



## The Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries

The Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries was founded—as the Fisheries Faculty—in 1951 at the Agricultural University in Olsztyn (north-eastern Poland). In 1966 it moved to the province of Western Pomerania, Poland to become one of the major units of the Agricultural University of Szczecin. For more than three decades it had been known as the Faculty of Marine Fisheries and Food Technology. *Acta Ichthyologica et Piscatoria*—an international English language scientific journal—was established under auspices of the faculty in 1970. In the new millennium the faculty assumed its present name—the Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries. In January 2009 the Agricultural University of Szczecin merged with the Szczecin Polytechnic becoming the West Pomeranian University of Technology. Today, the Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries educates students in four majors: the Fisheries, the Food Science and Human Nutrition, the Commodity Science, and the Applied

Microbiology. The faculty operates a fish-culture experimental station at Nowe Czarnowo and the Fishing-Gear Model Test Station at Ińsko. The Ińsko Station owns a unique research vessel—the catamaran *R/V NEPTUN*—designed and outfitted for testing fishing gear in the form of scaled models. Another research vessel—the trawler *R/V SNB-ARI* operates in the Pomeranian Bay. Among the graduates of the faculty are also hundreds of students from other countries, at least 34 of them earned PhD titles. Students taking courses taught at the Faculty of Food Sciences and Fisheries receive transferable credits recognized through the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). Foreign students have been encouraged to study at this faculty either full time or as a semester abroad (e.g., in the frames of the Erasmus Programme). The faculty welcomes international candidates for PhD studies and is open for international scientific cooperation. <http://www.wnozir.zut.edu.pl/>



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



*R/V NEPTUN*—testing scaled fishing nets (photo: K. Berest)



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



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



### The Societas Scientiarum Stetinensis (Scientific Society of Szczecin)—the publisher of our journal

In 2010 the Societas Scientiarum Stetinensis (Scientific Society of Szczecin or SSS) became a new publisher of our journal, *Acta Ichthyologica et Piscatoria*. The SSS was established in 1956. It consists of five Departments (I Social Sciences, II Natural and Agricultural Sciences, III Medical Sciences, IV Mathematical and Technical Sciences, and V Maritime Sciences). The principal goals of the SSS are organizing scientific meetings and conferences, publishing scientific papers, and organizing popular-science events such as the Zachodniopomorski Festiwal Nauki (West Pomeranian Popular Science Congress). The president of the SSS is prof. nadzw. dr hab. inż. Jacek A. Soroka and the Secretary General is prof. dr hab. inż. Anna Biedunkiewicz.