



Announcement No 1

European Bison Friends Society

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

WISENT IN THE ROMINCKA FOREST

**conducted on September 5 - 6, 2024
at the Lupus hotel in Gołdap**

CONFERENCE AIM

The conference is organized jointly with the Gołdap Forest District and the Warsaw University of Life Sciences. The goal, as every year, is to share information, both practical and research results, on the European bison. It will be the twenty-first international meeting, which will take place at the Lupus hotel in Gołdap, a town with health resort status.

Gołdap lies on the border of three territories of former Baltic tribes: the Nadrows to the north, the Galindians to the south, and the Yotvingians to the east. From Gołdap to the east stretches the Romincka Forest, divided by the border with Russia. In the winter of 2021, after an absence of several hundred years, wisents returned to the Romincka Forest. A group of eight animals were brought from the Borecka and Knyszyńska forests and released into the wild after a few weeks of acclimatization. An adult bull from the Knyszyńska Forest decided to emigrate to neighboring Lithuania for a longer period of time, but returned last fall. The herd in the Romincka Forest, under the careful care of the Gołdap Forest District, confirms the appropriateness of the choice of place with its behavior.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

September 4th (Wednesday)

That day is scheduled for the arrival of guests and the evening meeting.

September 5th (Thursday)

The session is planned to be held in a conference room at the Lupus Hotel, ending with a gala dinner.

September 6th (Friday)

A short tour of Gołdap (Beautiful Mountain, graduation towers, a walk in the Kumiecie forest, Robinson lodging) and continuation of the meeting.

September 7th (Saturday)

We can offer those willing a day trip, including a visit to the Polish taiga and the cold pole at the tri-junction of the borders, the bridges in Stańczyki or the Wilhelm boulders. For a meal, we will stop at the place with the best "kartacze".

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

ACCESS TO GOŁDAP

Warszawa > Gołdap: bus (about 5 and a half hours).

IMPORTANT: Conference participants purchase tickets on their own.

Purchase of tickets: <https://busfor.pl/https://busradar.wl.omio.com/>.

PLACE OF CONFERENCE

The venue will be the Lupus Hotel in Gołdap, at 6 Królewiecka Street, , tel.+48 503 039 999, mail: rezerwacja@pokojehotelowegoldap.pl, <https://pokojehotelowegoldap.pl/>.

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 16th 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 at <https://konferencja.smz.waw.pl/en> under the "publication and presentations" tab.

DEADLINES

First registration	May 31 st , 2024 (for those who want to submit a presentation)
Papers for publication in EBCN	June 15 th , 2024 (final deadline)
Presentation's summaries	July 31 st , 2024

ACCOMODATION

IMPORTANT: Conference participants book accommodation by themselves. There is plenty of accommodation in Gołdap, below are examples of hotels:

1. Pokoje Hotelowe Lupus, ul. Królewiecka 6, <https://pokojehotelowegoldap.pl/>, +48 503 039 999, mail: rezerwacja@pokojehotelowegoldap.pl,
2. Hotelik Gołdap, Pl. Zwycięstwa 21, <https://hotelikgoldap.pl/>, tel.+48 530 80 55 22, mail: recepcja@hotelikgoldap.pl, the distance between hotels is about 200 m,
3. Gościniec nad Jarem, ul. Nad Jarem 2, tel. +48 603 113 181, mail: nadjarem2@wp.pl, suwalska55@wp.pl,
4. Hotel Ventus, Promenada Zdrojowa 12, <https://www.ventushotel.pl/>, tel.+48 535 592 032, mail: recepcja@ventushotel.pl, distance of about 3 km.

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 or wanda_olech@sggw.edu.pl

Organizational matters:

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

Abstracts / works / papers:

Professor Wanda Olech, tel. +48 605 095 501, mail: wanda_olech@sggw.edu.pl

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FEE

conference materials, meals (dinner on September 4th, lunch and dinner on September 5th, lunch on September 6th), coffee breaks, translation, and rental of a conference room.

650 PLN persons who are not members of the EBFS,

550 PLN members of EBFS (the discount is valid after paying membership fees until 2023 inclusive).

The cost of the tour on Saturday, September 7 will be **100 PLN** per person and will include bus transfer, entrance fees and lunch

Kindly make your payments by August 31st, 2024.

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

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

IMPORTANT: Cancellation free of charge until August 31st, 2024. Those who do not submit their cancellation by the deadline will be charged for their participation.

Please send your application form via the website:
<https://konferencja.smz.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 2024.

YOU ARE KINDLY WELCOME!

Conference
WISENT IN THE ROMINCKA FOREST
SEPTEMBER 5TH - 6TH 2024

APPLICATION FORM

Please send to: bison@smz.waw.pl

NAME:

FAMILY NAME:

INSTITUTION:

PHONE NO:

MAIL:

Would you like to make standard presentation (15 min)?

YES

NO

Presentation title:

Would you like to make short presentation (5 min)?

YES

NO

Presentation title:

Would you like to publish paper in European Bison Conservation Newsletter 2024?

YES

NO

Are you interested in a tour on September 7 (Saturday) - a one-day excursion to the Polish taiga and the cold pole, combined with a meal consisting of local Polish cuisine:?

YES

NO

ANOTHER INFORMATION (E.G. TYPE OF DIET):

DATA FOR INVOICE (INSTITUTION, ADDRESS, VAT NUMER):

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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 Signature