

**Invitation to the Workshop**

**Reintroduction of Old Varieties and Enabling Crop Biodiversity
on the Market**

**20th-21st March 2017 Skierniewice, Poland**

**Instytut Ogrodnictwa, ul. Pomologiczna 18, 96-100 Skierniewice**

Organised byInHort – Research Institute of Horticulture ([www.inhort.pl](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CMariusz%5CDocuments%5Cwww.inhort.pl)),

**Statements and objectives**:

* Genetic erosion of cultivated species is a threat to future agriculture and food security.
* For the sustainable preservation of genetic resources, in many cases they need to be reintroduced to agriculture and marketable as seeds, plants, food, feed or processed products.
* Barriers to marketing and management of plant genetic resources.
* Exchange know-how and experiences in this area.

**Who should participate?**

Staff of administrative bodies dealing with the diversity of cultivated plants and related topics (plant health, seeds) and stakeholders from farming, processing, breeding and research.

**Workshop contents**

**Best practice examples -** Participants learn about different practical solutions benefitting crop biodiversity

Please note that our working language is English – interpretation will be partially available (discussion only).

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| **Preliminary Programme** |
| **Monday, 20th March 2017** |
| **11:00 – 12:00** | **Registration** at InHort Skierniewice |
| **Opening Session** |
| **12:00-12:10** | **Opening***Małgorzata Korbin*, Director of Research institute of Horticulture (INHORT), Skierniewice |
| **12:10 – 12:20** | **Presentation of Department of Genetic Resources of Horticultural Plants, Research Institute of Horticulture, Skierniewice***Dorota Kruczyńska* – Research Institute of Horticulture, Skierniewice |
| **12:20 – 12:40** | **PGR conservation in Poland***Jerzy H. Czembor*, National coordinator of PGR, Plant Breeding & Acclimatization Institute, National Research Institute, Radzików |
| **12:40 – 13:00** | **Presentation of the DIVERSIFOOD project***Klaus Rapf*, Arche Noah / Diversifood |
| **13:00 – 13:20** | **Introduction round***Participants introduce themselves (name, profession/organization, reason for participation)* |
| **Session 1: Legislation and Agrobiodiversity** |
| **13:20 – 13:40** | **Legal bases as well as procedures of conservation and amateur varieties registration in Poland***Alicja Rutkowska-Łoś*, COBORU – Research Center for Cultivar Testing, Poland |
| **13:40 – 14:00** | **Legislation and Agrobiodiversity in Scotland***Maria Scholten*, Scottish crofters association |
| **14:00 – 14:20** | **Legislation and Agrobiodiversity in Latvia***Irina Sivicka*, Faculty of Agriculture, Jelgava, Latvia |
| **14:20 – 14:40** | **Legislation and Agrobiodiversity in Lithuania**Speaker tba |
| **14:40 – 15:10** | **Break** |
| **15:10 – 15:30** | **Legislation - Enabling Biodiversity in Austria?***Emil Platzer*, ARCHE NOAH Austria / Diversifood |
| **15:30 – 16:20** | **Group Work on Agrobiodiversity Legislation (world cafe)** meeting room Goals/Needs – Barriers – Drivers of change |
| **16:20 – 16:50** | **World cafe results***Consolidated world cafe results will be presented by the hosts and discussed in plenary.* |
| **17:00 – 20:00** | **Social Dinner** |
| **Tuesday, 21st March 2017** |
| **Session 2: Enabling the Biodiversity Market** |
| **09:30 – 09:50** | **How can we strengthen the cooperation between farmers, the gene bank and governmental organizations in order to increase the agrobiodiversity in Poland**? *Denise Fu Dostatny*, , Plant Breeding & Acclimatization Institute, National Research Institute, Radzików |
| **09:50 – 10:10** | **Reintroduction of old varieties in traditional orchards in Poland (tbc)***Dorota Kruczyńska*, Research Institute of Horticulture, Skierniewice |
| **10:10 – 10:30** | **Reintroduction of plant genetic resources of vegetable crops***Marta Olas-Sochacka*, Research Institute of Horticulture, Skierniewice |
| **10:30 – 10:50** | **Impact of beekeeping on food diversity***Zbigniew Kołtowski*,Research Institute of Horticulture |
| **10:50-11:20** | **Coffee break** |
| **Session 3: Agrobiodiversity in Rural Development** |
| **11:20 – 11:40** | **Agrobiodiversity in Rural Development in Poland**Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| **11:40 – 12:00** | **Local fruit varieties in the White Carpathian region***Bruno Jakubec*, University of Zvolen, SK |
| **12:00 – 12:20** | **Enabling Crop Biodiversity on the Market - the farmer's perspective***Jarosław Pająkowski* - Chełmiski and Nadwilanski Landscape Park |
| **12:20 – 12:40** | **Procedures for genetic material distribution of horticultural crops in Poland** *Mariusz Chojnowski*, Research Institute of Horticulture, Skierniewice |
| **12:40 – 13:40** | **Lunch** |
| **Session 4: Utilization of Agrobiodiversity in Breeding Programmes**  |
| **13:40 – 14:00**  | **Biodiversity in Fruit Crops Breeding in InHort Skierniewice** *Edward Żurawicz*, Research Institute of Horticulture  |
| **14:00 – 14:20**  | **Biodiversity in Breeding Programmes of Vegetable Crops** *Katarzyna Niemirowicz-Szczytt*, Warsaw University of Life Sciences |
| **14:20 – 14:40**  | **Acclimatization of Winter Oat as an Example of Long Term Creation Project.** *Bogusław Łapiński*, Plant Breeding & Acclimatization Institute, National Research Institute, Radzików |
| **14:20 – 15:30** | **Group Work**(Possible groups for different topics – participants can register for a group) |
|  | * **Agrobiodiversity in Rural Development**
* **How to promote small-scale farming to conserve agrobiodiversity?**
* **How to realise the potential of the biodiversity market; Developing value chains for biodiversity products**
* **How to adapt plant health regulation to the commercialization of old varieties?**
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| **Conclusions and Recommendations** |
| **15:30 – 15:50** | **Feedback from group work** |
| **15:50 – 16:20** | **Plenary discussion**  |
| **16:20 – 16:30** | **Closing** |

Abbreviations: tba…to be announced, tbc...to be confirmed

**Accommodation**

* **Hotel: HOTEL DWOREK\*\*\***

Special price for participants: Single room – 35€ (140 PLN), double room – 55€ (220 PLN)
(one night including breakfast)

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**Included services and costs**

* No participation fee
* Included: Coffee and Lunch

**Registration**

**Registration is still possible. Please send the attached registration form until March 15th to:** **emil.platzer@arche-noah.at** **and** **mariusz.chojnowski@inhort.pl** **or via Fax to: +43 1 9527932.**