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**RESOLUTION No. 7/2026
OF THE SCIENCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
of 25 February 2026**

on the evaluation of the quality of education at a doctoral school

Pursuant to Art. 259(1) and Art. 262(2) of the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended), hereinafter referred to as the “Act”, having reviewed the results of the evaluation referred to in Art. 262(1) of the Act, which was carried out by the Evaluation Team, the Science Evaluation Committee

positively evaluates the quality of education

at the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

run jointly by

the W. Szafer Institute of Botany of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
the National Research Institute of Animal Production,
the Franciszek Górski Institute of Plant Physiology of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals of the Polish Academy of Sciences
and the Institute of Nature Conservation of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

This evaluation applies to the period from 1 October 2019 to 11 May 2025.

Justification:

On 4 August 2025, W. Szafer Institute of Botany of the Polish Academy of Sciences together with the Institute of Animal Production – National Research Institute, the Franciszek Górski Institute of Plant Physiology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and the Institute of Nature Conservation of the Polish Academy of Sciences, submitted for assessment a self-evaluation report concerning the quality of education at the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences for the period from 1 October 2019 to 11 May 2025. As part of the evaluation procedure, the Evaluation Team appointed by the Chair of the Science Evaluation Committee reviewed the documentation, requested the Doctoral School to send supplements, and subsequently conducted an on-site visit to the School on 23 October 2025, during which it obtained additional information allowing for full verification of the submitted data.

The Evaluation Team stated that, during the period subject to evaluation, the educational process implemented at the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences was of high quality, coherent, and adequate to the learning outcomes at Polish Qualifications Framework level 8, and supported by well-prepared Individual Research Plans. The Doctoral School demonstrated a high level of organization, teaching, and research. Furthermore, the School demonstrated an appropriate level of interdisciplinarity, had a flexible structure, supported mobility, and introduced numerous elements of internationalization. A significant aspect of good organization at the evaluated School was the regular monitoring of progress through semester reports, adequate mechanisms for monitoring the quality of education, and responsiveness to doctoral students' needs. The academic staff, supervisors and lecturers, were high-class researchers, active both nationally and internationally. The recruitment process was transparent, fair, and effective, open to international candidates and people with disabilities. A good percentage of students who continue their education was also noted. The mid-term evaluation was reliable and transparent, and

the process itself was well-organized. Collaboration with the Doctoral Student Government was good, efficient, and collaborative, and was characterized by a rapid response to doctoral student feedback. A number of recommendations have also been formulated by Evaluation Team that can further improve the functioning of the Doctoral School and doctoral student education.

Consequently, the Evaluation Team decided to positively assess the quality of education at the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences in the period subject to evaluation.

Having examined the documentation, the Science Evaluation Committee decided as stated in the introduction.

Note:

An entity dissatisfied with the evaluation may, pursuant to Art. 262(4) of the Act, raise objections to this evaluation within 30 days from the date of delivery of this resolution.

Chair of the Science Evaluation Committee

prof. dr hab. inż. Zbigniew Kąkol

/-signed digitally/

Annex:

Evaluation report prepared by the Evaluation Team.

Copies to:

- 1) W. Szafer Institute of Botany of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- 2) National Research Institute of Animal Production
- 3) Franciszek Górski Institute of Plant Physiology of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- 4) Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- 5) Institute of Nature Conservation of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- 6) Minister of Science and Higher Education