE YOUNG TALENTS**

The Association supported the amateur artistic move and created the conditions to development of individual talents of young people, not only by organizing the reviews, concerts and competitions but also by initiating the shows and displays of the artistic works. That is how the next display appeared in Gallery 44 in Świdnica entitled “The portraits coloured by emotions” by Mariusz Kędzierski. The previous opening of Mariusz's works and other disabled artists from Gruppe Ideenweit took place in November last year in Lamspringe, Germany. Mariusz Kędzierski belongs to the group of disabled artists supported by Jerzy Fornalik, vicepresident of The Association.
The guests of Warsaw’s Salon had the chance to participate in a cameral concert with Natalia Brzewska (violin) and Anna Kalicka (piano) that took place in February in Wólka Kozodowska. One of the presented pieces of music was “The recollection of Janusz Korczak” for violin solo played by young composer Barbara Kaszuba.
The members of The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak – adults, children and young visited the places of memory connected with the Patron, took care of them, put flowers and lit lights. Especially commemorated was the place which was the last residence of the Orphans' House in Sienna Street 16 in Warsaw, from where on 5 August 1942 Janusz Korczak/Henryk Goldszmit with his employees and 200 children went to Umschlagplatz. In 70 anniversary of that event – 5 August 2012 – at the initiative of Lalka Theatre in Warsaw and The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak a commemorative board was unveiled. That board is situated on the wall of The Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw next to the entrance to Lalka Theatre. In this place on Sienna Street 16 a building was located which was another Orphans' House residence in ghetto after mandatory removal from Krochmalna Street and next from Chlodna Street. That celebration was taken under the patronage of the president of Warsaw, Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz. A letter from the First Lady of Poland Anna Komorowska was read there, who is a president of Honoured Committee of celebrations of Korczak Year 2012. A colourful kite was used to unveil the board, which is up till today appearing in various events organized by Korczak's Community in Poland and all over the world. The participants of the celebrations had the chance to watch the display prepared by Lalka Theatre and a rehearsal “Secret” played by the Police Community Preventive Maintenance and a Theatre. The author of the project of the commemorative board is Zbigniew Wilma and the Foundation for Children “Zdążyć z Pomocą” is a founder.

The board commemorating the last residence of the Orphans' House and a place from where Janusz Korczak with his employees and children went out on their last way.

The act of unveiling is being made by Marek Michalak, the Spokesman of Children's Rights and Włodzimierz Paszyński, vicepresident of Warsaw.

The unveiling of the board was proceeded by putting the flowers and lighting the lights on the monument of Janusz Korczak and the children from the Orphans' House, which is situated near the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw. The flowers were put by the members of The International and The Polish Association of Janusz Korczak, the representatives of the local governments, institutions and organizations and the residents of Warsaw.
On 5 August 2012 after unveiling the commemorative board, the representatives of Polish and International Association of Janusz Korczak in the tribute to the patron, in a symbolic way walked along his last route, going to the Concentration Camp in Treblinka. Later a small ceremony took place there.

In The Museum in Treblinka the guests are guided by Edward Kropówka, the manager of the Museum.

THE INTERNET WEB PAGE

In Janusz Korczak Year The Association prepared a new web page www.pskorczak.org.pl, on which various information is included (information about our initiatives, organizations and institutions that are cooperating with us, presentations, educational and methodological materials, pictures). A nice accent was the appearance of “Gadaninki” by the Old Doctor every month. This is a selection of Janusz Korczak's texts done by Marta Ciesielska, the manager of the Documentary and Research Office Korcza kianum.
On this web page you can find the information about The Association, the description of the celebrations of Korczak Year - the evidence of work that was done socially by the members of The Association, the Management and the Presidents of Departments that form organizational structures in Poland.

FAREWELL

In 2012 we said goodbye to priest Janusz Tarnowski – a friend of Korczak society and an expert of the idea of the Old Doctor, a long-term member of the Management of Polish and International Association of Janusz Korczak. Professor Jadwiga Bińczycka said about the priest: “When you meet someone for the first time you notice quickly nonverbal communication, you form the first impression – that is a man worth seeing because you have some unknown and unidentified trust for him”.

Mrs Zofia with her husband. The March of Memory 22 July 2012, Warsaw

This year Zofia Banet Fornal also died. Always active, took part in our meetings sharing her knowledge about the Old Doctor. She was a well-known Esperanto user in the world. She gave lectures in this language about Janusz Korczak and Leon Zamenhof and that led her to Japan. She belonged to The Association “Holocaust Children” in Poland.

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