



## Bee-keeping Skansen and Museum

The Museum is located 10 km east of Poznań on the Warsaw Route. The youngest branch of the National Museum of Agriculture and Agricultural-Food Industry in Szreniawa came into being in 1999 on the ground of the bee-keeping skansen existing since 1963. Its beehive collection was initiated by Prof. Ryszard Kostecki (Director of the Department of Useful Insect Disease Investigations - a branch of the Veterinary Institute in Puławy), who accumulated it with a great passion.

The collection of beehives accumulated for tens of years is unique in Europe. It is exhibited in the open air and shows the history of bee-keeping and apiculture developed on the Polish lands. The Heritage Museum is Europe's only collection of beehives of its kind. Its outdoor exposition has been devoted to the Polish history of beekeeping. Its beehives range from wood plank to straw varieties to hive imitations of buildings and statues. This former farm house has been adapted to house an entire display of these utility insects. The collections focus on beekeeping and silk production, solitary bees and bumblebees.