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Hello to all!
I am glad to tell you that I will be able to attend the upcoming IASJ Jazz Meeting in Krakow for a few days and am anxious to meet everyone once again.
The Polish people are some of the most enthusiastic jazz lovers in the world with a rich tradition of their own. On my very first international tour in the early 70's as a member of the Elvin Jones Group, our first concert was in Warsaw, something I will never forget. Krakow is known as an artistic minded city with many cafes and clubs making it a natural fit for the IASJ's activities.

Mike Tracy and myself are firming up the plans for the next Annual IASJ Jazz Meeting in June 2006 to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. For those of you who have been to the cities of America like New York and Los Angeles, it is different to see a place that has the flavor of the South as well as a long cultural tradition. It is of course where Jamey Aebersold conducts his Summer Jazz Camps and I expect he will be present at our meeting.
Once again Walter Turkenburg in his editorial has written something of great interest having to do with improvisation concerning how the skills we teach and learn are readily adaptable to other forms of music, something I firmly believe in. The positive and practical benefits of playing jazz can definitely have an impact well beyond the music itself. Again, I look forward to seeing you in Poland!

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