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The Agricultural University of Szczecin (AUS), a leading higher education institution in the Polish province of Western Pomerania was established in 1954 as a College of Agriculture. The teaching and the scientific interests of the university focus on issues related to widely understood agriculture and food eco-



Experimental cage site at Nowe Czarnowo (photo: S. Keszka)

nomics. The university consists of four faculties, each located in a small campus, within the city. The principal authorities are: Rector, three Pro-Rectors, four Deans, and the Senate. The first Rector was Professor Dr Marian Lityński (1954–1959) and the current head of the AUS is HM Rector Professor Dr hab. Jan Dawidowski (since 2005). Currently, the University employs 917 persons, including 463 faculty members and educates 10 000 students in 13 majors. For many agriculture professionals the AUS also constitutes the principal reference centre in the north-western Poland, issuing expert opinions and reports, providing consultations, and organising domestic and international conferences, sessions, and symposia.

The Faculty of Biotechnology and Animal Breeding specialises in different aspects of animal science and educates specialists in biotechnology, animal husbandry, biology, and agrotourism. The Faculty of Environmental Management and Agriculture is involved in plant production, focusing on environmen-



R/V NEPTUN—a rear view (photo: P. Nowakowski)

tal protection, agronomy, horticulture, agricultural and forestry engineering, as well as landscape architecture. The Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries was founded in 1951 at a university in Olsztyn, as the Fisheries Faculty, and it was subsequently moved to Szczecin. Today, it educates students in three majors – Fisheries, Food Science and Human Nutrition, and Commodity Science. The faculty operates a fish-culture experimen-



R/V NEPUN—testing fish net models (photo: K. Berest)

tal station and two research vessels. Among the graduates are hundreds of students from other countries, at least 34 of them earning PhD titles. The Faculty of Economics and Organisation of Food Economy educates students in two majors: Economics as well as Management and Marketing with the particular emphasis on the agricultural economy. Students taking cours-



R/V SNB-AR1—a sea-going fishing vessel (photo: S. Dudko)

es taught at the Agricultural University of Szczecin receive transferable credits recognized by the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) and foreign nationals have been encouraged to study at the AUS either full time or as semester abroad. The university welcomes international candidates for PhD studies.

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