



6th European Poultry Genetics Symposium

Bedlewo near Poznan, Poland

30th September – 2nd October 2009

Conference Centre of the Institute of Mathematics
Polish Academy of Sciences

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

www.up.poznan.pl/epgs2009

IMPORTANT DATES:

Deadline for submission of poster title:	July 15 th	2009
Deadline for early registration:	July 15 th	2009
Deadline for submission of poster abstracts:	August 31 st	2009
Deadline for full paper of invited speakers:	August 31 st	2009

Dear Colleagues and Guests,

On behalf of the Poznan Branch of Polish Society of Animal Production and Polish Branch of WPSA, it is my great pleasure and honour to invite you to participate in the 6th European Poultry Genetics Symposium of Working Group 3 “Breeding and Genetics” of the European Federation of the WPSA. The aim of this meeting is to present on going research activities and provide an update of current knowledge for people from both research institutions and industry. The main topics of the symposium are as follows:

- genetics of egg quality,
- optimal use of molecular markers,
- measures of promoting poultry genetic diversity.

A total of nine invited speakers – excellent experts – will contribute to the scientific sessions. Furthermore, in keeping with tradition, an industry session will be organized as well. There will be a poster viewing period and an oral poster presentation session in which the contributor is given an opportunity to summarize the poster contents. We hope that these proposals meet your expectations. The symposium will be held in the Conference Center of the Polish Academy of Sciences located in Bedlewo near Poznan, Poland. The village of Bedlewo became a property of the Polish aristocratic family Potocki in 1694. It is worth adding that the symposium takes place in “Wielkopolska”, a region which is the historical cradle of Polish nationality.

More information on the 6th EPGS can be found on the web-page:

www.up.poznan.pl/epgs2009 where you can also prebook.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Bedlewo, Poland, in September 2009

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 30th September 2009

10:00 Registration

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 13:30 **Opening**

13:30 – 14:15 Invited Lecture Prof. dr hab. Dr h. c. Stanisław Wężyk - *“The poultry gene resources preservation program in Poland: reasons and aims”*

14:15 – 14:45 Coffee break

14:45 – 16:45 **Session 1: Genetics of egg quality**
(chair: Ian Dunn, co-chair: Andrzej Rosinski)

Catherine Beaumont (France) - *“Salmonella shedding and egg quality”*

Johanna Vilkki (Finland) - *“ QTL for egg quality”*

Anna Wolc (Poland) - *“Genetics of hatchability- egg quality from the perspective of a chick”*

16:45 – 17:15 Coffee break

17:15 – 18:30 **Business Meeting**

19:00 - **Informal get together**

Thursday 01st October, 2009

08:30 – 10:30 **Session 2: Optimal use of molecular markers**
(chair: Michele Tixier-Boichard, co-chair: Elżbieta Michalska)

Leif Andersson (Sweden) - *“Selection signature”*

Jack Dekkers (Sweden) - *“Genomic selection for crossbred”*

DJ de Koning (UK) - *“Combining gene expression with
marker genotypes in poultry”*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 **Impact of the “EU - Broiler Directive”**
(*European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders*)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 **Workshop:** (Chair: Rudolf Preisinger)
representatives of poultry breeding industry

14:30 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:00 **Poster session 1** (Chair: Paul Hocking)

16:00 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 18:00 **Poster session 2** (Chair: Paul Hocking)

19:00 - **Dinner**

Friday, 02nd October, 2009

8:30 - 10:00 **Poster viewing and coffee**

10:00 - 12:00 **Session 3: Measures of promoting poultry genetic diversity**
(chair: Martino Cassandro and Steffen Weigend)

Henner Simianer (Germany) - *“Assessment of effective population size using molecular markers”*

Irene Hoffmann (FAO) - *“FAO perspectives on poultry genetic resources”*

Santiago Avendado (AVIAGEN) - *“Promoting poultry biodiversity by an industry perspective”*

12:00 – 12:30 Closing the symposium

12.30 -13.30 Lunch

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SYMPOSIUM VENUE

The venue is the Conference Centre of the Institute of Mathematics Polish Academy of Sciences in Bedlewo near Poznan. More details can be found on the following webpage <http://www.impan.gov.pl/EN/Bedlewo/about.html>

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Official language of the Symposium will be English without simultaneous translation.

BADGES

Your name badge will be provided at the registration desk. All participants are requested to wear the badge throughout the Symposium. Delegate and accompanying guest badge will be necessary to enter all events.

REGISTRATION DESK

The Symposium registration desk will be situated in the lobby of the Conference Centre. Registration will take place from 30th September at 10.00

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

All planned activities will take place at the Conference Centre. We are not planning any organized excursions, but if there are accompanying persons who wish to see Poznan (www.poznan.pl/mim/public/turystyka/index.html?lang=en) and some historical places near the Conference Centre (Kórnik I Rogalin http://rogalin.eu/rogalin_palace_and_oaks.htm, <http://www.kornik.pl/index.php>) transport will be provided at cost price.

