



PhD Course and Minisymposium

**The joint 5th Postgraduate Course and Minisymposium of AB-RMS,
16th Biotechnology Summer School of University of Gdansk, and
2nd Workshop of PAS and RAAS on Plant Molecular Biotechnology**

Adaptation to Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region

Contributions from Plant and Microbial Biotechnology

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Mikkeli, Finland

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**The Polish Academy of Science (PAS)
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We are pleased to welcome you to a scientific symposium and postgraduate course arranged in south-eastern Saimaa Lake district of Finland, in the town of St. Michel (Mikkeli). The conference venue is the Mikkeli University Consortium.

The aim is to highlight how the data gained via modern research in agrobiotechnology, including plant and microbial biotechnology, can be used to meet the challenges of climate change in agriculture and horticulture in the Baltic Sea region. Biotechnology-based solutions are foreseen in mitigation of negative impacts such as changes in soil microbiology, leakage of nutrients, and increasing pressure by plant diseases and insect pests. Biotechnology also provides possibilities to utilize those new opportunities which are created by the climate change.

Leading scientists of the respectively study fields and postgraduate students will present their latest data. Some applications are demonstrated in the field.





The overall schedule of will be as follows:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday, July 12	Arrival and registration	Scientific program	Settling in, get-together
Tuesday, July 13	Scientific program	Scientific program	Reception
Wednesday, July 14	Field excursion 1	Scientific program	Evening free
Thursday, July 15	Scientific program	Cultural excursion	
Friday, July 16	Scientific program	Field excursion 1	Social program
Saturday, July 17	Scientific program	Departure	

Ca. 10 rooms are available on Sunday night (July 11) for those who need to arrive the day before. After the course, accommodation is available (at a very economical cost) for those who wish to stay an extra night until Sunday, July 18.

The official web site will be launched later. The link for the official site will be added here as soon as it is launched. For information about the AB-RMS network and previous minisymposia and courses, see:

<http://www.mm.helsinki.fi/mmsbl/english/research/Kpat/AB-RMS/index.htm>

Mikkeli is easy to reach by train and express busses from Helsinki and St. Petersburg directions. Transportation by bus from and to Helsinki airport will be organised on Sunday and Friday afternoon, respectively, as needed.

Further information (click the link to move to the corresponding homepage):

- Town of St. Michel (Mikkeli): www.mikkeli.fi
- Region and its attractions: www.esavo.fi/region
- Mikkeli University Consortium: <http://www.hse.fi/EN/mikkeli/community/muc/>
- Helsinki airport: <http://www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/home>
- Finnish Railway: <http://www.vr.fi/eng/>

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