

XL National Malacological Seminar

Kraków, 15–18 April 2026

1st Announcement



Dear Colleagues, Dear Malacologists,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in **the 40th Jubilee of the National Malacological Seminar**, which will take place on **15–18 April 2026 in Kraków**.

This special gathering of the malacological community will be held at **the Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University** (7 Gronostajowa Street, Jagiellonian University Campus).

Presentation formats:

- oral presentations
- short communications
- posters

Participants presenting posters will additionally have the opportunity to showcase them in the form of a brief one-slide “poster pitch” lasting no more than one minute.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to adjust presentation formats based on the number and nature of submissions.

The conference language will be Polish, with at least one English-language session for international participants.

Preliminary Programme

14/15 April – arrival and participant registration

Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University, 7 Gronostajowa Street

15–17 April – scientific sessions (including the General Assembly of the Polish Malacological Society)

Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University, 7 Gronostajowa Street

17 April – awarding of the Honorary Membership of the Polish Malacological Society to Dr hab. Ewa Stworzewicz, Professor of the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals, Polish Academy of Sciences

– gala dinner

Nature Education Centre, Jagiellonian University, 5 Gronostajowa Street

18 April – conference excursion “Shelters of Nowa Huta – Sendzimir Steelworks”

1 Ujastek Street; <https://www.rawelin.org/rawelin/schrony-w-budynku-s-i-z>

Organisational Information:

Detailed information regarding fees, registration deadlines, abstract submission, and technical guidelines will be provided in the next announcement.

To assist the Organising Committee in estimating the conference costs, we kindly ask you to submit a preliminary declaration of participation by email to: **sm.krakow.2026@gmail.com by 26 November 2025 (Wednesday)**. Please send the completed form included at the end of this announcement.

Accommodation should be arranged individually; recommendations will follow in the next announcement.

With kind regards,

The Organising Committee of the XL National Malacological Seminar

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PRELIMINARY DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION

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Name and surname: ...

Affiliation: ...

Email address: ...

Conference excursion: YES / NO*

The cost of the excursion should not exceed 30 PLN per person.

*Delete as appropriate.

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