



INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
Conservation of the European bison in the Białowieża Forest
Białowieża, 25th – 27th February 2010



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w Białymstoku



Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to invite you to participate in the international scientific conference „Conservation of the European bison in the Białowieża Forest” which will take place in Białowieża, Poland, from 25th to 27th February 2010. The conference is organized as a part of the LIFE Nature Project “Bison Land – Conservation of the European bison in the Białowieża Forest”, project no. LIFE06NAT/PL/000105.

The conference is aimed at summing up the realization of the LIFE Nature project „BISON LAND - European Bison Conservation in the Białowieża Forest, Poland”. It will also help to determine a management strategy of the species and further conservation actions.

LIFE Nature project „BISON-LAND - European Bison Conservation in the Białowieża Forest, Poland” has been carried out in the area of the Białowieża Forest since 2006 and will be finished in September 2010. It is realised by the Mammal Research Institute PAS (project coordinator), the Białowieża National Park, the Regional Directorate of the State Forests in Białystok, and the Green Lungs of Poland Foundation. The project is co-financed by the European Union under the LIFE Nature programme and by the Frankfurt Zoological Society – Help for the threatened wildlife. The main purpose of the project is to assure the long-term conservation of the European bison and survival of this species. This is accomplished by practical actions aimed at increasing of the species’ range, gradual change of the management practices, and educational and information actions.

We hope that the conference will be a platform for exchange of ideas and knowledge relevant to protection and management of free-living bison populations. It should also facilitate formulation of conclusions of the project, assessment of its results as well as determination of further conservation actions. We also expect the conference to contribute to closer cooperation among people involved in the conservation of the European bison and management of free-living populations of this species in Poland and other countries. The papers presented during the conference will form a basis for a publication aimed at accumulating and promoting best practices concerning research and management focusing on the European bison.

You are warmly welcome to participate in the conference!

Prof. dr hab. Jan Marek Wójcik
Koordynator Projektu Life Kraina Żubra



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Organizational information

Place: Mammal Research Institute PAS (Zakład Badania Ssaków PAN), ul. Waszkiewicza 1, 17-230 Białowieża, phone +48-(0)85-6827750

Conference program: Please see attached

Dates:

- Opening of the conference: the 25th February 2010 at 9:00 am
- Closing of the debate part: the 26th February 2010 at 6:00 pm
- Field trip: the 27th February 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Place of lodging: Białowieski Hotel, ul. Waszkiewicza 218B, phone no.:+48-(0)85- 6812022
(map of Białowieża enclosed)

NOTE ! due to the location of the hotel in the crossborder zone the hotel is obliged to register hotel guests based on their identity documents- please take an appropriate identity document with you

Participants registration details:

- On the 24th February 2010 from 6:00 pm to 9 pm in the Białowieski Hotel
- On the 25th February 2010 from 8:00 am to 9 am at the Mammal Research Institute PAS (Zakład Badania Ssaków PAN)

Car park:

- by the Białowieski hotel—24-hour, monitored, payable individually by the participants upon the registration in the hotel (passenger car PLN 10/ a day);
- at the Mammal Research Institute PAS and in the centre of Białowieża (by the post office, the commune office and the school complex)- unguarded;

Access to the Internet:

- in the Hotel Białowieski- fast, wireless Internet access- payable individually by the participants upon the registration in the hotel;
- in the Mammal Research Institute- wireless Internet access.

Cost of participation in the conference:

The conference organizer covers costs of the conference organization, conference materials and costs of the field trips.

The participants cover costs of the lodging in the Białowieski Hotel (a place in a double room):

- 2 nights with boarding – 370 PLN (without costs of the car park)
- 3 nights with boarding – 460 PLN (without costs of the car park)



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You are kindly requested to pay the costs in advance by bank transfer into the following account:

Bank PKO BP SA I O/Hajnówka
Nr: 36 1020 1332 0000 1502 0594 8312
NATURE TRAVEL s.j.
ul. Wyszyńskiego 2/1 lok. 204
15-888 Białystok

by 15th February 2010, entering the participants' names in the transfer name box together with the following note: „Bison Conference”.

The payment made will be a confirmation of your participation in the conference.

After receiving the payment and your details in the enclosed form the Hotel Białowieski will issue an invoice for hotel service in connection with the conference “Conservation of the European bison in the Białowieża Forest”.

(Note for foreign participants: it is possible to pay costs of lodging on the day of registration in the hotel)

Please send your registration form by the 31st January 2010.

Contact persons:

Conference subject-related matters

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name and surname:			
Name of institution			
Address:			
VAT no:			
Contact:	Phone.:	fax:	e-mail:
Reservation of the accommodation:	24/25 February 2010 Yes / No	25/26 February 2010 Yes / No	26/27 February 2010 Yes / No
Please indicate options you would like to use:	<u>Boarding:</u> Supper 24 February 2010 Yes / No Lunch 27 February 2010 Yes / No	<u>Field trip:</u> 27 February 2010 Yes / No <u>Visit to the Natural History Museum:</u> 27 February 2010 Yes / No	<u>Additional night:</u> (extra 80 PLN/1 person) 27/28 February 2010 Yes / No
Invoice details, if different from the above:			
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