

Summary of IBA work and international travel since IBA UK Conference 2016



Executive IBA strategy meeting at Windmill Hill Farm spring 2017



The vision of the international blackcurrant association

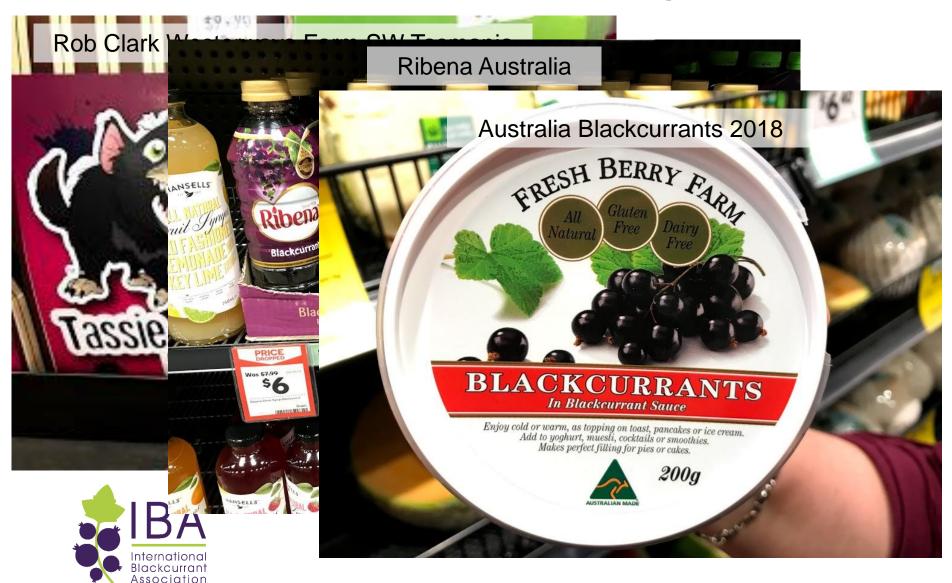
- Developing a positive relationship between the Blackcurrant growing countries of the world
- Stimulating science research institutions to investigate the health and wellness potential of blackcurrants
- Stimulating manufacturers and markets to use blackcurrants in their business development
- Educating the consumer and media about the values of "Best Berry for Life" Blackcurrants
- Improving economic returns for blackcurrant growers, by de-commoditising a global crop



Ribena open day 2017



Australian Blackcurrant products



Sri Lanka 2018



USA 2018 Greg Quinn



International Blackcurrant Association



Trip to Poland for IBA Exec 26th – 29th June 2017

16h: Meeting with Piotr Podoba (Döhler, major buyer of Polish

blackcurrants -60% of the Polish production) at Kozietuly Nowe 66 J, 05-640 Mogielnica woj. Mazowieckie Drive to Lublin (2h30)

19h30: Arrival at In Between Hotel, Panieńszczyzna 15p, 21-002 Panieńszczyzna, tel. 81





Visits together with representatives from SVZ

8h30: Departure from the hotel

9h-13h: Visit of 3 big and smaller growers around Opole (Villages: Niezabitów, Obliźniak, Karczmiska)

13h: Lunch at Restaurant Siwy Dym in Celejów near Kazimierz Dolny 15-18h: Visit of 2 big and smaller growers around Nałęczów (Village: Klementowice, Buchałowice)

19h: IBA Board meeting + AGM

In total, around 150km and 3 hours to drive.









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Wednesday 28th: Visits of farms and Weremczuk, around Lublin

8h30: Departure from the hotel

9h: Visit of a big grower around Nałeczów

10h15: Departure from the farm

11h: Visit of Weremczuk, Bełżycka 73, 24-220 Niedrzwica Duża, +48 81

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13h: Lunch at Niedrzwica Duża 15h: Visit of Piotr Barylas farm (Piotrowice Wielkie 2, 21-080 Garbów

- near Jastków) GPS: 51.335440,

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17h: return to the hotel

19h30: Dinner in a restaurant (sponsored by Bayer).

