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Presentation of new educational videos on biotechnology in Poland.

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Report Highlights:

FAS Warsaw presented new educational videos on biotechnology and genetically engineered organisms in Kazimierz Dolny, Poland. Movies were premiered in Poland at the IInd International Seminar of Biotechnology Students, held 17-19.05.2013; and attended by over 60 Polish biotechnology faculty and students. At this event FAS Warsaw announced a competition for preparation of a school curriculum to accompany the biotechnology videos.

General Information:

FAS Warsaw introduced four new educational videos on biotechnology and genetically engineered organisms. The videos were premiered in Poland at the IInd International Seminar of Biotechnology Students, Kazimierz Dolny, Poland, held 17-19.05.2013; and attended by over 60 Polish biotechnology faculty and students. At this event FAS Warsaw announced a competition for preparation of a school curriculum to accompany the biotechnology videos (advertisement of the competition included below this report).



Audience of the IInd International Seminar of Biotechnology Students included biotechnology faculty and students from Universities in Lublin, Wrocław, Szczecin, Olsztyn, Warsaw, Poznań and Łódź.

FAS/Warsaw representative Jolanta Figurska introduced the four movies and announced the competition for preparation of school curriculum to accompany the films. Presentation of the movies met with good response from the audience. Several faculty members expressed interest in obtaining copies of the movies for presentation at their Universities. Several of Biotechnology Student Associations from key biotechnology centers expressed interest in participating in the proposed competition.



Senior Marketing Specialist Jolanta Figurska introduces new educational videos on biotechnology and GMO.

Four short videos, presented in a popular science documentary format, were created in the Czech Republic by FAS Prague with local Czech experts and scientists in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy Warsaw. The videos explain what biotechnology and genetically modified organisms are, and examine what their possible uses would be in the areas of agriculture, food industry and environment. The videos were designed to be suitable material for high school educators to present in biology classes.

These videos, produced by the Herafilm Company, involved several important Czech research institutes. Special thanks are conveyed to Professor Jaroslav Drobnik (1929-2012), Department of Microbiology and Genetics of the Charles University, and a founder of the [Biotrin](#) civic association, for his advocacy for this film. As an expert consultant, he contributed significantly to the educational composition of these films.

Videos are available for download at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRpvCa0RFUs>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQcrMqT-isQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMLHETNLQUY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiqvcNwGOGM>



U.S. Department of Agriculture
Competition on Development of a School Curriculum on Biotechnology
Awards Given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and 3 honorable mentions.

Cash Award amounts will be PLN 2,500, PLN 1,500 and PLN 1,000.

All Award Recipients will receive an official USDA certificate.

Competition is open to Polish Biotechnology Students.

Participants are expected to prepare:

- One Power Point presentation (**in English Language**) to accompany each of four movies.
- Each presentation should last no more than 30 minutes allowing time for a high school biology teacher to present a movie on biotechnology (about 7-9 min in length) and then present the Power Point to guide student discussion.

Winning Power Point school curriculums will be posted on internet and

Will be available free of charge to the public.

The four videos on biotechnology were premiered in Poland during the **IInd International Biotechnology Students Congress** held in Kazimierz Dolny, Poland (May 17-19, 2013).

The movies are available for download at: <http://www.biotechnology.umcs.lublin.pl/>

and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRpvCa0RFUs>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQcrMqT-isQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMLHETNLQUY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiqvcNwG0GM>

Power Point curriculums are to be submitted by **October 14, 2013** via e-mail to the following address:

AgWarsaw@fas.usda.gov

All participants will receive an e-mail confirmation of acceptance of submitted materials.

We look forward to receiving your proposals!

*Award winner will be announced on **November 25, 2013** at <http://poland.usembassy.gov/poland/agric.html>*