**ANNOUNCEMENT NO 1**

**European Bison Friends Society**

**would like to invite you**

**to the Scientific Conference**

**Wisent in the Białowieża Backwoods**

**That will be held on 5-6 September 2019**

**CONFERENCE AIM:**

The Conference would be the seventeenth in the cycle of international meetings concerning the wisent and it will be held in Białowieża, where in fall of 1929 wisents comeback after 10 years of absence. They come back to 22 ha enclosure established on the area of State Forest. From 1932, when was founded, Białowieski National Park with forest districts are taking care of wisent population.

Visiting the enclosures is a part of our meeting, besides the main aim to exchange experiences and discuss current issues in the field of conservation and breeding of European bison.

**PROGRAM:**

**September 4th**(Wednesday) is predicted for arrival and ice-breaking activities in the evening. This year the place of our meeting will be BIALOWIESKI HOTEL (https://www.hotel.bialowieza.pl/en) in Białowieża.

On Thursday **(5.09)** we plan scientific sessions in the hotel, and for the next day – Friday **(6.09)**, there are scheduled a posters session as well as trip to the wisent enclosure of the Białowieża National Park.

We plan to organize bus from Warsaw to Bialowieza (cost ca. 45 PLN) on the 4th of September afternoon.

**EXCURSION**

After the conference, on September 7th we plan, **for those who are interested**, a trip to Byerussian part of Białowieża Forest. The trip will be party on bicycles party walking. The very important is to have actual (for at leats half of year) passport.

The second trip will be organized to strictly protected part of Białowieski National Park and museum.

Costs of trips are covered separately. The cost depends on the number of interested participants.

**CALL FOR PAPERS:**

We invite you to present results of projects and your experiences in the form of oral presentations (approx. 10-15 minutes) or traditional (paper) poster.

We also would like to encourage you to publish papers or reports in the twelfth edition of „European Bison Conservation Newsletter”. Papers published in this journal – in English only - will be peer-reviewed. All details on papers' preparation can be found on the EBFS website (https://smz.waw.pl/baza\_wiedzy/wydawnictwo-smz/biuletyn/)

Summaries of oral presentations in Polish or English will be published as conference materials with abstracts. Please prepare summaries (Polish authors in two languages) of a volume from 1500 to 3000 characters, containing the title, names of authors and their affiliations.

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

**DEADLINES**

First registration **April 30th, 2019**

Papers for publication in EBCN **May 30th, 2019** (impassable !)

Presentation’s summaries **July 1th, 2019**

Registration forms, summaries, papers please send only via mail to one of two addresses: wanda\_olech@sggw.pl or magdalenamatusz1@wp.pl

**PLACE OF CONFERENCE**

the **BIAŁOWIESKI HOTEL** (Białowieża, Stoczek 218 B)

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FEE**

The conference fee for EBFS members is **370** PLN, for other participants **430** PLN. The fee includes:

* conference materials
* food service *(supper on September 4th, whole service on 5th and 6th of September)*

**PLACE and COSTS of ACCOMODATION**

Conference participants will be accommodated in two hotels: Białowieski hotel (with breakfast) and Hotel of National Park (without breakfast). Prices are as below:

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|  | Price [person per one night] |
| Type of room | Hotel Białowieski | Hotel National Park |
| Single | 243 PLN | 120 PLN |
| Double with one bed |  | 90 PLN |
| Double with two beds | 146 PLN | 65 PLN |
| Triple |  | 60 PLN |

The number of single rooms are limited

**We would like to kindly inform you that from this year both applications and the conference fee can be made online by completing the application form on the website https://smz.waw.pl/product/bialowieza-2019/**

Cancellation of ordered rooms should be reported before September 2nd (NOON). Otherwise, the participant shall bear the costs of all reservation.

**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

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| **Conference****WISENT IN THE BIAŁOWIEŻA BACKWOODS****September 5-6, 2019**  |
| **APPLICATION FORM** |
| **Please send to:** |  magdalenamatusz1@wp.pllub wanda\_olech@sggw.pl  |
| **Name:** |
| **Insitution:** |
| **phone:**  | **Mobile.** |
| **e-mail:**  |
| **Would you like to make oral presentation (10-15 min):**  | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Would you like to present poster:**  | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Would you like to publish the full text of presentation in conference proceedings:** | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Would you like publish scientific paper in Newsletter:** | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Title of presentation:** |
| **Would you like to take part in the trip to Byelorussian part of Białowieża Forest on 7th of September:** | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Would you like to take part in trip to strictly protected part of Bialowieski national Park (7th)** | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Accomodation reservation:** | **4/5 09 2019****YES / NO** | **5/6 09 2019****YES / NO** | **6/7 09 2019****YES / NO** | **7/8 09 2019****YES / NO** |
| **Room** | **Double YES / NO** | **single****YES / NO** | **triple****YES / NO** | **HOTEL** | **Białowieski** **YES / NO** | **National P.** **YES / NO** |
| **Other information: (eg. diet). Because the number of single rooms is limited please inform us about preferred roommate.** |
|  **PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE END OF APRIL 2019**  |