

WELCOME TO CRACOW!

On behalf of the Polish beet growers, it is my pleasure to welcome all the participants and accompanying persons to the CIBE Congress. We are very pleased to welcome you to Poland. I hope your discussions will be fruitful.

Cracow is one of Poland's most beautiful cities. It is the centre of science, art and culture. It is here that the first Polish university was founded and where the kings of Poland are buried. Cracow is also a place where different cultures meet, which gives it a very special atmosphere, known as the "Cracow atmosphere". I hope that your discussions will be successful in this exceptional atmosphere.

You will have the opportunity to get to know our culture and traditions during your excursions. You can visit the birthplace of the great Polish Pope, John Paul II, admire the Tatra mountain, visit Wieliczka – the oldest salt mine. We will not forget to show you the rural part of Poland, in the southern region of our country. You will visit two farms near the Ropczyce sugar factory and you will have a chance to talk to our farmers.

You can visit the city, admire the Old Town, Kazimierz – a very particular place, and do not forget to taste the Polish cuisine.

**Stanisław BARNA, President of the Polish
National Beet Growers' Association
Krajowy Związek Plantatorów Buraka Cukrowego**

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MEETINGS

All the meetings will be held at
JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY
Auditorium Maximum
35 Krupnicza Str, PL - 31-123 KRAKÓW
Telephone + 48 (0)12 663 33 77 (Switchboard)
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EXCURSIONS

All the excursions will leave from Jagiellonian University (35 Krupnicza Str.) and return to the hotels or the Old Town Market Square. The departure times are precise, so make sure you board the coaches 10 minutes before the time indicated in the programme. The coaches are divided into language groups so please check before boarding that you have chosen the correct coach. The excursions are paid for separately from the payment of the Congress registration fee. You can collect the tickets corresponding to your excursion choices at Jagiellonian University, at the MAZURKAS TRAVEL Desk, during the morning of Monday 12th June.

If you have not paid for your excursion or if you have not received confirmation of your choices and payment, please contact MAZURKAS TRAVEL on arrival.

You will be asked to show your excursion tickets in order to board the coaches, so remember to take them with you.

Since the weather in Poland can be unsettled, we advise you to take an umbrella/rainwear. We recommend that you dress casually and wear comfortable shoes for all the excursions. You should also take something warm (especially if you choose the excursion to the Wieliczka Salt Mine).

NAME BADGES

We strongly recommend that you wear your name badge to facilitate the organisation of the Congress and to give you access to the receptions.

OPENING TIMES

Banks: from 10.00 to 18.00, Monday-Friday. From 10.00 to 14.00, Saturday. Closed on Sundays. Foreign exchange offices are open every day.

Shops: in the city centre, many shops are open 24 hours a day. The shopping centres are open from 10.00 to 21.00.

Chemists (Apteka): the following are open 24 hours a day: Apteka Prywatna, Krowoderska 31 Str., tel. 012 430 00 35 - Apteka Prywatna, Galla 26 Str., tel. 012 636 73 65 - Apteka CEFARM, Kalwaryjska 94 Str. - Mateczny, tel. 012 656 18 50 - Apteka CEFARM, os. Centrum A bl. 3, tel. 012 644 17 36.

Medical assistance: Medical Information 24 hours a day: tel. 012 661 22 40 – Emergency service 24 hours a day: tel. 012 424 42 00 (_azarza 14 Str.) – Doctor 24 hours a day: Falck, tel. 012 96 75, 012 639 54 01, Scanmed, tel. 012 412 36 93, Medicover, tel. 012 616 10 00 - Dentist 24 hours a day: Denta-Med, tel. 012 292 33 00 (Austia_ska 13 Str.).

Emergencies: Emergency service: 999 - Police: 997 (from a cell phone: 112) – Police Station, Central Market 29, tel. 012 615 73 17 (24 hour service) – Cracow Police Station, Old Town, Szeroka 35 Str., tel. 012 615 29 14 – Fire station: 998 - Garde: 986.

Post offices: 24 hour service: Lubicz 4 Str. (near the station) – Westerplatte 20 Str. (Mon-Fri 7.30-20.30, Saturday 8.00-14.00, Sunday and bank holidays 9.00-14.00) - Pl. Wszystkich _wi_tych 9 (Mon-Fri 8.00-20.00) – Starowi_ina 56 Str. (Mon-Fri 8.00-20.00).