Will be present also: 1 representative of the KSPCP Board, 2 press people (Tomasz Werner – Jagodnik and Rafał Szeleźniak, Plantpress),

Miroslaw Korzeniowski (Bayer), Gerbert Dijkgraaf (SVZ)

Piotr Baryła Vice President IBA and President KSPCP



- Excellent host and Polish hospitality
- The Polish National Blackcurrant Association KSPCP in Lublin area where 50% of national crop of 100,000+ tonnes comes from
- Pioneering organisation of about 50 growers and 10% of Polish production
- Collaboration between KSPCP and Browar Stu Mostów brewery resulted in craft Salamander beer





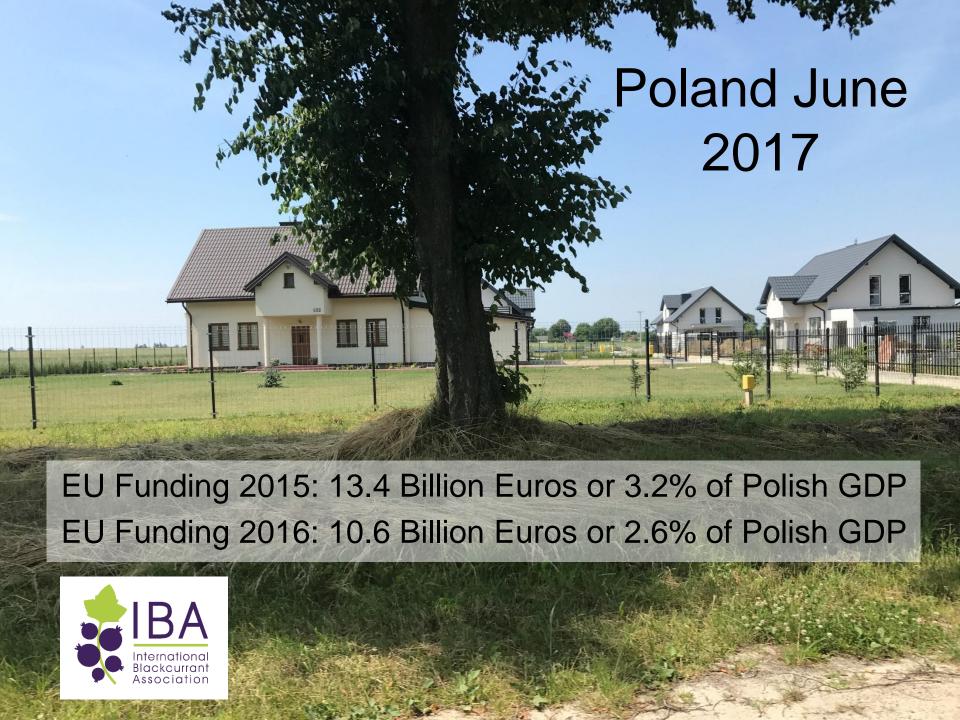
Jens Pederson (Denmark) Vice President IBA

Stefanie Sharma (France) General Manager









Polish weather Spring 2017

- 7 sharp frosts (-5°C or less) during late April flowering
- Grower Estimates: 50% loss of crop!





Poland June 2017

- 15,000 blackcurrant growers
- 50% grow a hectare or less
- 2016 production: 130,000 tonnes
- 2017 production: 100,000 tonnes (estimated 66,000)
- KSPCP cooperative 50 growers & 10% of Polish production



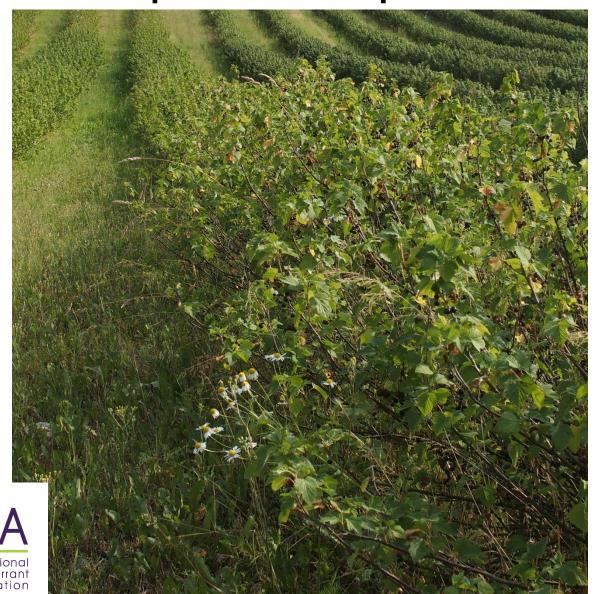


Intensive Productive Plantations

Piotr Baryła, wild flowers and Mirosław Korzeniowski (Bayer)



Low input small plantation





Polish Blackcurrant collection point



Machinery Production at Weremczuk



Polish Blackcurrant products



Summary of thoughts and messages from IBA visit to Poland 2017

- Need for more planned production, marketing and contracts
- More collaboration and cooperation between growers and processors – KSPCP excellent example
- Small growers, food safety, traceability and auditing?
- Plant Royalties who pays?
- Processors should only buy from professional growers and deduct nominal sum per tonne (€4 in UK as an example) which would be used for R&D, promotion and marketing through country organisation and IBA work



Thank you to Piotr and all involved in Polish visit

