

XIVth Polish Hydropower Conference HYDROFORUM 2025

Rytro, „Perła Południa” Hotel / Rożnów HPP, 7-9th October 2025



BULLETIN NO 1

Call for papers and sponsorship

Organisers



It will be already on October 7th this year that the HYDROFORUM 2025 XIVth Polish Hydropower Conference will start its debates at the “Perła Południa” (*Pearl of the South*) hotel in Polish Beskid mountains. This venue has been selected in view of the planned study visit to Rożnów Hydropower Plant and the sight-seeing of the planned Rożnów II PSPP erection site. It remains to be hoped that the second half of the next decade the HYDROFORUM delegates will see the power plant already from inside.

Since restarting our conference cycle in 2011 (initially under the name of RENEXPO Poland International Fair affiliated conference) the event is co-organised jointly by: the Polish Hydropower Association (TEW), the Polish Association for Small Hydropower Development (TRMEW) and the Institute of Fluid-Flow Machinery of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IMP PAN), which initiated the whole cycle back in 1973.

Today the HYDROFORUM Polish Hydropower Conferences are annual events of regional European impact, usually organised close to new or recently rehabilitated hydropower installations, representing the goal of conference study tours. Organisation of the conference and study tours is usually supported by the local co-organisers and partners. The local organiser of HYDROFORUM 2025 is the *Tauron Ekoenergia Sp. z o.o.*, a renewable energy oriented daughter company of the *Tauron Polska Energia SA* capital group. The *Tauron Ekoenergia* involvement is due both to the study visit target and to the topics of pumped storage development and management of multipurpose dam reservoirs to be discussed during the conference.

The debate will be conducted in Polish and English, with simultaneous interpretation. The thematic scope will address professional interests of the hydropower community. The problems of the sector development strategy and conditions will precede information on new projects, technical and environmental issues and typical scientific reports, which we leave to the end of the meeting. The possibility of online participation is also under considerations. The final decision in this issue will be based on the number of those interested.

The central point of the conference will be again the HYDROFORUM Debate, to be focused on the above mentioned key topics. Further details will be specified in the coming weeks. In any case, we'll invite representatives of central offices, broadly conceived hydropower sector and the world of science, as well as independent experts to the panel table. Of course, active engagement of the audience is assumed.

The Conference will be preceded by the National Assembly of Polish Hydropower Association to be held at the same venue on October 6th. The Assembly will be followed by the TEW reception. The reception is free of charge for Assembly delegates and TEW guests. The other persons should notify their wish to join the reception at the Application Form or contact directly the HYDROFORUM Organising Committee.

The Conference Proceedings (abstracts and mini-papers) will be available at the registration desk in the printed or electronic (flash-disk) version. Those interested in available options including the study visit, free subscription of *Energetyka Wodna* quarterly electronic version and other benefits are invited to mark them in the Conference Application form.



The electronic version of Proceedings will be available after the conference to all persons interested from the hydroforum.tew.pl website. With authors' consent the same website will be used to spread the pdf version of their presentations. Authors of selected contributions will be invited to submit their post-conference papers to the *Energetyka Wodna* quarterly. Some of the will be also proposed to submit a paper to a special issues of peer-viewed journal *Transactions of the IFFM*. The appearance of the special issues will depend on the number of submissions.

Conference applications

Participation in the Conference requires registration and payment of the conference fee. You can register online, using the <http://hydroforum.tew.pl/index.php/en/> website or by sending the completed registration form at the following address:

Biuro Towarzystwa Elektrowni Wodnych,
ul. Piaskowa 18, 84-240 Reda, tel.: +48 58 678 79 51,
e-mail: biuro@tew.pl, biuro.tew@gmail.com.

The form will be available from the hydroforum.tew.pl and www.imp.gda.pl websites. The completed registration form will be the basis for issuing an invoice. The following conference fees apply (PLN net values):

| Application date | till 6.09 | after 6.09 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| basic fee: | 1 800 | 2 000 |
| hydropower association members | 1700 | 1 900 |
| speakers*, students | 1200 | 1200 |
| additional payments | | |
| study visit | 80 | 80 |
| accompanying person | 600 | 600 |
| TEW reception** | 250 | 250 |

Notice:

The basic fee covers lunches and dinners, including the Conference Dinner

* Only non-commercial contributions.

