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## FIELD TRIP

### Horses



FACULTY OF  
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— WULS-SGGW —

**9:00 – 10:00 Horse Clinic at Wolica. Faculty of Veterinare Medicine.**

**Company: Horse Clinic at Wolica**

**About us**

The Horse Clinics at Wolica belong to the Warsaw University of Life Sciences-SGGW. They are located in Warsaw (Ursynów District).The centre is a didactic (educational) resort. Currently, 14 horses are kept in the stables. All of them are owned by the University. The Clinics' horses are suitable for recreational rides. Horses are kept in the new well-lit stables. Animals are in the care of Clinics' employees (well educated) and volunteers. Next to the stables there are fenced paddocks, which are also used as a place for horse riding. About 20 hectares of land which is situated below the scarp is used for horse riding in the countryside.



**11:00 – 12:00 “KS CENTURION”**

**Company:**

**K.S. CENTURION - Dressage Training Center**



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### **Overview**

Starting from the 90-ties the equestrian sports has become more and more popular. The Youthful Polish economy (the fastest growth in EU), and freedom of choice are the most important factors of consumer trends. What is more, equestrianism is very much linked to Polish tradition and roots. Just around Warsaw there are over 250 stables. It means that this kind of sport is a growing market in our country.

### **Company mission**

The resort has one goal - to create optimal conditions (proper for health, rest and training) for horses.



### **Company history**

Centurion is a professional dressage training centre in Poland. It is situated in the Żabia Wola Municipality, about 35 km from Warsaw. Its origins date back to 2004. In 2006 the owners started searching for a suitable site. In August (2006) the company purchased 10 hectares of fenced fields with good soil for pasture and 1000m<sup>2</sup> big hall (which served as a store for fruits and vegetables in the past). In October 2006 the construction of the main building, the stables, hall and social facilities started. At the same time 8 hectares of paddocks for horses were prepared. The horses were introduced to the centre in May 2007. All the facilities were ready for use.

### **Facility**

- 40 comfortable boxes 3.5 x 3.5m with wooden floors, extra ventilation, windows
- Guest stable for horses coming for clinics
- Indoor arena 80x30m
- Dressage arena 60x20m, outside training arena 50x60m
- 2 lounging pens
- Covered walking machine pen
- Solarium, 3 saddle rooms, washing and storage rooms,
- Guest rooms and riders area of 350 m<sup>2</sup>
- 3 hectares of sports paddocks
- Big car park



### People, training and clinics

- 31 dressage riders in regular training (including three 9-12 year olds)
- 36 dressage horses in regular training, many of the Polish Dressage Team (Pony, Junior, YR, Senior)
- 6 trainers/professional riders based in Centurion
- 5 professional grooms
- 6 general workers



### Achievements:

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- 4 big indoor international equestrian festivals are held yearly
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**12:30 – 14:30 Stud “Opypy”**

**Company: “Opypy”**

### **About us**

Opypy is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Grodzisk Mazowiecki, within Grodzisk Mazowiecki County, Masovian Voivodeship, in east-central Poland. It lies approximately 5 kilometres (3 mi) east of Grodzisk Mazowiecki and 26 km south-west of Warsaw.



In 1997, Remigiusz Makowski founded a “Opypy” Stud which is famous from racing horses.

**16:30 – 17:30 Horse Stud “Estate AKF”**

**Company: “Estate AKF”**

### **About us**

The AKF Farm is one of the largest private studs of Arabian horses in Poland. There are 60 horses in the stud trained for horse racing but also used for horse shows. In addition the farm runs other agricultural activities (10 ha of orchards: apples, pears, hazel nuts, cherries, plumbs etc. ).

