

Annual Country report for POLAND 2015.

“Halliwick Poland” Group – group of friends promoting the Halliwick Concept in Poland - organizing non profit events, workshops and meetings - having together a lot of fun but also hard working.

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Activities	Date and Comments e.g numbers attended, significant decisions.
Courses in Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 Foundation Courses – 167 participants ▪ 1 Advanced Course – 12 participants. <p>The four-days Advanced Course was divided into two parts: <i>“Practical application of the principles of the Halliwick concept in working with children with cerebral palsy.”</i> and <i>“Using the Halliwick concept with children with autism spectrum disorder”</i>.</p>
International cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2015 September 22, Ringsted, Denmark, advanced course <p>Lecturing and analyzing video taken during practical sessions: <i>“Students with Disabilities and Communication Difficulties”</i>, Anna Olasinska.</p> <p>The Advanced Course was led by Bodil Foens-Knudsen who invited Anna Olasinska to share with participants with her knowledge and experience about developing relationship and communication with nonverbal children with disabilities. It was excellent meeting and opportunity to exchange our knowledge about different approaches on this topic.</p>
Conferences, seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2015 Feb 12-13, Rzeszow, Poland, conference: VII International Days of Rehabilitation, “The needs and standards of modern rehabilitation.” <p>Poster: <i>“Basics of therapy in water: selected methods and concepts”</i>, The part about the Halliwick Concept was prepared by Krzysztof Milkowski.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2015 May 25, Krakow, Poland, seminar: “Relationship and communication between peers with profound disabilities”, <p>Lecture: <i>“Relationships between small children with profound mental and physical disabilities during group Halliwick sessions.”</i>, Anna Olasinska</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2015 July 3-5, Barcelona, Spain, IHA Lecturer Course <p>Panel report: <i>“The delivery of foundation and advanced courses in line with current IHA course guidelines in Poland in 2015 – sharing experiences.”</i>, Anna Olasinska</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2015 Oct 25-27, Krakow, Poland, conference: III International Scientific Conference, “35 years of Watsu in rehabilitation, SPA and sport” <p>Lecture: <i>“The use of the Halliwick Concept and Watsu underwater techniques in the treatment of children with cerebral palsy.”</i> and <i>“The Halliwick Concept as a form of environmental integration and activation of persons with disabilities.”</i>, Krzysztof Milkowski</p>

Charity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2015 Feb 07, 1st Cracow Halliwick Gala The Gala was attended by 35 players from seven clubs from all over Poland, trainers, tutors and volunteers for a total of more than 100 people not counting the audience. The competition was organized by the Department of Water Sports of Academy of Physical Education in Krakow and Halliwick Poland Group as a charity event. Students of second year of physiotherapy (trained during workshop in 2014) attended as judges and group helpers. We have a lot of fun and we will continue in 2016 organizing I National Halliwick Gala. https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.797612356979624.1073741858.122978084443058&type=3▪ 2015 Dec 17, Krakow, Poland Workshop "<i>Halliwick Gala - swimming competition with time handicap</i>" - leading by Anna Olasinska and Maciej Kampa. Free workshop held for students of the second year of Physiotherapy of the Academy of Physical Education in Krakow – 36 participants. Preparing students for 1st National Halliwick Gala in 2016.
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