

WORLD ENGINEERS' DAY AND THE 32ND "GOLDEN ENGINEER" AWARDS CEREMONY

ŚWIATOWY DZIEŃ INŻYNIERA
I GALA 32 PLEBISCYTU O TYTUŁ "ZŁOTEGO INŻYNIERA"

On the eve of the 7th World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development – a day under the patronage of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation – a ceremony marking the occasion was held at the Warsaw House of Technology NOT (3 March 2026).

This year's celebrations were held under the theme "Space Research and Sustainable Development". The event was held under the honorary patronage of Mr. Włodzimierz Czarzasty, Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, and Mr. Krzysztof Gawkowski, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Digital Affairs.

It is also worth noting that the reason for celebrating this Day is the 160th anniversary of "Przegląd Techniczny", the engineering newspaper which organizes the readers' poll for the title of "Golden Engineer".

The ceremony was opened by the host, Mr Janusz Kowalski. He invited Ms Ewa Mańkiewicz-Cudny, President of FSNT-NOT to take the floor and she welcomed the guests and introduced the concept behind the celebration of Engineer's Day and the poll for the title of "Golden Engineer".

Among the many guests in attendance, the first to speak was Professor Andrzej Szeptycki, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. He was followed by Mr Marcin Stanecki, Chief Labour Inspector. A pre-recorded message to the ceremony's participants was delivered by Krzysztof Gawkowski, Minister for Digital Affairs, and the ceremony's host read out addresses from Mr Włodzimierz Czarzasty, Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, and Mr Adam Struzik, Marshal of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship.

The ceremony provided an opportunity to present awards. At the request of the Minister of Science and Higher Education, the President of the Republic of Poland awarded the **Gold Medal for Long Service to Jerzy Rożek, MSc Eng., President of the Warsaw House of Technology NOT**, for the exemplary and conscientious performance of his professional duties. The medal was presented by the Minister, Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki.



Minister Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki with Jerzy Rożek, recipient of the Medal for Long Service



Golden Medal "Deserved for Polish Science Sapientia et Veritas", Ewa Mańkiewicz-Cudny

Then, the Minister Szeptycki, together with Prof. Michał Kleiber, handed the **Golden Medal "Deserved for Polish Science Sapientia et Veritas"** to Ewa Mańkiewicz-Cudny, the **President of FSNT-NOT** for the merits for higher education and science, including the outstanding achievements in organization and popularization activities.

After the official part of the ceremony, Mr Mateusz Wolski – the Deputy Director for Business Development of ASTRONIKA Company, has delivered the presentation "Polish space missions".

Next, the discussion panel "Do the space studies bring the profits to the humanity?" (positive and negative consequences)



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had place. Its moderator was Engineer Tomasz Zawistowski, PhD., the Deputy Director for Technology Development in the Space Research Centre of PAN (Polish Academy of Sciences) and the panelists were:

- dr Marta Wachowicz, the President of the Space Research Centre ;
- prof. dr hab. inż. Jerzy Lis, His Magnificence Rector of AGH University of Science and Technology in Cracow;
- dr inż. Jakub Kaczkowski, the Chief Engineer in the Centre for Composite Technologies in the Research Network Łukasiewicz – Institute of Aviation;
- the on-line panelists included: Tomasz Szewczyk, Engineer for Data Processing in the European Space Agency, ESA ESTEC and Engineer Grzegorz Szychliński, PhD., former Vice-Director of the Museum of History in Gdańsk, creator of the Museum of Tower Clocks and Museum of Science in Gdańsk.

The celebration also provided an opportunity to commemorate the outstanding figure of Stanisław Staszic – to mark the 200th anniversary of his death, the year 2026 was declared the Year of Stanisław Staszic by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland and the FSNT-NOT. To mark the occasion, a portrait of him was unveiled in the WDT conference and ballroom.

Following the unveiling of the portrait, the 32nd "Golden Engineer" Awards Gala organized by Przegląd Techniczny began. The diplomas and statuettes were presented to the winners by Ewa Mańkiewicz-Cudny, President of FSNT-NOT; Jolanta Hibner, Member of the Polish Senate; and Jolanta Czudak-Tomaka, Editor-in-Chief of "Przegląd Techniczny".