VISAS

Visa is not required for EU citizens and countries listed on the web page of The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.msz.gov.pl). If you need a visa you are advised to contact the nearest Polish Embassy or Consulate at least 2 months in advance.

LETTER OF INVITATION

On behalf of the meeting, the Symposium secretariat (epgs2009@up.poznan.pl) will be pleased to send a letter of invitation to any individual requesting one. We are aware that such invitations are intended to help potential delegates to raise funds or obtain a visa to travel. No discounts or travel bursaries will be available through the Organizing committee.

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

The currency unit in Poland is Zloty (1 € is about 4.60 Zloty), but it is fluctuating. Convertible foreign currency may be exchanged at the airport, in banks and foreign exchange offices at the current daily exchange rates.

CREDIT CARDS

All major credit cards are accepted in hotels, shops and restaurants.

BANKING AND BUSINESS HOURS

Banks are generally open in Poland from 9:00 to 18:00 Monday through Saturday. You will find foreign exchange offices at airport.

Travel information

How to reach the Conference Centre in Bedlewo ?

By car: From Berlin to Bedlewo:

Take A100 towards: Dresden, Neukölln, Schönefeld

Take the exit 25 towards: Frankfurt (Oder)

Take A113 and Head towards: Frankfurt (Oder), Warsaw

Continue along: A12 / E30

Entry into Poland

Continue along: E30 / 2

Toll: 11.00 PLN

Take the exit towards: Wrocław

Continue along: E261 / 5

Pass by Komorniki

At Stęszew, Continue straight on

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit Continue along: E261 / 5 towards: Wrocław

Turn left: 431 towards: Kórnik

Arrive in Będlewo

By train: The timetables of [Polish Railways \(PKP\)](#) or [German Railways \(DB\)](#) which show all railway connections in Europe. Speciall minibus will be arranged to collect guests from the main train station in Poznan and transport them to the conference center in Bedlewo

By flight: the obvious airport is Poznan – Lawica situated 30 km from the Conference Centre in Bedlewo. Special minibus will be arranged to collect guests from the airport and transport them to the conference center in Bedlewo. See <http://www.airport-poznan.com.pl/en/>

Registration and cost

The Cost

The fee for participating is a total price that includes: accommodation for 2 nights, all meals from lunch on September 30th to lunch on October 2nd, coffee, transport: airport/railway station – Bedlewo- airport/railway station as well as proceedings and participation in the symposium.

Accompanying person is paying for accommodation in a double room and all meals.

Registration fee (before July 15, 2009):	
Regular participant	– 350 Euro
Industry	– 600 Euro
Accompanying person	– 100 Euro
Registration Fee (after July 15, 2009):	
Regular participant	– 400 Euro
Industry	– 650 Euro
Accompanying person	– 150 Euro
Extra night incl. breakfast; date: September 29/30	– 45 Euro
Extra night incl. breakfast; date: October 2/3	– 45 Euro

Registering

To register please use the web page www.up.poznan.pl/epgs2009. Then press on *Registration and cost* and then fill in the boxes according to your needs. We will soon after send you an invoice to the address you indicate.

Notification of cancellation should be sent in writing to the Symposium secretariat. Substitutions can be made at any time free of charge.

Before August 15th, the accommodation deposit will be refunded. From August 15th and before September 10th, 70 % accommodation deposit will be refunded. After September 10th, there will be no refunded. An administration fee of € 10.00 will be charged in all cases.

All refunds will be handled after the Conference.

CALL FOR POSTERS

In addition to the invited presentations, the program is open for contributions of posters, to be presented as follows:

1. The printed posters will be posted for viewing next to the lecture hall at ALL times. Authors are requested to stand next to their posters during coffee breaks, for individual discussions.
2. Three hours are devoted in the program for Poster sessions, for short oral presentation of the posters. In these oral presentations, each author will be able to use up to 4 PowerPoint slides with the highlights of her/his poster.
3. A one-page abstract will be included in the Proceedings of the Symposium.

Posters should be in portrait form and not exceed 90 cm X 120 cm

Since the oral poster presentation are integrated into the program, each interested author must notify the organizers in advance by sending a single email with the **poster's title & preliminary abstract** to Paul.Hocking@bbsrc.ac.uk (Chairperson of the posters sessions) and tomasz@jay.up.poznan.pl (the organizers) .

The deadline for this preliminary poster submission is **July 27**. Poster titles and content will be confirmed by **August 10**, and at this time their authors should have registered. Final abstract to be included in the Proceedings are to be submitted no later than **August 31**.

Outline of final poster abstract

Poster abstract (one A4 page) must be written in English, using single space Times New Roman, font size 12. A margin of 2.5 cm should be left at the bottom and top, and the right and left sides of page.

Title: Bold, Capital letter and Center alignment

One empty line

Authors: First names(s) initial (s), family name, comma between the authors, if the authors have different affiliations, after the author name give superscript number, Bold, Centered alignment

One empty line

Abstract: Text body, right justified alignment.

Keywords: Maximum 5, coma between words, Centered alignment

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References: Follow the "Notes for Contributors" of the World's Poultry Science Journal