

**APPLICATION FORM**  
**Prof. Szczepan Aleksander Pieniążek Award**  
**XIII Edition – 2027**



**Please note! All information is and will be treated confidentially.**

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| <b>Product/ Project Title</b> |  |
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| A.1 Company Data        |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Company Name:</b>    |   |
| <b>Industry:</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection products, fertilizers, adjuvants, etc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> machines, devices, technical equipment<br><input type="checkbox"/> IT and communication tools<br><input type="checkbox"/> marketing, trade, distribution<br><input type="checkbox"/> other, what ..... |
| <b>Street &amp; No:</b> |   |
| <b>City</b>             |   |
| <b>Postal Code:</b>     |   |
| <b>tel.:</b>            |   |
| <b>e-mail:</b>          |   |
| <b>Websites:</b>        |   |
| <b>Contact Person:</b>  |   |
| <b>tel. mob.:</b>       |   |

| A.2 Applicant's Declaration   |  |                  |  |
|---|--|------------------|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am familiar with the competition rules and accept them.</li> <li>The form has been completed with due care and good faith, and all the information provided is true and correct.</li> <li>I certify that the development of the project described in this application is attributable to the above-mentioned company, and that this company consents to the submission of the project/product for participation in the competition.</li> </ul> |  |                  |  |
| <b>Date</b>   |  | <b>Signature</b> |  |

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**B.1 Short product description (max 1000 characters including spaces)**

**Current state** (characteristic of the industry, challenges, customer expectations):

**The essence of the new solution** (What problem does it solve? What needs does it meet?):

**Functionality** (design, construction, mode of operation, functions, scope of use):

**Additional Information** (e.g. specific requirements related to product use: site, location, compatible equipment, power supply, user qualifications, waste, etc.):

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Patent Application/<br>Patent                | <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES Patent/ Notification No ..... |
| Awards/ Distinctions                         | <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES .....<br>.....                |
| Certificates/ Approvals/<br>Research Results | <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES .....<br>.....<br>.....       |

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**B.2 Technological Innovation**

Please list the most important, unique, and innovative features of the product (max. 5 points)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Please list the most important benefits of using the product (unlimited number of points)

**For the user:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**For the environment and climate:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**For society:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Other:

1.

2.

3.

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**B.3 Exploitation/ Use**

**Applicability** (target groups, areas of application – potential markets):

**Restrictions of use** (legal, economic, environmental, equipment, time/ seasonal, location/ premises, qualifications, competence, other):

**Possible environmental impact and use of resources** (environmental hazards and risk mitigation, type of waste generated and its management, energy source, and water demand):

**Expected demand:**

**Applicability in other industries:**

**Competition:**

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C. Attachments in electronic form (file's names, website addresses)

Pictures:

Manuals/ Leaflets/ Commercial materials:

Films:

Presentations:

Websites:

Research results:

Other documents (patents, awards, certificates, authorisations, etc.):

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**General Information**

During the TSW 2027 Fruit and Vegetable Industry Fair, the **Prof. Szczepan A. Pieniążek Award** will be granted for the thirteen time.

The Organizer and sole owner of the rights to the competition is Oficyna Wydawnicza Oikos sp. z o.o. The Organizer obtained the written consent of the Professor's family to award prizes bearing his name in the competition.

Products, solutions, and components that meet the following requirements will be eligible to participate in the competition:

- the entity submitting the product/ service has fully and correctly filled in the application form,
- the form has been submitted at the designated place and within the deadline.
- the closing date of the applications is **December 18, 2026, by 3:00 p.m.**, the application has been paid for, or the Organizer has received a confirmation of payment of the application fee,
- the Applicant has declared that it has read these Terms and Conditions and accepts its provisions in full and without protest.

**The following criteria will be key for the evaluation:**

**Degree of technological innovation**

- progress over current technology,
- technological quality and creativity,
- a unique feature of the product compared to currently used solutions.

**Benefits for horticulture, the environment and society:**

- the benefits of using a given technological solution/ product,
- the environmental impact of the product and the features beneficial to society/ users.

