

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

May 22 –23, 2006, Skierniewice, Poland

A COST – 924 initiative



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

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**

Objectives of the Conference

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 (RIPF), and the Research Institute of Vegetable Crops (RIVC).

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.

Preliminary Programme

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday, May 21	Tourist tour ¹		Welcome reception ²
Monday, May 22	Oral session ³	Oral / poster session	Dinner
Tuesday, May 23	Oral session	Visiting RIPF and RIVC facilities, and professional tour	

¹ Please let us know before 1st of May if anybody is interested to participate in a half a day excursion. We plan a visit to the Palace in Nieborów near Skierniewice and Zelazowa Wola, the birth place of the famous Polish composer F. Chopin and listening to the piano recital. The cost of the tour is approximately 25 Euro..

² At the Palace of the Research Institute of Vegetable Crops

³ At the Research Institute of Pomology and Floriculture

On Monday, May 22nd, registration will be available from the morning, lasting until the beginning of the afternoon session.

Invited Speakers

Dr Laurence J. Trueman (United Kingdom) - "Human nutrition: new opportunities for plant science".

Prof. Angelos K. Kanellis (Greece) - "Plant ascorbic acid biosynthesis and metabolism",

Prof. Marcin Horbowicz (Poland) - "Flavonoids as an important factor of fruits and vegetables quality",

Dr Robert Prange (Canada) - "The effects of organic pre- and postharvest methods on quality and/or nutritional value of fruits and vegetables",

Language

The sessions (oral and poster) will be conducted in English.

Oral and Poster presentation

The contributions to the conference will be in the form of oral or poster presentations.

The **oral presentations** will be given approximately 15 -20 minutes each, including discussion, except for keynote and invited speakers. Discussions will take place at the end of each presentation and at the end of the session, if necessary.

Multimedia projector and computer with CD, DVD, USB and 3.5" floppy disc drive will be available in the presentation room. Overhead and slide projectors will also be installed.

Posters should not exceed the maximum dimensions of 100 cm width and 120 cm height.

Abstracts

The abstracts (max. 1 standard page – 1800 characters total) should be written in MS Word editor and sent by E-mail as an attachment file to mhg@inwarz.skierniewice.pl or to krutkow@insad.pl before April 10th, 2006. Author will be informed about acceptance of the abstract before April 24, 2006.

Guidelines for preparing manuscripts

The papers presented at the Conference will be reviewed and published in a special edition of the Vegetable Crops Research Bulletin. Manuscripts in English should be written in MS Word editor and the main text should not exceed 12 pages of normalized type script (A-4 size) including illustrations and tables (not exceeding the A-4 size). Each table and figure should be placed on separate page. Instructions for manuscript preparation are given at the Bulletin web page:

<http://www.inwarz.skierniewice.pl/index.php?lang=pl&d=vcrb> in the section "Information for authors".

Manuscripts should be submitted either by E-mail as an attachment file to mhg@inwarz.skierniewice.pl or to krutkow@insad.pl before the Conference, or brought in electronic format (floppy disk, CD or pen drive) to the Conference.

Ten reprints free of charge will be sent to the first author after publishing.

Important dates

Abstract submission:	April 10, 2006
Notification of abstract acceptance:	April 24, 2006
Submission of full papers:	At the Conference

Fee

Registration before February 15, 2006	€ 120
Registration after February 15, 2006	€ 150

For COST 924 Management Committee members € 100 and € 120, respectively

Payment

The registration fee (net value) payment should be made exclusively by bank transfer to:

Beneficent: Research Institute of Vegetables Crops
Konstytucji 3 Maja 1/3 Str., 96-100 Skierniewice, Poland

Bank: PEKAO S.A. I O/Skierniewice,
Bank address: Galeckiego 16 Str., 96-100 Skierniewice, Poland
Account: PL 64 1240 3321 1978 0010 0278 7007

SWIFT: PKOPPLPW

Reference: Please indicate on the bank transfer form: POSTHARVEST

You are also kindly requested to include your name and affiliation on the bank transfer form.

Note: Participants are fully responsible to cover the whole amount of bank transfer charges.

For Polish participants only – payment in PLN

Beneficent: Instytut Warzywnictwa
Ul. Konstytucji 3 Maja 1/3, 96-100 Skierniewice

Bank: PEKAO S.A. I O/Skierniewice,
Adres: ul. Galeckiego 16, 96-100 Skierniewice

Konto: 42 1240 3321 1111 0000 2853 6790

Prosimy o umieszczenie na dokumencie przelewu słowa: "POSTHARVEST"

Coverage

The registration fee covers: welcome reception, access to sessions, Conference materials, coffee breaks, dinner, copy of the proceedings, post Conference tour.

Final Program and the Book of Abstracts will be provided to each participant at the registration desk during the Conference.