Credit cards: Mastercard, JCB, American Express, Diners' Club and Visa are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

Transport: A bus or tramway ticket costs 2.50 PLN (for the day) and 5.00 PLN (for the night) – for a 24 hours ticket: 10.40 PLN – for a 48 hour ticket: 18.80 PLN – for a 72 hour ticket: 25.00 PLN. Tickets can be purchased in the kiosques, MPK shops (7.00-19.00) and from public dispensers in Cracow. Information: tel. 012 9150.

Taxis: Euro-Taxi: 012 96-64, TELETAXI: 012 9626, Taxi Lajkonik: 012 9628, ROYAL Taxi: 012 423 23 23, Radio Taxi Barbakan: 012 9661, MPT Radio Taxi: 012 647 20 42, Radio Taxi "Dwójki": 012 9622, 0-800 222 222.

Parking: There are about a dozen car parks in the centre and suburbs for 5-10 PLN/hour, 50-150 PLN/24 hours).

P R O G R A M M E

Monday 12 June 2006

Delegates

13.00–14.30

OPENING SESSION

(President: Otto von ARNOLD, Sweden)

- Welcome speech by the President of the Polish national beet growers' association (KZPBC), Stanislaw BARNAS (PL)
- Opening speech by the Polish Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development or his representative
- Speech by the President of the European sugar manufacturers' committee (CEFS), Johann MARIHART (A)
- Introductory speech by the CIBE President, Otto von ARNOLD (S)

Coffee break 14.30-15.00

15.00– 17.30

PLENARY SESSION

(President: Otto von ARNOLD, Sweden)

Report n° 1

SUGAR BEET GROWING AND SUGAR INDUSTRY IN POLAND

- 1.A The place of sugar beet in Polish agriculture at agricultural and social levels, and the beet growers' organisation,
by Kazimierz KOBZA (PL), General Secretary of the Polish national beet growers' association (KZPBC)
- 1.B Technical problems in beet growing in Poland and their solution,
by Dr. Roman KUBIAK (PL), Pfeifer & Langen Polska S.A.
- 1.C The Polish sugar industry,
by S_awomir PODLASKI (PL), Warsaw Agricultural University, Faculty of Agriculture and Biology, Department of Plant Physiology

Report n° 2

THE WORLD SUGAR MARKET AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF REFINING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN PERIMETER

by John IRELAND (GB), ED & F Man Sugar Ltd

Report n° 3

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOETHANOL IN THE WORLD AND WORLD TRADE IN BIOETHANOL

by Valérie CORRE (F), General Director of the European alcohol producers' union (UEPA)

Programme "ACCOMPANYING PERSONS"

Excursion 1

13.00–16.00: PANORAMIC VISIT OF CRACOW (by foot). **13.00:** walk from congress venue to the Old Town Market Square. The surroundings of the square have remained unchanged for almost 700 years and contain buildings of historic value such as St. Mary's Church with the famous Gothic wooden altar designed by Witt Stwosz, the Town Hall Tower, the Renaissance Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), the "Wierzynek" restaurant and the burgher's houses. Every hour, visitors can hear the bugle call to the four corners of the world from the tower of St. Mary's Church. We will stroll across the Royal Route to Wawel Hill and Wawel Castle - the former residence of Kings and Princes of Poland. Wawel Cathedral used to be a coronation scene and is the eternal resting place of the Kings of Poland. The Renaissance Sigismund Chapel, roofed with pure gold, is an absolutely unique architectural monument. **15.45:** walk back to the Old Town Market Square. **16.00:** arrival at the Old Town Market Square.

Excursion 2

12.00–17.30: VISIT OF WADOWICE (The Birthplace of Pope John Paul II) (110 km return trip). **12.00:** coach leaves congress venue. **13.00:** arrival in Wadowice - the small town 55 km out of Cracow, known as the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. **13.15:** lunch in a local restaurant. **14.00:** short sightseeing tour of Wadowice. Worth seeing are: residence of the family of Pope Karol Wojtyla, now a museum devoted to the Pope and the Basilica of the Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary and St Peter's Church built in gratitude for saving the Pope's life from the attempted assassination of 13th May 1981, at the request of Pope Wojtyla in 1999 during his second visit to Wadowice. **15.45:** visit to Bernardine complex – pilgrimage site loved by John Paul II in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska which is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. **16.45:** coach departure for Cracow. **17.30:** return to the hotels.

Delegates AND Accompanying persons

19.30–23.00

Opening reception at FOLWARK ZALESIE (30 km from Cracow). Coaches leave the hotels at 18.45. Coaches will return to the hotels every _ hour as from 21.30. Last departure at 23.00.