The unveiling of a portrait of Stanisław Staszic

As is traditional, the event began with the **Young Engineer category**. The awards in this category went to Marta Jałocha, MSc Eng – a graduate of the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków – and Aleksander Zabiełto, Eng – a graduate of Wrocław University of Technology.

In the **Distinguished Engineer category**, the titles were awarded to: Dr Robert Cichowicz, Professor at the Łódź University of Technology; President of the Łódź Branch of the Polish Association of Sanitary Engineers and Technicians; and Piotr Jaworski, MSc Eng – production manager at Zakłady Azotowe "Police". Vice-President of the Police Branch of the Association of Chemical Industry Engineers and Technicians; Dr Anna Siekierka, Prof. at Wrocław University of Technology; Dr Mikołaj Skowron – graduate and staff member of the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków, member



Winners of the 32nd edition of the Golden Engineer 2025 competition

of the SEP; Dr Jerzy Stodolny, Eng. – Member of the Polish Academy of Engineering and the Association of Engineers and Technicians of the Metallurgical Industry; Zbysław Sz waj, Eng. – graduate of the Warsaw University of Technology, winner of the FSNT-NOT First Class Award.

In the **Silver Engineers category**, the following received awards: Prof. Anna Chrobok, PhD, Eng. – chemical engineer, Vice-Rector of the Silesian University of Technology; Adam K. Piłat, PhD, Eng., Professor at the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków; Grzegorz Rogalski, PhD, Eng., Professor at Gdańsk University of Technology, welder, member of SIMP; Dr Mateusz Sitko, Eng. – Assistant Professor at the AGH University of Science and Technology; Walenty Szarek, MSc, Eng. – electrical engineer, Director of the Gen. Józef Kustron School Complex of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering in Nowy Sącz.

The winners of the **Golden Engineers category** were: Adam Gabryś, MSc Eng – graduate of the Warsaw University of Technology; Marta Kosior-Kazberuk, PhD Eng, Rector of



Diamond Engineer prof. Krzysztof Józwick

the Białystok University of Technology; Jan Maciuba, MSc Eng – bakery technologist, with over 60 years' experience in the industry; Dr Grzegorz Rosłonek – a Doctor of Chemistry from the University of Warsaw; Dr Agnieszka Wdowiak-Postulak, MSc – Assistant Professor at the Kielce University of Technology; Zbigniew Bryja, MSc – a graduate of the Wrocław University of Technology, who has been involved in the mining industry since the start of his career.

Next, the title of **Jubilee Engineer of the Year of the Association of Polish Engineers and Technicians** was awarded to Prof. Tadeusz Pałko, PhD, Eng. – a graduate of the Warsaw University of

Technology and Chair of the Polish Committee for Biomedical Engineering of the Society of Electrical Engineers (SEP).

The title of **Engineer of the 160th Anniversary of Przegląd Techniczny** (Technical Review) was awarded to Prof. Bogusław Smólski, PhD, Eng. – an electronics engineer, brigadier general, and expert in the field of microwave electronics and radar. Former Commandant-Rector of the Military University of Technology and its long-standing lecturer, organiser and the first director of the National Centre for Research and Development. Member of the Committee on Electronics and Telecommunications of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

The title of **Diamond Engineer** was awarded to Prof. Krzysztof Józwick, PhD, Eng., Rector of the Łódź University of Technology and Chairman of the Conference of Rectors of Polish Technical Universities.

Since the 10th edition of the poll, the title of Honorary Engineer has been awarded to technical school graduates who have achieved success in completely different fields. In this year's edition, the title of **Honorary Engineer** was awarded to Prof. Jerzy Knetig, PhD, Eng., a graduate of the Warsaw University of Technology and the Academy of Music in Kraków, an opera singer and teacher, and professor of music, and Piotr Uszok, MSc, Eng., a graduate of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Automation and Electronics at AGH University of Science and Technology, a local government official, Mayor of Katowice from 1998 to 2014, and former Chairman of the Board of the Association of Polish Cities and the Union of Polish Metropolises.

The ceremony concluded with a group photo of all the winners and organizers of the Golden Engineer awards.

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