

This request was sent to Stuart B. Smith, General Secretary  
TICCIH - The International Committee for the Conservation of the  
Industrial Heritage.

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Stowarzyszenie Miłośników Ziemi Tarnogórskiej (SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
OF TARNOGÓRSKA LAND) - owner of Silver Mine in Tarnowskie Góry  
wishes to contact experts from foreign countries who could process  
comparative studies between our site and similar sites currently inscribed  
on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Our underground sites (The Silver  
Mine and "Black Trout" Gallery) are inscribed since 2004 on our national  
"Historic Monuments " list. We are exploring the possibility of international  
registration through UNESCO. Our national center of research and  
documentation of antiquities in Warsaw does not have expertise in the  
sphere of mining history.

We are interested in contacting individuals who can carry out this sort of work  
(the comparative study) on a contractual basis and who already have  
knowledge of mining.

We thank you for your help and await a response.

**Short information about our objects (The Silver Mine and "Black  
Trout" Gallery):**

The Silver Mine has been open to visitors since 1976. It comprises the  
museum of metal ores mining in the surface building and a 1700 m long  
tourist route about 40 m below the ground, of which 270 m is traversed by  
boats. The shafts and tunnels date from the 16th up to the 19th century.  
"Black Trout" Gallery has been open to visitors since 1957. To enter the  
gallery you have to go down the winding stairs and then pass about 600m  
by boat nearly 25 m below the surface. Your underground travel is then  
continued along the water-gallery dug in 1821-1834.

Yours Sincerely:

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