Ladies and Gentleman,

For many centuries development of human civilization took place at the expanse of the environment. Man has not understood that his activity harms the environment. For centuries, the man did not see the negative effects of his activities. Even today some people are not convinced that eutrophication of the Baltic Sea results from economic and agricultural activities of man. Sometimes, for a farmer whose farm is located five hundred kilometers from the sea it is hard to believe that even his or hers activity contributes to the pollution of the basin located so far away.

Agriculture is a particular type of economic activity. Man can give up many industrial products for higher ideals but he cannot give up food. Limitation of pollution sources as well as control of the quality of waste water from point sources (industry, municipal activities) is easy to perform in comparison to limitation of diffuse and agricultural pollution. For improving the situation it is essential to implement various measures like new agrotechnical and water management methods and undertaking actions aiming at limitation of pollution dispersion in the environment.

We managed to tackle all these issues during the Conference. We have discussed the possibility to produce food and sustain the needs of growing population with limiting the pollution of the natural environment.

I don`t know how the situation looks in your countries but in Poland no new project can be accepted without SWOT analysis. Considering the outcomes of our conference I thought that it is worth trying to use SWOT analysis for its evaluation and the effect of my considerations is presented on the screen.

Baltic Sea countries are particularly aware of the problem of protection of water quality. We have one small sea that we want to preserve in a good state. With such a large population of the Baltic Sea region and developed agriculture, there are legitimate concerns that if we don`t care for its state, the sea will rapidly degenerate. On the other hand, our presence at today`s conference, serious engagement of numerous international scientific teams into implementation of research projects, farms of the year presented during the conference, the course of discussions let me be optimistic and say that we will manage to protect the Baltic Sea. I hope that we and our grandchildren will be able to enjoy its blue waters.

My optimism results also from the fact that today I can see the representatives of all Baltic Sea countries. The task to protect the Sea is our common challenge and responsibility. A single country is not able to do it alone but by joining our knowledge and efforts we can preserve our small but beautiful sea for future generations.

To be honest, I am not able to substantive summary the conference. But by observing the discussions and talking with many participants I can confidently say that the Conference did its job. I believe that the outcomes of today`s conference will be a kind of intellectual yeast stimulating creation of new initiatives and ideas allowing limitation of pollution transport to rivers, lakes and to the Sea.

Organization of so large and so diverse Conference is not an easy task and it demands a huge effort from a number of organizations and people. I am not able to list names of all people engaged in this task but I would like to thank all of them.

I would like to thank to the Ministers Marek Sawicki and Maciej Grabowski for their honorary patronage. It is worth to underline their support and interest in organizing this conference. It is only pity that they did not be able to join us at the Conference.

It is hard to name all the people engaged in organization of the conference but I would like to particularly thank the large “Scandinavian” team who managed to coordinate all the administrative, organizational and substantive issues. A special thanks to Kaj, who was very active as a coordinator of this Conference.

Also, I would like to thank the team from Institute of Technology and Life Sciences leaded by Izabela Lubbe, the Agricultural Advisory Center in Brwinów, branch in Radom directed by Henryk Skórnicki and WWF Poland.

As I said before, it is hard to name all the people involved in organization of the Conference but I would like to particularly thank the chairman of the conference sessions and all the moderators and lecturers. I would also like to thank our translators. I am full of admiration for their ability of simultaneous translation. Thank you very much.

But the biggest thanks go to farmers and all the participants. I hope that you do not consider the last two days that you spent in Warsaw as a waste of time.

To sum up, that is all I had to say. I now pronounce the Conference to be closed. I wish you a safe journey back home and I truly encourage the foreign guests to visit Poland again – if not for business reasons than maybe to travel and get to know our country better.

See you all at the next A Greener Agriculture for a Bluer Baltic Sea Conference next year in one of the Baltic Sea country.

SWOT ANALYSIS
Conference „Greener Agriculture for Bluer Baltic Sea”

Strong sides	Weak sides
Meeting people from all Baltic countries fighting for the Baltic Sea to be blue	Not everybody who make efforts to make the Baltic blue were able to participate in the conference
Exchange of information and ideas how to protect water quality in the Sea	Lack of discussion how to adjust the ideas to local(countries)conditions and how to implement
Prove that there is agriculture that do not threat the environment, e.g. Farmer of the Year	Not everybody was convinced about the benefits of the organic farming, there is no monitoring of nitrogen emission from farms
Prove that closer cooperation between agriculture and environment is needed as well as reaching the understanding between these parties	Not enough time to discuss the interests of agriculture and nature, sometimes use of different „languages” by the representatives of both sectors
Making sure that there is a chance to improve water quality in the Baltic Sea	Lack of knowledge when the actual improvement of water quality will occur
Having nice time while socializing and discussing scientific problems	The Conference took place far from the city center (it`s hard to „disappear” for a while to see Warsaw)

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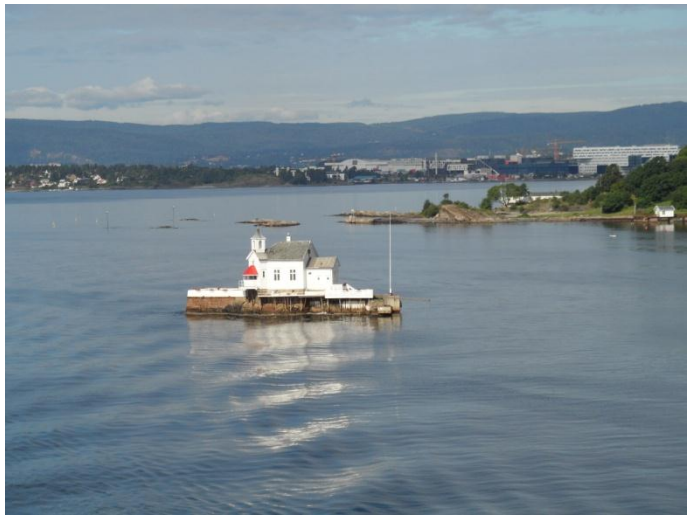
- Translators

The very most important persons

- Farmers
- All participants of the Conference

Thank you for coming to Warsaw

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