



Announcement No. 2

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would once again like to inform you that the European Research Centre of Small Agricultural Holdings at the University of Agriculture in Krakow, in collaboration with the Agricultural Advisory Centre in Brwinów, Krakow Branch Office, and the Małopolska Agricultural Advisory Association is organising its next, seventh scientific conference. The subject of this year's conference is:

“The innovativeness of rural areas in urbanised territories”.

The conference will be held on 29–30 June 2017 in Krakow.

We would like to state that the main topic of the conference covers the following issues, which will be presented and discussed during the sessions:

- production localisation theory and its evolution in the aspect of the position of agriculture in relation to cities,
- agricultural land management and protection;
- agricultural holdings in cities and around them;
- functions and place of agriculture in developing and developed countries;
- innovative urban agriculture concepts (socially engaged, educational, demonstration holdings, etc.);
- urban gardening, including allotment gardens, cultivation on balconies, etc.;
- agriculture as a hobby or a form of recreation;
- agricultural markets, short distribution channels, niche production;
- agricultural land market;
- urban spatial planning and the interests of agriculture;

- alternative use of agricultural land in urban and suburban holdings;
- problems of setting aside and temporary resting;
- dilemmas of intensive production in urban and suburban areas;
- social and cultural problems of agricultural and rural population;
- agricultural policy towards agriculture in urbanised areas.

We suggest that lectures or shorter scientific reports have a diagnostic, review, or projective nature, or constitute a mono-thematic or multi-threaded analysis or transformation scenarios. Let us emphasise the fact that the list of issues is open and we are counting on your creativity.

We invite you to actively participate in the conference, i.e. to present lectures or scientific reports and to send us articles to be published in our bilingual (Polish-English) quarterly “Problems of Small Agricultural Holdings” (please send your papers to the following email address: **lukasz.satola@ur.krakow.pl**). The quarterly has been on the Ministry of Science and Higher Education’s “B” list since 2015, and **has been awarded 7 points**.

The publication of lectures is free of charge for the conference’s participants (having met the editorial requirements).

If you are interested in participating in our conference please:

- 1) send us the **conference participation application form** together with lecture’s title and abstract (max. 1 page by **15 April 2017**.) The abstract will be published in the conference materials.
- 2) send us the text of the lecture meeting the editorial requirements **by 30 May**,
- 3) the authors will be informed about the acceptance for publication **on 10 June**.

Those who wish to participate in the conference will receive further information from the organisers.

On behalf of the Organisers,

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