

Dear FEDFA members,

Many thanks to all those of you who attended the 6th International Deer Biology meeting in Prague last week. It was a great success and brilliantly organised by Ludek Bartos and his team of helpers. The FEDFA sponsorship was much appreciated.

Just to remind everyone we are invited to Goldap in North Eastern Poland for the weekend of 15th - 17th September and the programme is below. The accommodation is very economical and we do hope that as many representatives as possible will be able to attend. I am also including below an agenda for the Management Committee meeting which Tony Armitage has kindly drafted out for us. If anyone has any further points which they wish us to discuss then please can they let me know as soon as possible. My main concern is to establish a detailed questionnaire so that we can find out more about the ways in which deer farming operates in each member state. This will allow us to make useful representation to the EU when we meet in Brussels in the spring. On the Saturday morning we have a session devoted to descriptions by representatives of deer farming in their country so I hope that we can all be prepared to make short talks on that subject.

There is a 36 page edition of Deer Farming being printed this week and I will bring as many copies of this as I can to Goldap for distribution there.

Programme for the FEDFA autumn meeting in Goldap, Poland.

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Friday September 15th

1200 – 1700 arrival and registration

1730 -2045 FEDFA Management Committee Meeting at Hotel Cichy Zakatek, Goldap.

2100 Dinner

Saturday September 16th.

0800 Official opening of the conference in Goldap City Office buildings.

The history of deer farming in Poland by Prof Andrzej Malczewski

Opportunities and Threats to Polish deer farming by Secretary of the Polish Deer Farmers Association, Andrzej Karwala

Coffee break

Lectures presented by national representatives of FEDFA describing deer farming within their country

Speech from the Polish Vice Minister of Agriculture

Discussion

1230 Bus journey to Rudziewicz family farm

1300 – 2130 Garden party at the Rudziewicz family farm

2130 Return to hotel

Sunday September 17th

0830 Departure from the hotel to Wild Animal Park at Kadzidlowo

1200 Departure from Kadzidlowo to Parasitology Institute at the Research Station of the Polish Academy of Science in Kosewo Gorne

1500 Return to the hotel

AGENDA for FEDFA Management Committee meeting of Sept 15th 2006.

1. Minutes of our last MCM in Brussels 14th. March 2006.
2. Financial Report.
3. Communication within FEDFA
 - a. Status of BDFFA Magazine.
 - b. Web site.
4. Discussion and update on the Survey of Deer Farming Methods in different European Countries.
5. Report on the Australian World Congress and the Prague meeting.
6. EU news.
7. Any other Business.
8. Date and Venue of next Autumn MCM meeting.