** The reception will take place on the eve of the Conference (6.X). It will be free of charge for TEW National Assembly delegates and TEW special guests.

The fee shall be paid at the TEW account, according to the invoice received. **The conference fee does not include the hotel costs which are to be covered by the delegates on an individual basis.** The Organisers reserve themselves the right to apply special discounts and to issue free invitations for Conference guests. For further details please consult the TEW Office.

Cancellations prior to September 6th are free of charge. Later on the delegate may be charged with the cost up to 50 % of the basic conference fee. In case of cancellations after September 19th, the Organisers keep the right to charge the delegate with full fee.

Call for papers

All those interested in sharing their knowledge and experience in form of a conference contribution are invited to declare such a wish at the registration form which can be filled at the hydroforum.tew.pl website or sent at the TEW Office address. You are also invited to contact us on Conference Programme issues using the phone number +48 608 19 71 85 or the steller@imp.gda.pl e-mail address.

We shall be waiting for applications until **August 31st** this year. By **September 6th**, you'll be expected to send us the full version of the extended abstract prepared in accordance with the attached template. We cannot guarantee that abstracts submitted at a later date will be included in printed materials.

We anticipate disseminating information about the detailed program of the conference by **September 22nd**. Additional information can be obtained at the above address or by phone (+48 608 19 71).

Conference venue and logistics

The Conference venue will be *Perla Południa* hotel, 33-343 Rytko 380, Little Poland Voivodship, <https://www.perlapoludnia.pl/>. The hotel is located in Roztoka Valley, at a 2.6 km distance from the Rytko at the Cracow – Krynica route. The organisers will provide for their own transportation at the railway station – hotel distance whenever needed. However, already at this stage we allow ourselves to notify about a regular bus line running along the Roztoka Valley and the *Rytko-Centrum* taxi network to be contacted at the +48 703 80 30 33 mobile phone number. During the conference the contact with the Organising Committee will be available at phone numbers +48 605 56 55 86 (H.Stachowicz) and +48 608 19 71 85 (J.Steller).

The hotel rooms have been already pre-booked. The negotiated prices for hiring a room for a single or two persons are 290 PLN and 360 PLN per night, respectively. More expensive double-bed rooms at the price of 440 up to 690 PLN per night are also available. Please select the relevant option in the registration form in order to make reservation using our services. The parking spaces are available at the price of 14 PLN per day. The overnight invoices will be issued by the hotel.

Provisional Framework Programme

| 7 October 2025 (Tuesday) | |
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| 8:00 | Registration of delegates |
| 9:00 | Opening of the Conference |
| 9:30 | Block I: Potential, strategy, energy policy, legal and economic constraints |
| 13:00 | Lunch break |
| 14:00 | HYDROFORUM Debate |
| 15:30 | Block II: New projects, environmental and social impacts |
| 18:00 | Closure of the 1st day debate |
| 19:30 | Conference Dinner |
| 8 October 2025 (Wednesday) | |
| 9:00 | Block III: Design, operation and maintenance |
| 13:00 | Lunch break |
| 14:00 | Block IV: Research and R&D studies |
| 17:00 | Closure of the Conference |
| 9 October 2025: Study Tour | |
| 08:30 | Departure from the hotel |
| 09:30 | Study visit to Roznow HPP and boat cruise at the Roznow Lake |
| 13:00 | Transfer to Laziska Hotel by Czchow with possible stop at the Tropstyn castle |
| 14:00 | Final lunch |
| 16:00 | Study tour end (bus departure to Cracow) |

Sponsorship

The Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for establishing your new contacts or strengthening existing relationships with your partners. Sponsorship of our event may appear really helpful in this respect. You are invited to use one of our sponsor packages or to an opportunity for an individual sponsorship agreement. Please, contact the TEW Office for further details.

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