



**55th MEETING OF
THE POLISH BOTANICAL SOCIETY**
“PLANTA IN VIVIO, IN VITRO ET IN SILICO”
6-12 September 2010, Warsaw, Poland
Warsaw University of Life Sciences-SGGW

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Dear Botanists,

I am truly pleased to inform you that the next, 55th Meeting of the Polish Botanical Society, will take place in Warsaw, 6-12 September 2010, in the Campus of Warsaw University of Life Sciences - SGGW (WULS-SGGW) at 159 Nowoursynowska Street.

Our Society - the Polish Botanical Society is one of the oldest scientific bodies in Poland. It was established in April 1922 at a meeting in Warsaw. Its goals are supporting the development of botany, constantly improving its scientific level, combining scientific activity with the needs of national economy and culture and propagation of the knowledge on botany. At present, the society consists of over 1400 members in Poland and abroad, who belong to 15 regional divisions and 14 specialist sections.

The environment of Warsaw botanists will organize the PBS Meeting for the seventh time. Besides the founding meeting in 1922, two more meetings had taken place in Warsaw before WWII – in 1931 and 1936. The other three took place in 1945, 1952 and 1972 – which commemorated PBS 50th anniversary.

In accordance with the tradition, 55th Meeting will consist of the General Assembly of Delegates, a plenary session, sessions with topic discussions (lectures and posters) organized by PBS Sections and field sessions. The aim of the scientific conference accompanying the Meeting will be presenting the achievements of Polish botany in all specializations, concerning different stages of plant organization, with special attention paid to the leading issues in research. The conference title *“Planta in vivo, in vitro et in silico”* defines the main topics for plenary sessions. During field sessions, discussion fora will take place, which will concern such issues as plant protection and conservation, contemporary methods of plant propagation and other subjects. Most field sessions will take place in Central and North-East Poland (Mazovia, Suwałki and Podlasie regions) and South Lithuania in the form of one- or few-day botanical excursions.

During the Meeting, we hope to give the members of our Society the opportunity to present their enormous potential. We will strive to provide the best organization, good atmosphere and high level of competence so that all participants can present their achievements as well as get inspiration and new ideas from discussions. We believe that the Meeting will summarize the present state of research and indicate new directions in Polish botany. We would like to invite to Warsaw all the members and well-wishers of the Polish Botanical Society, most of all young scientists, who are the driving force in science, also in the realm of botany.

We look forward to seeing you in Warsaw, at WULS-SGGW, in September 2010.

On behalf of the 55th PBS Meeting Organizing Committee
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