

Site of the Conference:

Activities of the Conference will take place in Skierniewice, a town in Central Poland, about 60 km south-west of Warsaw, the capital of Poland (see the map below). Skierniewice is surrounded by the major fruit and vegetables growing regions in Poland. One of the biggest fruit growing regions in Europe is located about 40 km south-east from Skierniewice (Grojec – Warka). The most important vegetable production regions in Poland are close to Warsaw, Lodz, Lowicz, Leczyca and Sochaczew (70 km from Skierniewice or less)



Skierniewice is often called “the Capital City of the Polish Horticulture”. It houses two internationally recognized horticultural research institutions, namely: the Research Institute of Pomology and Floriculture and the Research Institute of Vegetable Crops. There are two Colleges with horticultural departments located in Skierniewice, as well as branch of the Warsaw Agricultural University

Important dates:

Abstract submission: **March 31, 2006**
Notification of acceptance: **April 15, 2006**
Submission of papers: **During the conference**

Fee:

Registration before February 15, 2006 €120
Registration after February 15, 2006 €150
For COST 924 MC members €100 and €120, respectively.

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Effects of pre- and post-harvest factors on health promoting components and quality of fruit and vegetables

International Conference

A COST – 924 initiative



May 22 –23, 2006
Skierniewice, Poland

Organized by:

Research Institute
of Vegetable Crops

Research Institute
of Pomology and Floriculture



Under the auspices of:

**Polish Academy of Sciences,
Storage Section of the Committee
of Horticultural Science**

**&
Polish Society for Horticultural Science**

Invitation

Overall quality of horticultural products (nutritional, health promoting and safety aspects) as well as their storage and shelf-life potential is becoming important for both consumers and producers. It is our greatest pleasure to invite you to participate in the International Conference on "Effects of pre- and post-harvest factors on health promoting components and quality of fruit and vegetables". We would particularly like to address scientists involved in research on preharvest and postharvest aspects of fruit and vegetables quality, especially health promoting components and their impact on the overall quality of produce.

The Conference is a joint activity of COST Action 924 and the Storage Section of the Committee of Horticultural Science of Polish Academy of Sciences and is organized by the Storage Departments of the Research Institute of Pomology and Floriculture, and the Research Institute of Vegetable Crops. COST (Co-ordination in the field of Scientific and Technical Research) is an intergovernmental European framework for international cooperation between nationally funded research activities. COST creates scientific networks and enables scientists to collaborate in a wide spectrum of activities in research and technology. The Committee of Horticultural Sciences of Polish Academy of Sciences, among others activities, is focused on training of scientific staff and the dissemination of horticultural knowledge. The activities of the Storage Section of the Committee are to join researchers working in the field of postharvest technology and to encourage cooperation.

Franciszek Adamicki
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Organizing Committee

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Language

The official language of the Conference will be English.

Scientific Program

Major topics of the Conference sessions will be focused on:

- Health promoting components of fruit and vegetables (vitamins, antioxidants, etc.)
- Pre- and post-harvest factors affecting the quality of fruit and vegetables, among them:
 - orchard management
 - technology of vegetable production
 - climate and weather conditions
 - harvest date
 - storage and shelf-life

Contributed papers, however, do not have to be limited to the above given topics and may address specific subjects and case studies pertinent to fruit and vegetables quality.

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