



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement

Zoo Ark Warder and Zoological Gardens Berlin

# International Conference on Old Breeds

-Conservation of Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity through the  
Protection of Old Breeds-

Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026  
Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

and

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Excursion Zoo Ark Warder

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026, 11.00 – 17.30; Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

11.00 h- 12.30 h	<b>Conference Registration</b>
12.00 h- 13.00 h	<b>LUNCH (Icebreaker)</b> Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann
	<b>Opening Ceremony - Day 1</b>
13.00 h	<b>WELCOME</b> Minister President Daniel Günther Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich, Director, Zoo Ark Warder Dr. Jürgen Lange, azc Aquarium Zoo Consulting, Berlin-Tokyo <b>Speaker of the Japanese Delegation</b>
	Session: <i>Old Breeds</i>
13.30 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich</b> , Zoo Ark Warder; Germany <i>„ The Concept of Ark Warder“</i>
13.55 h	<b>Speaker Japan</b>
14.20 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Arne Ludwig</b> , Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW), Berlin; Germany <i>“Why do we need to protect Old Breeds?“</i>
14.45 h -15.15 h	<b>COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>
15.15 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich</b> , Zoo Ark Warder; Germany <i>“Humans and Livestock: A Long History of Mutual Development“</i>
15.40 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Friedhelm Taube</b> , Christian-Albrecht-University Kiel; Germany <i>“The Role of Old Breeds for Restoring Species-Rich Grasslands“</i>
16.05 h	<b>Dr. Julia Kögler</b> , Verband der Zoologischen Gärten e.V., Berlin; Germany <i>“VdZ-Project Livestock breeds in Zoos“</i>
16.30 h	<b>Johanna Küper</b> , Zoo Ark Warder; Germany <i>“Comparison of meat quality and various clinical parameters from Bentheim Black Pied and Danbred Hybrid pigs in free-range husbandry“</i>
16.55 h	<b>Dr. Takahiro Yonezawa</b> , Hiroshima University; Japan <i>“Genome analysis of Japanese Livestock“</i>
17.20 h- 17.45 h	<b>Parisa Lumsdon</b> Zoo Ark Warder; Germany, TiHo Hanover; Germany <i>“The Prevalence of Parasites and Anthelmintic Resistances in Old Sheep and Goat Breeds“</i>
19.00 h	<b>DINNER (optional)</b> Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann Invited guests Dr. Bernd Buchholz (Former Minister for Economy of Schleswig-Holstein)

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026, 10.30 – 18.15; Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

10.30 h	Opening Ceremony - Day 2
	Session: <i>Old Breeds</i>
10.30 h	Prof. Dr. Georg Thaller, Christian-Albrecht-University Kiel; Germany <i>“Local Livestock Breeds in Germany: Characterisation, Utilization and Conservation”</i>
10.55 h	Prof. Dr. Thomas Blaha, TiHo Hanover; Germany <i>“German Experiences with Using Old Breeds of Large Grazers for Conserving Nature Preserves”</i>
11.20 h	Masaru Takada, Nakijin Agu farm, Okinawa; Japan <i>“Livestock of Ryukyu Arc”</i>
11.45 h	Prof. Dr. Axel Wehrend, Justus-Liebig University Gießen; Germany, <i>“Opportunities to Promote the Husbandry of Rare Sheep and Goats Breeds”</i>
12.10 h	Prof. Dr. Natascha Meuser, Zoo Arc - Institut für Zooarchitektur gGmbH, Berlin; Germany <i>„Domestic Animal Parks – Models of a New Alliance Between Nature, Culture and the Environment “</i>
12.35 Uhr -14.00 Uhr	<b>LUNCH (optional)</b> Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann
	Session: <i>General Topics</i>
14.00 h	Prof. Dr. Claudia Klein, Friedrich-Löffler Institut Mariensee; Germany <i>„German Gene Bank for Farm Animals”</i>
14.25 h	Dr. Yoshihiro Hayashi, National Museum of Nature and Science, Tokyo; Japan <i>“Japanese Cats and Dogs”</i>
14.50 h	Dr. Stephan Hering-Hagenbeck, Tiergarten Schönbrunn, Vienna; Austria <i>„Future Challenges for Modern Zoological Gardens”</i>
15.15 h	Prof. Dr. Michael Röcken, Justus-Liebig University Gießen; Germany <i>„Flexural and Angular Deformities in Foals: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Options”</i>
15.40 h	Dr. Peter Rösner, Stiftung Louisenlund; Germany <i>“Fostering the Next Generation of Scientific Excellence – Louisenlund as a Center of Excellence for STEM Talent Development”</i>
16.05 h – 16.30 h	<b>COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>
16.30 h	Stefanie Pöpken, Animal Welfare Consultant, Bönebüttel; Germany <i>“Ark Parks: Welfare Science Framework”– From conservation to positive welfare (in heritage pigs)</i>
16.55 h	PD Dr. Ulrich Schmölcke, Leibniz-Zentrum für Archäologie Schleswig (LEIZA); Germany <i>“Kings of the Forests, Birds on the Fist, Old Breeds: Archaeological Facets of (Pre)historic Animal-Human Relationships in Europe and Japan”</i>
17.20 h	Dr. Hannes Petrischak, Sielmann Stiftung Döberitzer Heide; Germany <i>„Bison, Bees and Birds – Ecological Interactions in the Döberitzer Heide”</i>
17.45 h – 18.15 h	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich Dr. Jürgen Lange Speaker of the Japanese Delegation
19.00 h	<b>DINNER (optional)</b> Restaurant Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

## PROGRAM

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026, 10.00 – 14.00;

Excursion Zoo Ark Warder

09.30 h	<b>Departure to Zoo Ark Warder</b> Meeting Point: hotel parking lot Journey time: approx. 30 minutes
10.00 h - 12.30 h	<b>Guided Tour of Zoo Ark Warder – Meeting point: Main entrance</b> Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich and colleagues Invited Guests: Eka von Kalben (Vizepräsident of the state parliament of Schleswig-Holstein)
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>Refreshment on platform (Drinks) and Entrance “Domesticaneum” (Lunch) during the guided tour</b>
12.30 h – 13.30 h	<b>Guided tour Visitor Center: „Domesticaneum“</b> <b>Meeting point: Entrance Visitor Center</b> Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich and colleagues Invited Guests: Eka von Kalben (Vizepräsident of the state parliament of Schleswig-Holstein)





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