

**Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute
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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Biodiversity conservation on farmlands at crossroads”

27-28 September 2016

and

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

“European Agri-Environment Schemes Best Practice”

28 September – 1 October 2016

The conference and workshop will be held in Pulawy and Kazimierz Dolny

Both events are organized within the project

**“Protection of species diversity of valuable natural habitats on agricultural lands
on Natura 2000 areas in the Lublin Voivodeship”**

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There is an ongoing debate on the status and future of biodiversity conservation of European farmlands. Questions addressed in this discussion focus on how to make this conservation more effective and efficient in the context of existing landscape composition as well as EU Common Agricultural Policy reform. There is also a new debate on whether we need different approaches to conservation policy in Central/Eastern Europe, where extensively managed farmlands are among the most biodiverse ones. In this conference and workshop, together with different stakeholders: scientists, advisers, farmers, conservationists and policymakers, we want to widely discuss these issues and identify the ways farmland biodiversity conservation in Europe should go.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

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CALL FOR POSTERS

In addition to the invited speakers there is a possibility to contribute to the conference in the form of poster. **Proposals of titles for posters and their short abstracts of maximum 300 words should be submitted to 15 June 2016.**

PREFERRED RESEARCH TOPICS FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Effects of different agricultural practices on biodiversity status on arable lands and grasslands;
2. Landscape structure and biodiversity on farmland;
3. Climate change and farmland biodiversity;
4. New geoinformatics tools for biodiversity monitoring and assessment, indicators of biodiversity;
5. Ecosystem services and farmland biodiversity;
6. Biodiversity value of European farmland;
7. Biodiversity conservation policy and strategies.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The conference and workshop will be held in English, no simultaneous translation will be provided.

COSTS

There is no conference and workshop fee for the participants.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

More detailed information on the conference and workshop will be provided in late April 2016.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| • The 2nd Announcement | 30 April 2016 |
| • Deadline for International Conference and Workshop Registration | 15 June 2016 |
| • Deadline for submission of posters proposals | 15 June 2016 |
| • Notification of acceptance of posters | 15 July 2016 |
| • International Conference and Workshop program approved | 31 August 2016 |
| • International Conference | 27-28 September 2016 |
| • International Workshop | 28 September – 1 October 2016 |

PRELIMINARY AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

27.09.2016 (Tuesday)

09.00-09.30 Welcome

09.30-11.30 Plenary session no 1

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-14.00 Plenary session no 2

14.00-15.00 Lunch

15.00-16.30 Plenary session no 3

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.00 Poster session

18.00-18.20 Summary of the poster session and first day of the conference

19.00 Dinner

28.09.2016 (Wednesday)

09.00-11.00 Plenary session no 4

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.30 Plenary session no 5

13.30-14.30 Summary of the project session and the whole conference

14.30-15.30 Lunch

PRELIMINARY AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

28.09.2016 (Wednesday)

15.00-18.30 Farm/field trip (alternative option – field trip near Kazimierz Dolny)

19.00 Dinner

29-30.09.2016 (Thursday – Friday)

International Workshop “European Agri-Environment Schemes Best Practice” – plenary and breakout sessions

01.10.2016 (Saturday)

08.00-17.00 Field trip to Natura 2000 areas along Bug river