Tuesday 13 June 2006

Delegates

8.30–10.00

COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES COMMITTEE

(Chairman: Jan KIRSCH, Germany)

Report n°4

WTO NEGOTIATION

by Franz-Josef FEITER (D), General Secretary of COPA-COGECA

Report n° 5

THE EU SUGAR REGULATION

by a representative of DG-AGRI, EU COMMISSION

Coffee break 10.00-10.30

10.30–12.30

Report n° 6

THE FUTURE OF SUGAR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ACP COUNTRIES:

the probable effects of reform, negotiation of Economic Partnership Agreements

by Géo GOVINDEN (MU), representative in Brussels and Geneva of the Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture and Sugar Union

Report n° 7

THE PROBLEM OF SUGAR IMPORTS, PARTICULARLY FROM LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;

import conditions, rules of origin, safeguard clauses

by Roland CUNI (F), Deputy Director of the French beet growers' confederation (CGB)

12.30–14.00: Lunch on site for delegates

14.00–15.00

Report n° 8

INTERPROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO THE RESTRUCTURING EXPERIENCED BY BEET GROWERS

Discussion Panel, coordinated by Jan KIRSCH (D), Chairman of the CIBE Common Market Countries Committee

participants:

- Elaine FARRELL (IRL), Executive Secretary, IFA Sugar Beet Committee
- Wubbo WAGE (NL), Nederlandse Bieten Federatie (NBF)
- Kazimierz KOBZA (PL), General Secretary of the Polish beet growers' association (KZPBC)
- Carlo Alberto RONCARATI (I), President of the Italian beet growers' association (ANB)
- José Miguel HERRERO UGARTE (E), Technical General Secretary of the Spanish sugar beet and cane growers' association (CNECRCA)

Coffee break 15.00-15.30

15.30–18.00

COOPERATIVES COMMITTEE

Chairman: Hans-Jörg GEBHARD, Germany)

Report n° 9

DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS FOR SUGAR USED BY THE CHEMICAL AND YEAST INDUSTRIES

- Cefic opinion, by Marc VERMEULEN (B), Food Chain Manager, European Chemical Industry Council
- COFALEC opinion, by Gérard BLIN (F), President of the EU Bakery Yeast Manufacturers' Committee

Report n° 10

DEVELOPMENT OF BIOETHANOL PRODUCTION IN EUROPE. WHAT FUTURE FOR SUGAR BEET PRODUCTION?

- Fred ZELLER (D), Director of SZVG
- Daniel COLLARD (F), President of the French beet cooperatives' federation (FCB)

Report n° 11

HOW TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIOFUEL PRODUCTION IN EUROPE
by Paul HODSON (GB), DG Energy and Transport, EU COMMISSION

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Excursion 3

8.30–14.00: VISIT OF WIELICZKA SALT MINE (40 km return trip). **08.30:** coach leaves congress venue. **09.15:** arrival in Wieliczka. **09.30:** visit of Wieliczka Salt Mine. In 1978 the Wieliczka Salt Mine was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. The historic underground chambers, shafts and caverns, decorated with sculptures and carvings, are connected by 2 kilometres of passage. The chapel of Blessed Kinga is the biggest underground chapel in the world. Visitors walk down to the salt mine. The tour is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking or who suffer from claustrophobia. A lift will take visitors back up from the salt mine. **12.00:** lunch at the "Halit" restaurant. After lunch return to Cracow. **14.00:** return to the hotels.

Excursion 4

8.30–14.00: PIESKOWA SKALA CASTLE & Maczuga Herkulesa (70 km return trip). **08.30:** coach leaves congress venue. **09.15:** arrival in Jerzmanowice in the Bedkowska valley. Sightseeing of Nietoperzowa Cave (154 m long) where numerous species of bat live. **10.00:** visit of Pieskowa Ska_a – one of the most beautifully situated castles in Poland, called "the Eagle's Nest". Located in the Ojców National Park, set in an old forest, on a limestone cliff over the Pradnik River Valley, the Pieskowa Skala Castle is one of the major attractions of the Cracow area. The visitors may admire the grandeur of the scenery, white rocks topped with ruins of once magnificent strongholds, and deep gorges with refreshing greenery down below which cut through this picturesque landscape. **12.00:** lunch at the castle restaurant. **13.00:** departure for Cracow. **14.00:** return to the hotels.

Delegates and Accompanying persons

Free evening.