**Profitability:**

- economic benefits resulting from the use of a given solution,
- anticipated demand/ markets, if any,
- the possibility of using the solution in other industries.

**In addition, the following will be relevant for the evaluation:**

- a short film or presentation showing the product in use,
- a copy of the certificate of approval for use,
- information on registered patents,
- the product presentation form/ completion of the application.

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The Competition Jury will select the winners. The competition organizer appoints **the Prof. Szczepan A. Pieniążek Competition Jury**, with the following members:

- Krzysztof Piotr Rutkowski, PhD Eng (Institute of Horticulture in Skierniewice),
- Dorota Konopacka, Prof. (Institute of Horticulture in Skierniewice),
- Grzegorz Doruchowski, PhD, DSc Eng (Institute of Horticulture in Skierniewice),
- Adam Ekielski, PhD, DSc Eng (Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Production Engineering),
- Witold Boguta (President of the National Association of Fruit and Vegetable Producer Groups),
- Mariusz Podymniak (Vice President of Hortus Media sp. z o.o.),
- Andrzej Soska, PhD (independent Orchard Advisor - Soska Consulting)
- Radosław Michał Łażny, PhD (independent Vegetable Advisor - Plon Expert)
- Jacek Kłudka (President of the Oikos Publishing House).

From among the above-mentioned persons, the members will select **the chairman of the Competition Jury**.

Co-workers and family of the Jury members are not eligible to participate in the competition.

**Three equal Professor Szczepan A. Pieniążek Awards will be granted in the competition:**

The winning company will receive:

- a statuette – the image of the Professor Szczepan A. Pieniążek Award,
- a cash prize of PLN 2000,
- the right to use the image of the prize without restriction for a period of one year in all advertising and marketing activities. The winner should provide to the Organizer (Oikos sp. z o.o. Publishing House) full information about its use each time.
- the opportunity to give a 5-minute presentation during the award ceremony.

The Competition Jury has the right to either refrain from awarding prizes or to award up to three additional distinctions.

**The Prof. Szczepan A. Pieniążek Award** will be presented during the opening ceremony of **the TSW 2027 Fair on January 14, 2027, at around 10:30 a.m.**

**Conditions of participation:**

The application form in Polish and English is available in electronic form on the organizer's website **www.tsw.pl**. The application should clearly and coherently illustrate the product and its features. The maximum length of the application is 10 A4 pages (including parts A, B and C). The application should describe the relevant technical data and the principles of the product. The relevant patents, trademarks, quality certificates should be listed in the form.

Pictures will not be counted towards the ten pages of the application form. It is preferable to submit a short film, animation or presentation illustrating how the product works. Preferred film format \*.mp4.

The TSW 2027 Fruit and Vegetable Industry Fair organizer ensures that the data provided in the application form will be made available only to the members of the Jury for the purpose of project evaluation.

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Members of the Jury are obliged to maintain secrecy – before proceeding to the deliberations of the Contest Jury, a relevant undertaking shall be made.

Notwithstanding this, we recommend that you take every precaution to protect your intellectual property rights before submitting the application form.

The competition organizer shall not be liable for any damage resulting from the infringement of the rights to the products submitted to the competition.

**A fee of PLN 1,200 net** will be charged for entering the competition. A bill will be issued upon submission of the completed application form. A company may submit any number of products or services to the competition, under condition that you fill in separate application forms for each of them and a separate competition fee is paid.

**The application form will be considered complete when:**

- Parts A to C of the application form will be completed.
- The descriptive, photographic/ video or presentation material declared in the application will be submitted.
- The legally authorised representative of the Applicant will sign Part A.2 Applicant's Declaration.

**Deadline:**

**December 18, 2026, by 3:00 pm.**

**The completed form should be sent to the following.**

e-mail address: [nagroda@tsw.pl](mailto:nagroda@tsw.pl).

Large files can be sent to the organizer's FTP server.

Please contact us to provide the necessary data for the server users.

**Contact Person:**

**Izabela Czak-Żukowska**

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or

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