Cancellation policy

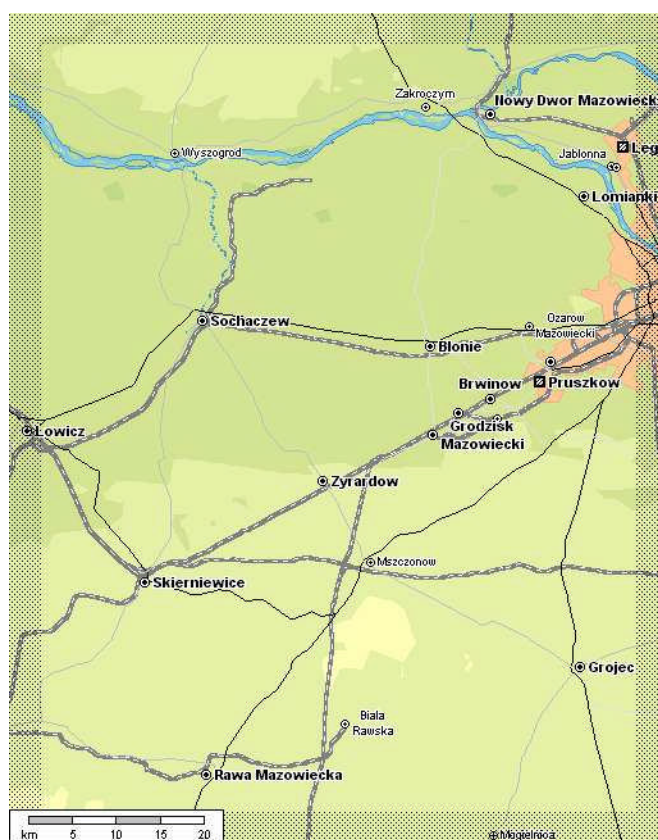
Written notification of cancellation by a letter or fax should be addressed to the Organizing Committee.

The policy regarding refunding of conference fee is as follows:

for cancellation received before May 5th, 2006, there will be a cancellation charge of 25 €, after this date no reimbursement is possible.

Conference Venue

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. For more information please visit the official web site of Skierniewice www.skierniewice.net.pl



Accommodation in Skierniewice

The cost of accommodation is not included in the Conference registration fee. Participants should secure their own reservation for the duration of the meeting. We suggest making room reservation in hotels located within the town of Skierniewice:

Hotel POLONIA: Reymonta 18, 96-100 Skierniewice, 5 minute walking distance from the Conference Venue, phone: +48 (46) 833-4227, fax: +48 (46) 833-1546, (single room - 160 zł (approx. € 43*), double - 230 zł (approx. € 60), suite - 270 zł (approx. € 70) per night)

Hotel DWOREK: Piłsudskiego 24, 96-100 Skierniewice, 20 minutes walking distance from the Conference Venue, phone/fax: +48 (46) 832-5883, (single room - 180 zł (approx. € 47), double room – 240 zł (approx. € 65) per night)

Hotel Business Center Bis: Rybickiego 8, 96-100 Skierniewice, 5 minute walking distance from the Conference Venue, phone: +48 (46) 833-3030, fax: +48 (46) 832-1366, (double room – 180zł (approx. € 47) per night);

Hotel MARATON: Sobieskiego 20, 96-100 Skierniewice, about 2.5 km from the Conference Venue, phone/fax: +48 (46) 832-4628 (single room – 80 zł (approx. € 20), double – 100 zł (approx. € 25), (3 person) - 120 zł (approx. € 30) per night); web site: www.maraton.org.pl

Hotel START: Pomologiczna 8, 96-100 Skierniewice, 10 minutes walking distance from the Conference Venue, phone: +48 46 833 27 50; fax: +48 46 833 39 51, (single room – 82 zł (approx. € 20), double room – 100 zł (approx. € 25), suite– 160 zł (approx. € 43) per night;

*The price in Euro depends on exchange rate.

The hotel managers have been informed about our meeting and the rooms are temporarily reserved for the participants of the Conference, but the number of places is limited and prompt booking is necessary. We will keep provisional reservation till 22 of April, 2006. After this date we can not guarantee the availability of the room. Please use the phrase "POSTHARVEST" while making room reservation to ease the process of hotel booking.

Travel and Transport to Skierniewice

by plane:

The airport nearest to Skierniewice is Warsaw Fryderyk Chopin International Airport. From the airport you need to get to Main Railway Station (Warszawa Centralna) by taxi or by public bus (line 175). Fast trains are leaving from Main Railway Station (Warszawa Centralna) to Skierniewice – train destination: Łódź Fabryczna. The travel takes approx. 50 minutes. Time-table available on the web site: www.pkp.pl

by train:

If you are coming to Poland by train you may find direct connections to Skierniewice from some European locations. In most cases, however, your train will arrive to Warszawa Centralna Railway Station from where you can easily get to Skierniewice by a number of trains, as described above.

Visa

A visa to Poland is not necessary for citizens of most European countries. Please check this with your travel agent or with the Polish Embassy/Consulate in your home country.

Currency

Polish currency is called 'złoty' (common abbreviation – zł; official bank notation – PLN) and 1 złoty is divided into 100 groszy. The current exchange rate is approximately 1€ = 3.9 zł, 1USD = 3.3 zł. It is not used to pay in foreign currency, but you can easily exchange your money into Polish złoty at the airport, in the banks and exchange offices (KANTOR). Major credit cards (VISA, MASTERCARD) are accepted at most places, and it is also possible to collect cash from 24h teller machines (ATMs) located in vicinity of banks and market places.

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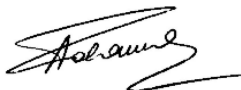
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(On the above web sites also the First and the Second Announcements are available).
In case of any difficulties associated with the organization of the Conference, please do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Committee and we will assist you as much as we can.

Franciszek Adamicki



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