

## THE FACULTY OF GEOGRAPHY AND REGIONAL STUDIES

The Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies was brought into existence at the University of Warsaw in 1977 as the first faculty of geography in Poland. The Faculty is continuing the tradition of the Department of Geography that was founded at the University of Warsaw as early as in 1918 – in the year in which Poland regained its independence.

In 2006 there were 165 people employed at the Faculty, including a group of 99 academic lecturers which consisted of 13 titular professors, 10 associate professors of the University of Warsaw, 6 assistant professors.

The Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies consists of 3 institutes:

**the Institute of Physical Geography** which conducts research on, among others, the geography of soils, climate changes and urban climate issues, the geomorphologic evolution (especially using the sedimentologic methods), hydrology (especially hydrological processes modelling), as well as of landscape and regional natural environment systems (geoecology), landscape evolution, and the conservation and management of natural environment,

**the Institute of Social, Economic Geography and Spatial Economy** which conducts research on, among others, the theory of the socioeconomic geography, the social geography of cities, the geography of tourism and recreation, spatial structure, local policy and development, perception of the urban space, regional identity,

**the Institute of Regional and Global Studies** which conducts research on, among others, the globalisation processes, the economic and social progress in developing countries, the theory of the regional geography, the regional geography of the chosen areas including: Rus-

sia, the countries of the European Union, of the Latin America, of Africa, of Asia, and of Oceania.

The research on the theory of cartography, perception of maps, the methodology of dynamic presentation on maps, remote sensing applications, and on the efficiency of geography teaching is also conducted at the Faculty.

The Faculty has at its disposal a scientific station in Murzynowo which is located by the artificial reservoir on the Vistula river near the petrochemical complex in Płock (which allows for the research on the bank erosion, environmental pollution, changes of agriculture and settlement in the vicinity of an industrial agglomeration).

The Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies publishes the following periodicals and library editions:

- *Miscellanea Geographica* (in English; in previous volumes also in French and Spanish)
- *Africana Bulletin* (in English and French)
- *Asia & Pacific Studies* (in English)
- *Actas Latinoamericanas de Varsovia* (in Spanish)
- *Prace i Studia Geograficzne* (Geographic Studies; in Polish)
- *Afryka Azja Ameryka Łacińska* (Africa, Asia, Latin America; in Polish)

The Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies provides courses in geography and in spatial planning, both for the Bachelor's and Master's degree, both in a residential or a non-residential system of courses. The numbers of students in the academic year 2006/2007 were as follows:

resident courses for the Bachelor's degree in geography	275
resident courses for the Bachelor's degree in spatial planning	169
evening courses for the Bachelor's degree in geography	97
extra-mural courses for the Bachelor's degree in spatial planning	97
resident courses for the Master's degree in geography	298
resident courses for the Master's degree in spatial planning	88
extra-mural courses for the Master's degree in geography	80
extra-mural courses for the Master's degree in spatial planning	39

The Faculty also offers the seminars in geography for the Doctors' degree (in a residential or a non-residential system of courses) together with a variety of postgraduate studies for geography and nature study teachers, the postgraduate study on the developing countries, and the study on the development in the age of Global World.