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Excursion 5

19.00–23.00: KAZIMIERZ DISTRICT & “Schindler’s List” TOUR. **19.00:** coach leaves congress venue. Sightseeing of Kazimierz - the best-preserved former Jewish quarter in Europe. The district is located at the foot of Wawel Hill. Every corner of Kazimierz is a witness to the history of the Polish Jews who lived here from the early Middle Ages. Nowadays it is one of the most popular districts of the city thanks to its rich tradition and the atmosphere enabling us to feel the "spirit" of its former inhabitants. Evidence of the Jewish presence includes the synagogues, the Jewish cemetery, the typical system of narrow streets, the abundance of markets, small tenements etc. It is here that Steven Spielberg shot "Schindler`s List", a multiple-Oscar winner. The tour begins with outside sightseeing of some synagogues: a neo-Romanesque synagogue called the Tempel, the Kupa Synagogue, the Isaac Synagogue, the Wysoka (High) Synagogue and the Stara (Old) Synagogue. Then we reach Szeroka street, the heart of Kazimierz, where we admire the Remuh Synagogue - the final one on the tour and it is still in use. **21.00:** dinner accompanied by Klezmer music at the “Arka Noego” restaurant. **23.00:** return to the hotels.

Wednesday 14 June 2006

Delegates

8.30–11.00

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

(Chairman: Wubbo WAGE, the Netherlands)

Report n° 12

HOW TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY AND REDUCE SUGAR BEET PRODUCTION COSTS

Discussion Panel, coordinated by Marc RICHARD-MOLARD (F), General Director of the French technical beet institute (ITB)

Participants:

- José Manuel OMAÑA ALVAREZ (E), Spanish beet research association (AIMCRA)
- Robert OLSSON (S), General Director of SBU Swedish beet research
- Jean-François MISONNE (B), General Director of the Belgian beet research institute (IRBAB)
- Bernward MÄRLÄNDER (D), IfZ, Göttingen beet research institute

Report n° 13

HARVEST MACHINERY TRIALS IN SELIGENSTADT (D), INNOVATIONS IN WORK QUALITY (TOPPING, DIRT TARE, BEET LOSSES), PRESSURE ON THE SOIL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS
by Klaus ZIEGLER (D), Director of the Franconia beet growers' association

Report n° 14

SURVEY ON PESTS AND DISEASES AND THE COST OF PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS
by Olivier HERMANN (B), Belgian beet research institute (IRBAB)

Coffee break 11.00-11.30

11.30–12.30

RECEPTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

(Chairman: Eugenio MOLINA FERNANDEZ DE MIRANDA, Spain)

Report n° 15

HOW TO MODERNISE AND REDUCE SUGAR BEET RECEPTION COSTS

Discussion Panel, coordinated by Giancarlo PENNUTI (I), Head of the beet reception control department, Italian beet growers' association (ANB)

Participants:

- Jean LEVEQUE (F), former head of the CGB technical department and of the technical beet research association (ARTB)
- Luc RIGO (B), Head of the technical department of the Belgian beet growers' association (CBB)
- Silvia MARANGONI (I), Reception control department, Italian beet growers' association (ANB)

12.30–14.00: Lunch on site for delegates

14.00–15.00

RECEPTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

(Chairman: Eugenio MOLINA FERNANDEZ DE MIRANDA, Spain)

Report n° 16

METHODOLOGY IN THE CONTROL AND VERIFICATION OF INSTRUMENTS AND THEIR EFFICIENCY IN THE COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT OF SUGAR BEET
by Giancarlo PENNUTI (I), Head of the reception control department of the Italian beet growers' association (ANB)

15.00–16.00

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

(President: Otto von ARNOLD, Sweden)

- RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, by Carlo Alberto RONCARATI (I), First Vice-President of CIBE

- RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES COMMITTEE, by Jan KIRSCH (D), Chairman of the CIBE Common Market Countries Committee

- CLOSING SPEECH, by Otto von ARNOLD (S), CIBE President

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Excursion 6

8.30–14.00: AUSCHWITZ (120 km return trip). **08.30:** coach leaves congress venue. **10.00:** arrival in O_wi_cim. Auschwitz visit - the biggest concentration camp in Poland formed by the Nazis in 1940. Known as the "death factory" where about 3 million prisoners were exterminated. Most were Jewish [90%], others were Poles, Gypsies, Russians and prisoners from 28 countries of Europe, people of all nationalities. In 1979 the concentration camp was listed a UNESCO World Culture and National Heritage Site. Projection of a documentary film. **12.30:** departure for Cracow. **14.00:** return to the hotels.

