

PRESS RELEASE

1st GLOBLADIV WORKSHOP

A global view of livestock biodiversity and conservation

University of Technology and Life Sciences

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EU invested substantial effort in the investigation of livestock biodiversity, becoming a world leader in this sector. Now, European scientists carry the responsibility of disseminating this knowledge to an international audience.

GLOBALDIV is a 3 years project funded by the European Commission on AGRI-GEN RES Programme that started on March 1st, 2007. It aims at promoting the formation of international interdisciplinary groups of experts in characterization and conservation of Farm Animal Genetic Resources (FAnGR) from many different European and non-European countries.

GLOBALDIV organises open Workshops in 2009 and 2010, to update the scientific community and discuss topics related to new challenges, new technologies and new approaches to characterize and conserve genetic diversity in farm animal species.

The 2009 Workshop is held on 18-19 March 2009 in Bydgoszcz, Poland. It is organised in four sessions. The first is dedicated to the review of EU present and future initiatives in Farm animal genetic resources (FAnGR) conservation, the second to the discussion of new challenges to be faced by the livestock sector in the near future, the third on the present state of the art of technologies and strategies for FAnGR characterization and conservation, the fourth on novel and forthcoming technical opportunities. Large space is left to group discussion in parallel sessions, devoted to analyse key topics in FAnGR conservaton.

The event is free of charge but subscription is needed since the number of available places is limited. Applications are available at the Globaldiv website (URL) and should be e-mailed to elena.murelli@unicatt.it

Subscriptions are opened and will close on March 1st, 2009. information can be found at: www.globaldiv.eu