

GALA CEREMONY

Awards Ceremony of the 19th edition of the Dairy Cooperatives Ranking



It has become a tradition at our conference to recognize the best dairy cooperatives and managers in the dairy sector. More than 80% of Poland's dairy industry is made up of dairy cooperatives. This is a unique model that combines modernity with traditional values. Thanks to the commitment of farmers and management teams, we are witnessing the success of small, medium-sized and large cooperatives alike.

This evening, we are proud to meet the winners of the 19th edition of the Dairy Cooperatives Ranking. This is a truly special celebration for our dairy industry — a celebration of the best cooperatives, outstanding managers and the entire dairy community. It is a time when we can proudly showcase the achievements of our sector and recognize those who have distinguished themselves in a special way.

The Chair of the Jury was Alicja Łepkowska-Gołaś, Member of the Polish Parliament. From nearly 60 entities submitted for evaluation, the Jury selected the best of the best.

It is also worth noting that, for several years now, the Podlaskie Voivodeship Board has been actively supporting the dairy sector. As a partner of this conference and event, it also emphasizes the importance of this strategic sector for the Podlaskie region. On behalf of ourselves and the Marshal of the Podlaskie Voivodeship, we encourage you, the participants of this conference, to enjoy the beauty and charm of Podlaskie — a region renowned for its dairy tradition, hospitality and beautiful natural landscapes.

As every year, the winners will receive beautiful glass statuettes specially designed and handcrafted for this occasion by two artists, Agnieszka Surmacz and Joanna Sawicka, graduates of the Academy of Fine Arts in Wrocław. These small works of art will not only serve as a lasting symbol of recognition, but will also make a beautiful addition to any space. Each statuette is handcrafted from beautiful glass, combining elements of modernity and tradition.

SMALL, MEDIUM-SIZED AND LARGE COOPERATIVES

Dairy cooperatives are the driving force behind this sector. As an example of excellent cooperation between farmers and management, cooperatives represent a business model that successfully combines modernity with tradition. They form the backbone of Poland's dairy industry.

Selecting the very best among them was no easy task, as every cooperative evaluated by the Jury is unique and exceptional. Each cooperative contributes value to its local environment, creating

space not only for business, but also strengthening local communities and generating lasting value for the environment in which it operates.

GREEN SOLUTIONS ENTERPRISE

In this category, we recognize companies that implement innovative and environmentally friendly solutions — from energy savings and reducing emissions and water consumption to investments in renewable energy sources.

This award recognizes those who demonstrate that dairy production can go hand in hand with environmental responsibility.

The strategic partner of this category is the Podlaskie Voivodeship.

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS IN MILK PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING

This category recognizes technological, product and process solutions that introduce new or significantly improved approaches to milk production and processing.

The evaluation covered both new products and recipes, as well as new technologies, production processes and methods, solutions for utilizing milk components, managing by-products, and improving the quality and technological parameters of production.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LEADER

This category recognizes companies actively involved in the development of new products, technologies, processes and solutions that are important to the dairy sector.

Both activities carried out within a company's own structures and projects implemented in cooperation with external partners were taken into consideration.

LEADER IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DAIRY SECTOR

This year, an award was also presented in the field of sustainability.

This category takes a broader approach than the assessment of individual environmental projects.

The evaluation focused on the company's overall approach to environmental, social and economic issues, as well as the way in which these principles have been integrated into the organization's day-to-day operations.

EXPORT LEADER

We now move on to a category that demonstrates that Polish tradition and the highest quality know no borders.

It is time to present the award in the Export Leader category.

Today's dairy market is a global arena in which Polish cooperatives have for many years held a key position. Products made in our domestic dairy plants now reach tables across Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa, setting standards for taste, safety and reliability.

Dairy production is one of the most important and most proudly recognized sectors of the Polish economy, combining generations of tradition with world-class modernity.

Behind every market success, every innovation and the excellent reputation enjoyed by Polish dairy products both at home and abroad, there are real people.

It is their passion, daily determination and expert knowledge that build the strength of this industry.

And now, it is time to recognize outstanding individuals.

BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

For several years now, we have been delighted to see more and more women taking seats on the management boards and supervisory boards of dairy cooperatives and dairy companies.

That is why, once again this year, we will honor the Businesswoman of the Year.

This distinction is a tribute to the women of the dairy sector and an encouragement for women to take a more active role in the management of the dairy industry and to serve as role models for others.

The award recognizes the achievements and contribution of women working in dairy cooperatives and encourages other women to follow in their footsteps.

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

The Manager of the Year award goes to a person who demonstrates exceptional activity and effectiveness, possesses strong managerial potential and has a significant impact on the company's business development.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE POLISH DAIRY INDUSTRY

In every industry, there are people whose work goes far beyond their everyday responsibilities.

People whose passion, knowledge and unwavering commitment help shape the world around us.

Today, we have the honor of presenting a very special award — a Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Polish Dairy Industry.

PART II — 23rd IDCf — 9:00 PM — RETRO DELUXE PERFORMANCE

RETRO DELUXE is a five-member band that combines the elegance of retro style with the energy of contemporary popular music with remarkable ease.

The artists perform some of the world's greatest hits in their own arrangements inspired by swing, boogie-woogie and jazz, giving them a new sound filled with class and sophistication.

Their repertoire includes songs by artists such as Bruno Mars, Dua Lipa, Daft Punk, Aerosmith and many others.

Familiar melodies take on a completely new character — retaining their catchy appeal while transporting listeners back to the golden era of swing and elegant entertainment.

To give the artists time to prepare for the concert, there will be a short technical break.

We kindly ask for your patience and invite you to remain in the room.

Following the concert, we invite you to join us for the banquet.

PART III — 10:00 PM — BANQUET