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Report on the Teaching Workshops

23rd of April 2004, Our Department meeting.

The special occasion for that meeting was our head (professor Jerzy Dzieciuchowicz) 'Name Day'. In Poland there is tradition of "Name Day" rather than Birth Day celebrations, specially at work.

Besides the ordinary small talks, we discussed some Institute issues, among others next year teaching schedule and September (religion) conference.

We decided to reorganize "Social Geography" workshops. So far those classes were rather 'eclectic', comprising of elements of social geography and demography. Student worked in the class and had only one small project connected with field study. The main problem is that they do not know how to use methods they practice in their own, independent projects. Very often they are quite fluent in procedures but they cannot select right method or find complementary activities suitable for the solving of particular problem.

The idea for next year is to organize one big project, which will give them opportunity to use various study and presentation methods. It will also give opportunity to practice anthropological methods, at home of course.



Our boss got University award. So that was another reason for celebration.



22nd of April, Workshop with young staff from the faculty – one of several.

There were two aims of that meeting. First of all we discussed problems of methodology in social geography (including anthropology of picture/site). Second aim was to get to know each other. The atmosphere was very nice and people were very relaxed and open. I am glad that people from different geography disciplines (physical, geomorphology, economic,

political geography) were actively involved. I even was invited for geology scientific circle trip!

The extra outcome of the meetings is translation of some modern (English) text on social and political geography. We will use it for our classes next year.

Thanks to ReSET we enjoyed sweets and drinks.

