

**1st International Conference " CONSERVING ARABLE WEED DIVERSITY -  
the role of weeds as an ecological resources and indicators of agro-ecosystem function"  
Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute – Poland**

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I have the pleasure of inviting you to **1st International Conference " CONSERVING ARABLE WEED DIVERSITY - the role of weeds as an ecological resources and indicators of agro-ecosystem function"**, which will be held in Ożarów Mazowiecki and in Radzików (near Warsaw), between July 6th and July 10th, 2009.

Agriculture becomes more intensified, as modern technology promotes large scale and selective farming. A lot of species that are dependent on agricultural land use disappear within a few years. Our attempts to introduce increasingly modern techniques and practices in agriculture caused a decline in variety of both flora and fauna, in major areas of Europe. We can still prevent this process; this is particularly true for the Eastern part of Europe, which still remains rich in gene pools of crop plants and the accompanying weed species. I invite everyone to take part in this process. I'd like us not to limit ourselves to the presentation of our results and conclusions – we should attempt to find a way to preserve the biodiversity of agricultural ecosystems in a conscious manner, in contrast to today's preservative approach.

All information concerning the CONFERENCE will be provided in English, the official language of the conference on the following Web page: [www.florapolna.pl](http://www.florapolna.pl).

I am counting on your presence, and I politely request for a reasonably quick answer (via e-mail) concerning your interest in this proposal. Input and new ideas are very welcome.

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(chair of the Conference)