

WAR HAS CHANGED EVERYTHING

— THE 27TH EDITION OF THE COMPETITION

GOLDEN ENGINEER 2021

WOJNA ZMIENIŁA WSZYSTKO
— 27 EDYCJA PLEBISCYTU ŻŁOTY INŻYNIER 2021

The 27th final of prestigious Competition “Golden Engineer 2021”, being called for few years as “Engineering Holiday” which was celebrated on March, 30, 2022 in Warsaw House of Engineer was different in many aspects as compared to the previous 26 events.

Never before, during the mentioned final, the missiles burst near Polish borders and the frightened mothers with children passed to our territory, expecting - with the hope - a true help from Poland. Luckily for them, Polish society had opened their hearts and the activists of self-governing organizations and politicians created the conditions of good receipt and ensuring the fair stay and for many, also the possibility of longer stopping in civilized conditions.

No wonder that almost each presentation or speech of the persons, running the event or of the officials was commenced from referring to the going war, which was called a special intervention by one side, and from ensuring the weaker side, Ukraine people, about our good wishes and willingness to help in different ways. Although the news about the situation in Ukraine were coming to several hundred Polish engineers during the lasting ceremony, this year's final of “Golden Engineer” was conducted similarly as in the previous years. Gala was traditionally led by the popular radio journalist, Roman Czejarek (graduate of Szczecin University of Science and Technology), honoured few year ago with a title



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Serdecznie pozdrawiam wszystkich zgromadzonych na uroczystości finałowej XXVIII edycji plebiscytu „Złoty Inżynier”. Gratuluję tegorocznym laureatom otrzymanych tytułów. Niech przyznane nagrody będą uhonorowaniem Państwa osiągnięć i zasług dla rozwoju wiedzy i gospodarki narodowej. Proszę przyjąć wyrazy mojego szacunku i wdzięczności za nieoceniony wkład, który polscy inżynierowie wnoszą w wielkie dzieło modernizacji naszego kraju i budowę pomysłowości rodaków.

W tym szczególnym dniu chcę z serca podziękować całemu Państwu środowisku za aktywne włączenie się w niesienie pomocy Ukrainie, która padła ofiarą bandyckiej napaści ze strony Rosji. Dziękuję Federacji Stowarzyszeń Naukowo-Technicznych – Naczelnej Organizacji Technicznej za zorganizowanie zbiórki na zakup sprzętu inwalidzkiego, rehabilitacyjnego i ortopedycznego dla inwalidów wojennych z Politechniki Kijowskiej. Dziękuję też za wszelkie indywidualne i społeczne działania i inicjatywy, które wspierają naszych ukraińskich przyjaciół broniących swojej ojczyzny, a także miliony uchodźców, którzy znaleźli schronienie w Polsce.

Raz jeszcze gratuluję nagrodzonym i uczestnikom XXVIII plebiscytu „Złoty Inżynier”, życzę wszystkim Państwu satysfakcji z dokonani oraz wielu kolejnych sukcesów, które tak wydatnie przyczyniają się do umacniania dobrobytu i bezpieczeństwa Rzeczypospolitej. Ale przede wszystkim życzę, abyśmy my, Polacy, zawsze byli pełni solidarności, gotowi do poświęceń i dzielenia się z sąsiadami i bliźniimi owocami naszej codziennej dobrej pracy.

Z wyrazami szacunku



Ewa Mańkiewicz-Cudny, the President of FSNT-NOT



*Andrzej Dera,
the Secretary of the State in the Office of the President of the Republic of Poland*



Tadeusz Więckowski – Diamond Engineer 2021



*Wojciech Murdzek,
the Secretary of the State in the Ministry of Education and Science*



