

25th November 2014 – First Polish Agroforestry Conference

„Agroforestry – the tool for adaptation of agriculture to climate change”

was held at the Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation in Puławy, with the financial support of Polish Academy of Sciences and State Forests National Holding and under auspices of EURAF.



Since June 2015 **Polish Agroforestry Association (OSA)** - composed of representatives of agronomy, forestry and ecology sciences, university teachers as well as social activists.

The association's goal:

-to undertake, coordinate and support initiatives related to sustainable development of rural areas

-to contribute to better links between science, economy and nature and landscape protection in Poland in the context of agroforestry systems.

Chairman – Robert Borek (IUNG, Puławy)

The seat – Puławy.

25 members (May 2016)

9th August 2015,
regional festival „Sójka Mazowiecka” (Mińsk district, near Warsaw)
- promotion of agroforestry (AF) systems among farmers.

Meeting with Polish Minister of Agriculture Marek Sawicki (on the right)



Transfer of knowledge on AF to stakeholders in PL

Promotion of agroforestry as a CC mitigation measure: 3 expert groups meetings in Warsaw (representatives of Ministry of Agriculture, researchers, NGO)

Influence on agricultural policy (R. Borek – since 2016 leader of the task on methods estimating environmental effects of CAP in terms of climate change – within the long-term ministerial programme of IUNG)

4 articles on Polish agroforestry in English (Papers on Global Change IGBP; No.22, 2015)

1 article in Polish for farmers and agricultural advisors: „The role of agroforestry systems and opportunities for their support within the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy in EU” (R.Borek, affiliated as OSA and EURAF member) In: Agricultural Advisory Issues No. 1/2016)

Transfer of knowledge on AF to stakeholders in PL (2)

Participation in the call of the Agricultural Ministry for ministerial units to propose a innovative concept to be included in the Pact for Rural Areas.

OSA as a stakeholder in SustainFARM project (FACCE JPI, since 01.03.2016)

Including agroforestry as a part of the discussions during the international conference „Bioeconomy in Agriculture” (21-22 June 2016, IUNG Puławy, Poland), organized under the Honorary Patronage of the Minister of Agriculture.