Excursion 7

8.30–14.00: WAWEL CASTLE AND COLLEGIUM MAIUS VISIT (on foot). **08.30:** depart from congress venue. **09.00:** visit of Wawel Royal Castle - the former royal residence of Poland from the 11th Century. Now it is the most popular and richest historic museum in Poland. In its 71 magnificent rooms with 7 040 sq. meters of floor space, several thousands of priceless works of art are on display. Through a tall vaulted gate we enter the Renaissance arcades of the castle courtyard. The most valuable of all the works of art in the Wawel collection are the Arras tapestries. The visit continues to the Cathedral with its royal tombs and Sigismund's Bell. **11.30:** visit of Collegium Maius, the oldest part of the Jagiellonian University and a magnificent example of late Gothic architecture, with a large courtyard and a beautiful Hall of Sessions, the seat of the University authorities. **12.30:** lunch in one of the Old Town restaurants. **14.00:** return to the Old Town Market Square.

Delegates and Accompanying persons

19.30–1.00

Closing dinner courtesy of the Polish sugar manufacturers and the Polish Sugar Beet Association at the Aviation Museum (10 km from Cracow). Coaches leave the hotels at 19.00. Coaches will return to the hotels every _ hour as from 22.30. The last departure is at 1.00.

Thursday 15 June 2006

Excursion 8:

8.30–18.30: ZAKOPANE & CHOCHO OWSKA VALLEY (240 km return trip). **08.30:** coach leaves congress venue for Zakopane - one of the best known and most visited town in Tatras - Poland's only Alpine mountains. The town is regarded as the winter capital where most of the winter sports events are held. **11.00:** tour starts with the most beautiful view over the Tatra Mountains from the top of Gubalowka Hill (1 123 m altitude), which can be reached by a funicular. Short walk on Gubalowka, then back down to visit the oldest part of Zakopane, with the characteristic highlanders' old cottages blackened by the sun. These houses and churches form the typical local wooden architecture in the so-called Zakopane style devised by Witkacy, one of Poland's most remarkable artists. Other remnants of the past, creating the local atmosphere, are magnificent colourful folk costumes and jewellery, which we will see whilst walking along Krupowki. Next visit to Tatra Style Museum in Villa Koliba. **13.15:** lunch in one of the famous regional restaurants. **14.15:** departure for the village of Chocholow - an open-air museum with well preserved examples of old wooden architecture. A visit to a local sculptor with original oscypek (sheep cheese made by the highlanders) tasting. Visitors can buy some wooden sculptures. **16.00:** departure for Cracow. **18.30:** return to the hotels.

Excursion 9

8.00–19.00: ROPCZYCE & AGRICULTURAL EXCURSION (280 km return trip).

08.00: coach leaves congress venue for Nowy Wisnicz.

09.30: on the way to Tarnów, visit of Lubomirski Castle within its fortifications in Nowy Wisnicz. The Castle combines features of defensive and residential architecture with a picturesque landscape. Today the exhibition in the castle interiors shows visitors its history as well as the process of reconstruction.

10.30: departure for Ropczyce.

12.00: short sightseeing of Ropczyce sugar plant.

13.00: visit and light meal on a farm in Ropczycka Góra (meat plant, pig farm).

14.00: visit of Jozef Watroba's farm (medium-sized farm, beet fields).

15.00: lunch on pig farm.

16.30: departure for Cracow.

19.00: return to the hotels.

Excursion 10

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15.00: departure for Cracow.

16.00: return to the hotels.

Friday 16 June 2006

Excursion 11

9.00–14.00: VISIT OF WIELICZKA SALT MINE (40 km return trip).

09.00: coach leaves congress venue.

09.45: arrival in Wieliczka.

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12.15: lunch at the “Halit” restaurant.

13.15: return to Cracow.

14.00: return to the hotels.

Excursion 12

9.00–14.15: NOWA HUTA TOUR (40 km return trip).

09.00 coach leaves congress venue for Nowa Huta.

09.30: panoramic sightseeing of the city. Immediately after World War II, when Poland, liberated by Red Army, became a part of the Soviet area of influence, the communist authorities of Cracow decided to build “a new socialist city of the working class” to create a counterbalance for this old city of bourgeoisie and intelligentsia. The city was designed in a social-realism architectural style and is the only example of this kind in Poland. The tour shows typical residential quarters of the 1950s as well as modern church architecture - the first church was built there in 1968! Until this date, the authorities refused to give permission to build it.

12.30: lunch in a local restaurant.

14.15: return to the hotels.