Stanisław Latek – Honorable Golden Engineer 2021



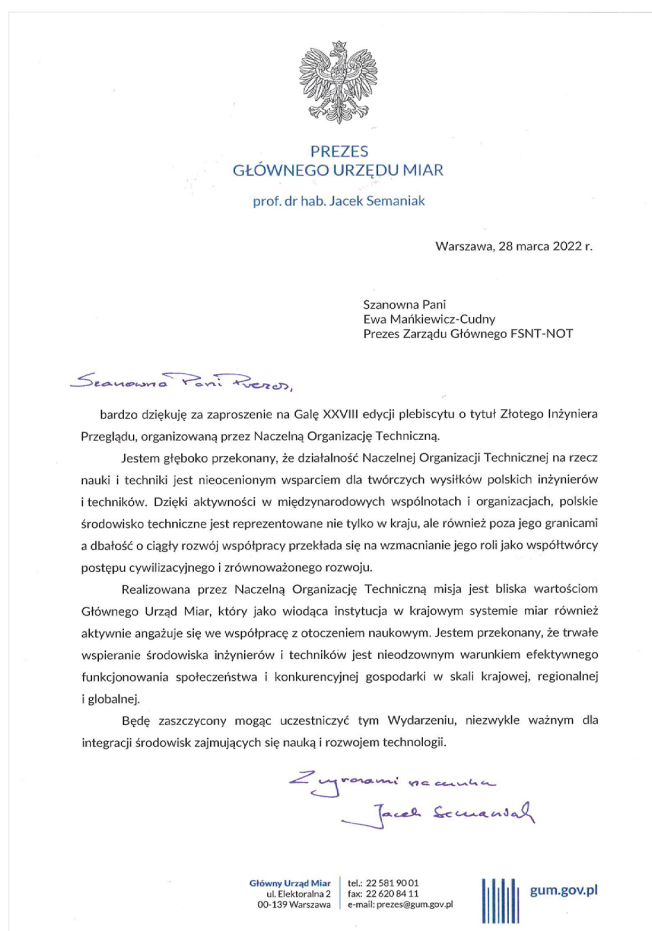
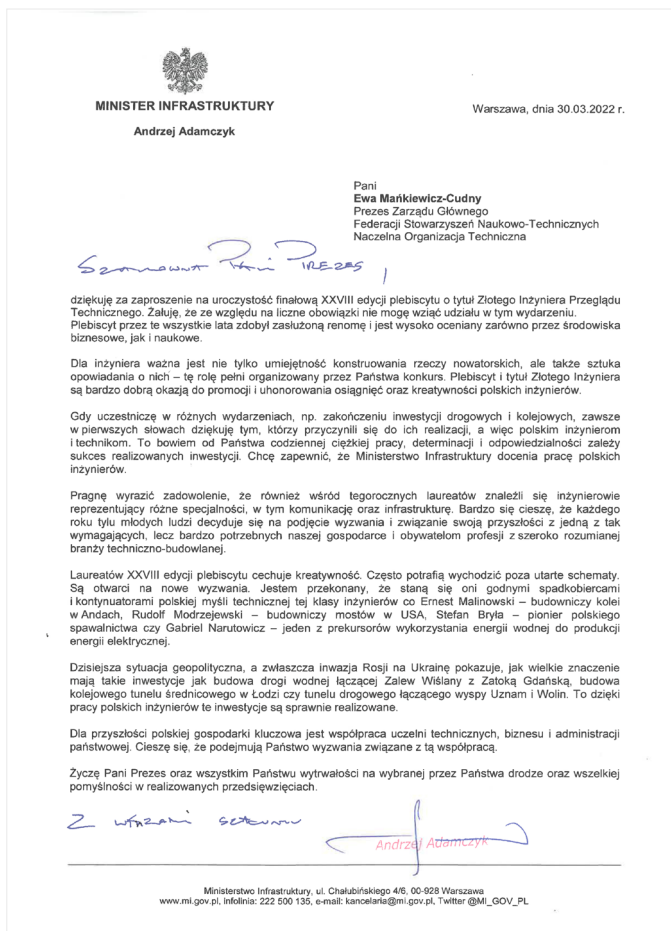
*Prof. Jacek Semaniak,
the President of the Central Office of Measures*



Waldemar Pytel – Honorable Golden Engineer 2021

"Honourable Golden Engineer". The diplomas and statuettes were handed by the ministers: Andrzej Dera, the Secretary of the State at the Office of the President of the Republic of Poland, Wojciech Murdzek, the Secretary of the State at the Ministry of Education and Science and Ewa Mańkiewicz-Cudny – this time only as the President of FSNT-NOT because Martyna Jachimowicz appeared the first time as the Editor-in-Chief of "Technical Review".

The Ballroom, as comprising about 250 guests, was filled to the very last seat. It included this year's Laureates (26 persons, i.e. somewhat more than previously) and the invited guests –



including ministers and heads of the central offices, laureates of the past years and the activists of the association from the whole territory of Poland. There was also present the representation of Publishing House SIGMA-NOT with the President of the Board, Magdalena Borek-Daruk.

The introductory speech was traditionally delivered by Ewa Mańkiewicz-Cudny who greeted the guests and recalled the ideas of the Plebiscite. After the mentioned speech, the Minister Andrzej Dera read out the letter from the President of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Duda. Then, the floor was taken, inter alia, by the Minister Wojciech Murdzek and by the President of the Central Office of Measures, Prof. Jacek Semaniak. Besides it, the representative of infrastructure sector read out the letter from the Minister Andrzej Adamczyk; and the representative of the Marshal of Mazovian (Mazowieckie) voivodeship read out the letter from the Marshal Adam Struzik.

Honouring of Laureates was traditionally commenced from distinction of the "Young Engineers" and, then, Roman Czejarek who led the Gala, invited, successively, the distinguished persons, awarded with the statuettes of "Silver" and "Golden" Engineers". Last of the laureates received the distinction of "Diamond Engineer". This time, the mentioned honourable distinction



playing also a function (something completely new!) of bishop of Evangelical Augsburg Church. His Eminence bishop was especially active during the traditional meeting of this year's laureates with the members of the Club of Golden Engineer, associating the Laureates from the previous years.

We should also mentioned that after termination of the ceremony of handing over diplomas and statuettes, a small party – snacks and refreshments – was prepared by Restaurant Awangarda, owing to the following sponsors: Activ company from Belsk, Trusted Information Consulting, Gränges Konin S.A., and Mazovian District Chamber of Construction Engineers, FSNT-NOT, companies: SIGMA-NOT, editor of *Technical Review* and Warsaw House of Engineer. We are grateful to all sponsors.

The Ukrainian successes of Polish anti-aircraft missiles defence system PIORUN (in Polish: thunderbolt) produced by Mesko company were not mentioned, so a separated article will be dedicated to these issue. On the other hand, many Laureates learned during the Gala that in the Ukrainian Mariupol the invaders bombarded the greatest European metallurgical plants. Who knows, perhaps it will be necessary to open again the already extinguished Polish metallurgical plants... We have a deficit, *inter alia*, of railway trails. Such information has confirmed the statement that war has changed everything.

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was granted to Prof. Tadeusz Więckowski – the former Rector of Wrocław University of Science and Technology, who when playing the function (008–2016) was also the president of the Conference of Rectors of Polish Technical Universities. He is a prominent ICT specialist and also, doctor *honoris causa* of the Lvov Technical University and cooperates with the National Mining University in Dnipropetrovsk, as well.

After the words of thanks which were delivered – in behalf of all Laureates – by Diamond Engineer from Wrocław, the diplomas were handed to two Honourable “Golden Engineers”:
1. Dr Stanisław Latek, MSc., – passionate of nuclear energy; and
2. the construction technician from Świdnica, Waldemar Pytel