



## **Announcement No 1**

### **European Bison Friends Society**

**would like to invite you  
to the  
Scientific Conference**

## **100 YEARS OF WISENT RESTITUTION**

**conducted on September 6 - 8, 2023 in a hybrid mode:  
on-site in the Centre Borek (near Cracow)  
and online**

### **CONFERENCE AIM**

The conference is organized jointly with the Niepołomice Forest Inspectorate and the Warsaw University of Life Sciences under the honorary patronage of the Director General of State Forests. The goal, as every year, is to share information, both practical and research results, on the European bison. It will be the twentieth jubilee international meeting, which will take place at the Centre of Active Recreation in Borek (near Cracow).

This year's conference has a special character because it is 100 years since the establishment of the International Society for the Protection of European Bison, an organization that undertook the restitution of the species decimated during the First World War. The activity of the International Society for the Protection of European Bison, including the Polish branch, resulted in the removal of the threat of extinction of the European bison, and after many years it was possible to reintroduce the European bison to the nature. The population of the species is currently 200 times larger thanks to the joint work of many people and institutions. For this reason, we are planning a special jubilee meeting on the eve of the conference.

### **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

#### **September 6<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**

On this day, we are planning a jubilee session to celebrate the 100th anniversary. Invited speakers will present the history of the International Society for the Protection of European Bison, the European Bison Pedigree Book and the oldest breeding centers. Profiles of people thanks to whom the European bison returned to Poland will also be presented.

After the lunch, we suggest a trip to the European Bison Breeding Center in Niepołomice.

In the evening we invite you to a gala dinner.

#### **September 7<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**

We plan to hold the session in the conference room, ending with barbecue dinner.

#### **September 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**

We plan to continue our session in conference room. For those who are interested we are planning a trip to the oldest in Poland Salt Mine in Bochnia (2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.; a very attractive trip, but it takes a lot of walking, it will be payable additionally); the number of participants is limited.

A detailed program of presentations will be determined after collecting applications, and sent in a forthcoming announcement.

## PLACE OF CONFERENCE

The conference venue will be **The Centre of Active Recreation** (Borek 302, 32-765 Borek, <https://centrumborek.pl/>) and a "live" broadcast will connect those who cannot be there.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite you to present results of projects and your experiences in the form of oral presentations: standard presentation (approx. 15 slides, 15 min + 5 min discussion) or short communication (up to 5 min, so-called e-poster + 5 min discussion).

## CONFERENCE MATERIALS

Summaries of presentations in English will be published as conference materials. Please prepare summaries of a volume from 1500 to 3000 characters, containing the title, names of authors and their affiliations.

## PUBLICATION IN THE JOURNAL EUROPEAN BISON CONSERVATION NEWSLETTER [EBCN]

We encourage you to publish your papers in the 15th annual of the scientific journal **European Bison Conservation Newsletter [EBCN]**. Published papers - only in English - will be reviewed. Details on the guidelines for preparing papers can be found on the journal's website at: <http://ojs.wisent.org/index.php/czasopismo>

## DEADLINES

First registration	May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 (for people who want to submit a presentation)
Papers for publication in EBCN	June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 (final deadline)
Presentation's summaries	July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2023

## ACCOMODATION

**IMPORTANT:** Conference participants book accommodation by themselves.

In addition to the Centre of Active Recreation in Borek, we will post a list of hotels in the area on the conference website. Accommodation costs, payable individually at the hotel, are covered by the participant (can be paid by card).

## CONTACT AND SUBMISSIONS

We would like to kindly inform you that **we prefer electronic submissions** by completing the application form at <https://konferencja.smz.waw.pl/en/> . We strongly encourage you to use this application option.

Registration forms, summaries, papers please send only via mail to one of two addresses: [bison@smz.waw.pl](mailto:bison@smz.waw.pl) or [wanda\\_olech@sggw.edu.pl](mailto:wanda_olech@sggw.edu.pl)

### Organizational matters:

European Bison Friends Society, tel. +48 22 593 65 80, mail: [bison@smz.waw.pl](mailto:bison@smz.waw.pl)

### Abstracts / works / papers:

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## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FEE ON-SITE

conference materials, meals (dinner on September 6<sup>th</sup>, lunch and dinner on September 7<sup>th</sup>, lunch on September 8<sup>th</sup>, coffee breaks, translation, and rental of a conference room.

**700 PLN** persons who are not members of the EBFS,

**600 PLN** members of EBFS (the discount is valid after paying membership fees until 2022 inclusive),

**500 PLN** retirees/students.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FEE ONLINE

conference materials (sent by post), translation and broadcasting.

**150 PLN** for other participants,

**100 PLN** for EBFS members (the discount is valid after paying membership fees until 2022 inclusive),  
retirees/students.

**Kindly make your payments by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

**\* \* participants ON-SITE from abroad will have possibility to pay in cash on place**

**IMPORTANT: Cancellation free of charge until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Those who do not submit their cancellation by the deadline will be charged for their participation.**

## PAYMENT

Bank: PEKAO SA IX o-Wa

Account No: PL 56 1240 1125 1111 0010 0872 7386

Owner: Stowarzyszenie Miłośników Żubrów  
Ciszewskiego 8, 02-786 Warszawa

SWIFT No: PKOPPLPW

With the add: „Conference” and the name of the participant

**Please send your application form via the website:**

<https://konferencja.szm.waw.pl/en/> or fill up the attached one.

**If you wish to make presentation, please send the application form until the end of May 2023.**

**YOU ARE KINDLY WELCOME!**

Conference  
**100 YEARS OF WISENT RESTITUTION**  
**SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

APPLICATION FORM

Please send to: [bison@smz.waw.pl](mailto:bison@smz.waw.pl)

Name:

Family name:

Institution:

Phone No:

Mail:

Participation in the Conference:

**Which of the planned events will you attend?**

September 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	ON-SITE	ONLINE
Trip to the Salt Mine in Bochnia (payable additionally)	YES	NO
Would you like to make standard presentation (15 min)?	YES	NO
Title of presentation:		
Would you like to make short presentation (5 min)?	YES	NO
Title of presentation:		
Would you like to publish paper in European Bison Conservation Newsletter 2023?	YES	NO

Another information (eg. diet):

DATA FOR INVOICE:

By registering for the conference, I accept the provisions of the regulations and the privacy policy, available at:  
<https://konferencja.smz.waw.pl/>

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