

First announcement

5th International Conference on

Effects of Pre- and Post-harvest Factors on Health Promoting
Components and Quality of Horticultural Commodities

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5th Plum and Prune Working Group Meeting

Organized by The National Institute of Horticultural Research
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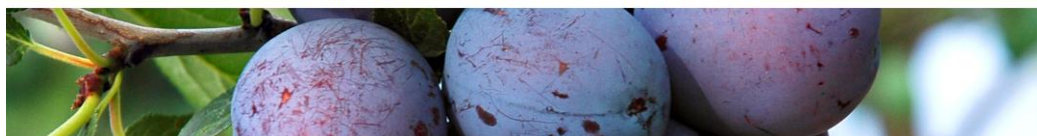
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EUROPEAN FRUIT RESEARCH INSTITUTES NETWORK



Venue: The National Institute of Horticultural Research
Pomologiczna 18 Str., 96-100 Skierniewice, Poland
August 11-13, 2026

It is our pleasure to invite EUFRIN Working Groups members and other scientists to attend the 5th Conference, which is organized by The National Institute of Horticultural Research

Organizing Committee

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Proposed topics

- Economics of fruit production and marketing,
- Effect of pre- and post-harvest factors on fruit quality,
- Cultivar and rootstock testing,
- Genetic resources, breeding, including molecular tools,
- Pest and diseases control,
- Fruit quality, storage and processing

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

Preliminary program

11th August - Registration, oral sessions, after sessions - Visiting the Palace in Skierniewice and welcome event

12th August - Oral sessions, panel discussion, field trip (visit to Experimental Orchard at Dąbrowice near Skierniewice), social dinner

13th August - The National Institute of Horticultural Research – visit to laboratories, fruit exhibition, poster session flash presentations, working groups meetings

Language

The official language of the Conference will be English.

Abstracts

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by Scientific Committee and the **Book of Abstracts** will be distributed electronically in PDF format to participants of the Conference.

Abstracts should contain the following information: **Title** (bold); Name(s) of the author(s) – underline the presenting author; Institution(s); Address(es) and email(s); Text of abstract (no more than 2000 characters, including spaces); Keywords. The abstract must state the aim, methods in short and the results. The font must be Times New Roman, 12 points, with single spacing.

Papers

It is possible to publish full scientific papers in the open-access **Journal of Horticultural Research**. Submitted original articles will be peer-reviewed by international experts and published, after editorial board acceptance, in a special or regular issue of the journal: <http://www.inhort.pl/journal-of-horticultural-research>

Presentations

The conference will include oral and flash presentations (1 oral or/and 1 poster presentation per participant).

Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes (including questions).

Flash presentations (instead of printed posters) will be limited to 5 minutes.

Venue

The event will be held at the premises of **The National Institute of Horticultural Research** (Conference Room). Address: Pomologiczna 18 Str., 96-100 Skierniewice, Poland ([GPS](#))

Participation fee

Participation fee* - will cover registration, coffee breaks, conference lunches, reception, conference social dinner, and a field trip to the Experimental Orchard.

Early bird registration (until May 31, 2026) - 350 EUR

Registration (until June 30, 2026) - 400 EUR

Participating student**:

Early bird registration (until May 31, 2026) - 200 EUR

Registration (until June 30, 2026) - 250 EUR

*Invoice for the payment to each participant will be sent via e-mail after receiving the payment and registration form.

**Official university letter confirming the full-time student status required.

In the case of Polish participants in the PLN equivalent.

Bank transfer account number: **PL94 1240 3321 1978 0000 2853 6703** with the note on the payment document - **Postharvest2026** and the **Surname** of the Participant.

The cost of transferring payment is covered by the payer.

Accommodation

Skierniewice is located ca 80 km from Warsaw and 60 km from Łódź. Accommodation in Skierniewice is available (our suggestion) in the "Hotel Dworek" (3***). Prices per night about 60-70 EUR for a single room and about 90-100 EUR for a double room.

Other proposed accommodation place is "Hotel Rozdroże" (3***) located 20 km from the meeting place. Prices per night vary from 50-60 EUR for a single room and 70-80 EUR for a double room.

You can also choose other hotels or apartments through www.booking.com.

Important dates

Abstract submission: June 30, 2026

Registration deadline: June 30, 2026

Final announcement and program: July 20, 2026

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Please distribute this announcement to your colleagues who may be interested.

Do not hesitate to contact us for more details.

Looking forward to see you in Skierniewice!

For the Organizing Committee of the Conference:

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