

Announcement No. 1



the European Bison Friends Society
in cooperation with the Kobiór Forest District
and the Pszczyna Region Development and Promotion Agency



invite you to



the scientific conference

WISENT IN PSZCZYNA LAND - 160 YEARS

which will take place on September 11 and 12, 2025

The aim of the conference

This is the twenty-second international conference dedicated to the European bison. The conference will take place in Pszczyna. This year marks the 160th anniversary of the founding of the European bison breeding center in Pszczyna, the oldest breeding enclosure in the world. In 1865, the then owner of the Pszczyna forests, Jan Henryk XI Hochberg, Prince von Pless, imported four European bison (one bull and three cows) from Białowieża in exchange for red deer. The current breeding site is the "Żubrowisko" animal reserve with the associated educational enclosures in Jankowice and Pszczyna Park.

Visits to the educational enclosures are part of our meeting, apart from the main aim of exchanging experiences and discussing problems related to the protection and breeding of European bison.

Program of the conference

We are planning four or five sessions dealing with the breeding, health and protection of the European bison. During one of the sessions a report on the activities of the international EBCC network will be presented.

- September 10 (Wednesday) is scheduled for the arrival of the guests and an evening meeting starting at 6 p.m. at **Karczma Kuban** (43-200 Goczałkowice-Zdrój, Spokojna 72),
- September 11 (Thursday) is scheduled for the conference room at the **Pszczyna Cultural Center** (43-200 Pszczyna, W. Jagiełły 1) and in the evening for a gala dinner at **Karczma Kuban**,
- September 12 (Friday) continuation of the sessions (**PCC**) and the practical part of the conference - visit to the enclosure in Pszczyna Park and the Ecological Education Center in Pszczyna-Jankowice.

After the conference, on September 13, a city walk is planned for those who would like to follow in the footsteps of the city's most famous inhabitant – Princess Daisy. A visit to the Polish Versailles, as the Hochberg Castle was called, and a hunting exhibition in the magnificent Stables are planned.

Speeches and presentations

We invite you to share your work results and experiences in the form of oral presentations, longer speeches (approx. 15 minutes) or short reports (approx. 5 minutes).

We also encourage you to publish papers in the seventeenth issue of the "European Bison Conservation Newsletter". The published scientific papers will be peer-reviewed. Details of the rules for the preparation of contributions can be found on the website of the European Bison Friends Society: konferencja.smz.waw.pl/en/ → tab: publications and presentations.

Papers in Polish or English will be published as conference proceedings with abstracts. Please prepare abstracts (approx. 1500-3000 characters) containing the title, authors' names and affiliations.

A detailed presentation program will be prepared after receipt of registrations and sent out with the next communication.

We would like to point out that we prefer electronic registrations by filling in the registration form on the website konferencja.smz.waw.pl/en/

Deadlines

First registration (for people who want to submit a presentation)	May 31st, 2025
Deadline for submission of papers for publication	June 15, 2025 (not extendable!)
Deadline for the submission of abstracts (in two languages)	July 31, 2025
Deadline for submissions without presentation	September 9, 2025

Please send your registration, papers and abstracts only in electronic form to one of the following addresses: bison@smz.waw.pl or wanda_olech@sggw.edu.pl

Venue

The conference venue is the Pszczyna Cultural Center pckul.pl/
address: 43-200 Pszczyna, W. Jagiełły 1. A parking lot is located next door.

Accommodation

Conference participants will book their own accommodation. We recommend the following hotels. For participants staying at Hotel Styl 70, we will provide transportation.

There are not many accommodation options in Pszczyna, below you will find some suggestions. Please enter the code when booking: ŻUBR.

- Hotel Styl 70 hotelstyl70.pl/
- Rooms Brovar16 www.brovar16.pl/aparthotel/
- Rooms Rynek20 (tel. +48 692020300)
- Karczma Kuban karczmakuban.pl
- AHOTEL at DK1 in Czechowice www.ahotel.com.pl/ahotel – only for drivers

Cost of the conference

The cost of the on-site conference is **PLN 650** per person who is not a member of the EBFS and **PLN 550** per member of the EBFS (the discount is subject to payment of the membership fee up to and including 2024) and includes: conference materials, meals (dinner on September 10 and 11, lunch on September 11 and 12, coffee breaks), translation.

The cost of the excursion on Saturday, September 13, is approximately PLN 50 per person and includes transportation, entrance tickets and lunch.

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

Additional information:

The nearest airports are Katowice (Pyrzowice) or Kraków (Balice) - travel from the airports to Pszczyna e.g. <https://www.busradar.com/>. Traveling by train is convenient.

We cordially invite you!

The conference
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SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2025

APPLICATION FORM

Please send to:

bison@smz.waw.pl
or wanda_olech@sggw.edu.pl

Name and family name:

Institution:

e-mail:

mobile:

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

YES

NO

Title:

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

YES

NO

Title:

**Would you like to publish paper in European Bison
Conservation Newsletter 2025:**

YES

NO

Another information (eg. diet):

Data for invoice:

Please note! Please submit your application for presentation by May 31, 2025.

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

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Signature