

Announcement No. 1



the European Bison Friends Society

in cooperation with the Dwukolý Forest District



invite you to

the scientific conference **WISENT IN ZAWKRZE LAND**

which will take place on September 10 and 11, 2026

The aim of the conference

This is the twenty-third international conference dedicated to the European bison. The conference will be held near the wisent enclosure in Krajewo, which is under the watchful and loving care of the Dwukolý Forest District. The enclosure is only two years old, but it stands out among others for its location in the Zawkrze Land. This land, bordered by the Wkra, Łydynia, and Orzyc rivers, functioned as a separate administrative unit from the second half of the 14th century until the partitions of Poland, with Szreńsk as its capital. Zawkrze Land is located in the North Mazovian Lowland, within the Mława Hills, Raciąska Plain, and Ciechanów Upland. The terrain is mostly flat with low hills, dissected by shallow river valleys.

Visit to the enclosure in Krajewo is planned as part of our meeting, in addition to the main purpose of exchanging experiences and discussing issues related to the protection and breeding of wisent.

Program of the conference

We are planning four or five sessions dealing with the breeding, health and protection of the European bison.

- September 9 (Wednesday) is scheduled for the arrival of the guests and an evening barbecue starting at 6 p.m.
- September 10 (Thursday) is scheduled for the conference session in cinema hall and evening Gala Dinner in restaurant of Recreation Center
- September 11 (Friday) continuation of the sessions and the practical part of the conference - visit to the enclosure in Krajewo.

After the conference, on September 12th (Saturday), we are planning a trip for those interested to Działdowo, Nidzica and Grunwald, during which you will be able to visit Teutonic castles and feel the historical atmosphere of the fifteenth century.

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 eighteenth 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, <https://konferencja.smz.waw.pl/> →tab: publications and presentations.

Abstracts in Polish or English will be published as conference proceedings. 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 <https://konferencja.smz.waw.pl/>

Deadlines

First registration (for people who want to submit a presentation)	May 31, 2026
Deadline for submission of papers for publication	June 15, 2026 (not extendable!)
Deadline for the submission of abstracts (in two languages)	July 31, 2026
Deadline for submissions without presentation	September 9, 2026

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 REWITA CENTER in Waplewo (<https://www.rewita.pl/obiekty/rewita-waplewo>) – address: AMW Rewita Waplewo, Maróz 2, 11-015 Olsztynek. Parking is available nearby.

Accommodation

Conference participants will book their own accommodations at the Rewita Center in Waplewo. Single (limited number) and double rooms are available.

When booking rooms, please use the code ZUBR CONFERENCE (KONFERENCJA ŻUBR). Reservations are best made by email at rezerwacje-waplewo@rewita.pl

Cost of the conference

The cost of the on-site conference is **PLN 750** per person who is not a member of the EBFS and **PLN 650** per member of the EBFS (the discount is subject to payment of the membership fee up to and including 2025) and includes: Conference materials, meals (dinner on September 9 and 10, lunch on September 10 and 11, coffee breaks), translation.

The cost of the excursion on **Saturday, September 12**, is approximately **PLN 100** 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 Warsaw (Modlin) and Warsaw (Chopin). It's best to travel to Olsztynek and take a taxi to the center. We'll provide information about train and bus connections in future announcements.

The Rewita center is located a few kilometers from the S7 expressway.

We cordially invite you!

The conference WISENT IN ZAWKRZE LAND SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2026 - WAPLEWO		
APPLICATION FORM		
<u>Please send to:</u>	konferencja@smz.waw.pl lub 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 <i>European Bison Conservation Newsletter</i> 2026:	YES	NO
Would you like to join the optional excursion on September 12 (Saturday):	YES	NO
Another information (eg. diet):		
Data for invoice:		
Please note! Please submit your application for presentation by May 31, 2026		