

Dear, professor Oleksandr Pavlov

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the **22th edition** of the International Conference organized by the Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics - National Research Institute. The theme of the conference will be "*The Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union – the present and the future*". The conference is organized under the third edition of the Multi-Annual Research Program. The first one, implemented in years 2005-2009, was entitled "*Economic and Social Factors Conditioning Polish Food Economy Development after Poland EU Accession*". In 2011-2014 we focused on "*Competitiveness of the Polish food economy in the conditions of globalization and European integration*". The current program being implemented in years 2015-2019 focuses on "*The Polish and the EU agricultures 2020+. Challenges, chances, threats, proposals*".

The conference will be held on **5-7 December 2017 at the Anders Hotel** (<http://www.hotelanders.pl/>) in **Stare Jablonki near Ostróda** (Warmian-Masurian Voivodeship, in northern Poland).

Common Agricultural Policy was and still is one of the key pillars of European integration. The CAP targets set in the Treaty, supplemented in a multiannual reform process by a wide catalogue of public goals, continues to be consistent and up-to-date. The European agricultural policy comprehensively addresses the challenges of competitiveness of the agri-food sector and innovative production, viability and multifunctional and sustainable rural development, food security and quality as well as concern for the environmental quality and common goods. The conference to be held by the Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute under the title "*The Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union – the present and the future*", focusing on its many achievements and experiences resulting from the implementation of the agricultural policy in the current programming period, and economic, environmental and social challenges and dilemmas facing the agri-food sector and rural areas in the 21st century, will be an important contribution to the discussion on the future of the CAP. These deliberations are a part of ongoing EU discussions and consultations on the scope of regulation and financing of the Common Agricultural Policy post-2020.

The conference focusses on the following themes:

1. Megatrends and the most important development challenges of the European and global food economy and rural areas
2. Transformations of the rural economy and programming of the rural and agricultural policy
3. Transfer of innovation in the sector of agriculture, food industry and rural economy
4. Financial and fiscal factors in the improvement of efficiency and competitiveness
5. Challenges and dilemmas for the EU budget and the CAP after 2020
6. The role of farms and agricultural enterprises in actions for sustainable development
7. Problems and barriers to achieving the aims of agricultural and rural development policy

8. CAP instruments and their adjustment to challenges at local, regional, European and global levels
9. Evolution and development perspectives for agricultural markets

Prospective authors are invited to submit full and original research papers that have not been published or submitted for consideration elsewhere. The conference papers will be published in the reviewed book series of the Multi-Annual Program after conference. The official languages during the Conference will be Polish and English, with simultaneous translation.

Important deadlines:

23th October 2017: submission of the paper abstract (up to 1000 characters, including spaces)

30th October 2017: notification of paper acceptance

February 2018: submission of full papers

May 2018: publication

We inform you that the Organizers of the Conference cover the conference fee including the cost of accommodation during the Conference. We also provide and cover the travel cost from Warsaw to the place of the Conference.

Please let us know about your ability to participate in this event using e-mail address: conference@ierigz.waw.pl or share this invitation with your friends and colleagues who may be interested.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation and we are looking forward to meeting you in Poland on the above occasion. You may find additional information about the Conference on the website of the IAFE – NRI: www.ierigz.waw.pl/conference .

Kind regards,

IAFE-NRI Organization Committee