



# **4<sup>th</sup> European Beaver Symposium**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Euro-American Beaver Congress**

**Freising, Germany, 11-14 Sep. 2006**

## **2nd Circular**

### **Invitation**

The organisers have the pleasure to invite you to the 4<sup>th</sup> European Beaver Symposium and 3<sup>rd</sup> Euro-American Beaver Congress to be held in Freising, Germany from September 11-14, 2006. The host of the Symposium is the University of Applied Science in Weihenstephan. The organisers look forward to welcome you in Germany and hope that you will enjoy your stay in Freising.

### **Background**

The 4<sup>th</sup> EBS and the 3<sup>rd</sup> EABC will bring together researchers, managers, conservationists and amateurs working on and interested in beavers around the world. The Symposium and its social events provide an excellent opportunity to share research experience and expertise, to meet friends, to develop new and closer contacts with colleagues from different countries and to hear and read about research programs, conservation plans and the status of beavers around the world.

### **Program**

The congress will cover all aspects of research on and management of beavers. We will have thematic plenary sessions on 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, a poster session on 12<sup>th</sup> afternoon, and an all-day excursion to different beaver sites on 14<sup>th</sup>.

Themes of plenary session will be organised upon submitted papers and will include: general biology and ecology, genetics impact on the ecosystem, management. We suggest to present posters to inform about the status of beaver populations.

### **Language**

The official language of the symposium will be English.

### **Photo Contest**

We will have a photo contest during the symposium. Participants can submit up to 3 photos with a size of max 30 x 45 cm.

### **THE INTERNATIONAL BEAVER SYMPOSIUM STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS**

All students working on beaver research projects are encouraged to attend and present their work at the International Beaver Symposium (4<sup>th</sup> European Beaver Symposium/3<sup>rd</sup> Euro-American Beaver Congress) to be held in Freising, Germany from 11 – 14 September. All student presentations will be eligible for evaluation and awards for outstanding research will be presented at the conclusion of the symposium.

Presentations will be evaluated on the importance of the scientific question being addressed, research methods, results and analysis, and importance of the research to beaver biology.

The awards will include a cash prize, certificate of recognition and appropriate beaver memento. The International Beaver Research Consortium sponsors these awards.

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### **Abstracts**

Abstracts should contain the information given in the presentation or the poster. Abstracts must not be longer than 250 words without sacrificing important content. Abstracts will also be published in the proceedings and should therefore be understandable as stand-alone text. It should contain a short introduction, methods, main results and conclusions.

A sample abstract is on [www.4th-ibs.org](http://www.4th-ibs.org)

### **Posters**

Posters must have A0 portrait dimension (84 x 119cm / 33x 47 inches). The university offers printing facilities at moderate costs, however we can not guarantee compatibility with all file formats. If necessary, you can mail your file in advance.

### **Proceedings**

The symposium proceedings will be published by the University of Applied Science.

We encourage speakers to submit their presentations as articles until November 31<sup>st</sup> 2006. Guidelines for authors are on [www.4th-ibs.org](http://www.4th-ibs.org). For presentations without articles, the proceedings will include the abstracts. For posters, the proceedings will include the abstracts or, if submitted in a printable version (text and picture size), a copy of the poster.

### **Travel**

Freising is located about 50 km north-east from Munich and can be reached by train, plane (airport MUC) or car. Details on how to get to the symposium site in Weihenstephan are available on [www.4th-ibs.org](http://www.4th-ibs.org).

### **Accommodation**

Participants will have to arrange their own accommodation. Freising and its vicinity offer a large number of hotels. We have also organised a low budget accommodation for about 50 participants with priority for participants from Eastern Europe and students. We have selected some hotels close to the university; you find details on [www.4th-ibs.org](http://www.4th-ibs.org)

**IMPORTANT: The pope has announced a visit to Germany at the time of the beaver symposium, he will also come to Freising. We therefore urgently recommend to book accommodation as soon as possible.**

**The Oktoberfest will start Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, if you want to visit, you should keep your rooms.**

### **Registration Fee**

Regular registration fee is EUR 150,-. Reduced registration fee for participants from Eastern Europe, for students, and for speakers is EUR 80,-. The fee includes symposium materials, abstracts, proceedings, meals at social event, excursion, lunch package during excursion, and coffee during breaks. There is an extra fee of EUR 20,- for late registration after July 15<sup>th</sup>. Refund of conference fee is only possible for participants withdrawing before August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Lodging and main meals are not included in the registration fee. We applied for support from different organisations to provide additional support for participants from Eastern Europe for registration fee and accommodation.

### **Registration Form**

The registration form is available from [www.4th-ibs.org](http://www.4th-ibs.org) as Word document. You can download it, fill it out and mail it back to [organisation@4th-ibs.org](mailto:organisation@4th-ibs.org) (preferred), or you print the form and fax the form to +49-9906-94106.

### **Registered Participants**

A list of pre-registered and registered participants is available on [www.4th-ibs.org](http://www.4th-ibs.org) for planning co-travelling and co-accommodation.

### **Deadlines**

Registration:	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2006
Abstracts	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2006
Refund of fees	August 15 <sup>th</sup> 2006
Articles	November 31 <sup>st</sup> 2006

### **Organisation website**

Please check **4th-IBS.org** for upcoming information on the organisation of the Symposium

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