



LAST CALL

Zoo Ark Warder

**International Conference on Old Breeds
-Conservation of Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity through the
Protection of Old Breeds-**

**Thursday, July 2nd - Friday, July 3rd 2026
Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann**

and

**Saturday, July 4th 2026
Excursion Zoo Ark Warder**

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Thursday, July 2nd 2026, 11.00 – 17.20; Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

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| 11.00 h- 12.30 h | Conference Registration |
| 12.00 h- 13.00 h | LUNCH (Icebreaker) Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann |
| | Opening Ceremony - Day 1 |
| 13.00 h | WELCOME Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich, Director, Zoo Ark Warder Minister President Daniel Günther Shinsuke Toda, Japanischer Generalkonsul Hamburg |
| | Session: <i>Old Breeds</i> |
| 13.40 h | Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich, Zoo Ark Warder; Germany <i>„ The Concept of Ark Warder“</i> |
| 14.05 h | Prof. Dr. Arne Ludwig, Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research, Berlin; Germany <i>“Why do we need to protect Old Breeds?”</i> |
| 14.30 h | Prof. Dr. Friedhelm Taube, Christian-Albrecht-University Kiel; Germany <i>“The Role of Old Breeds for Restoring Species-Rich Grasslands”</i> |
| 14.55 h -15.15 h | COFFEE/TEA BREAK |
| 15.15 h | Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich, Zoo Ark Warder; Germany <i>“Humans and Livestock: A Long History of Mutual Development”</i> |
| 15.40 h | Dr. Julia Kögler, Verband der Zoologischen Gärten e.V., Berlin; Germany <i>“VdZ-Project Livestock breeds in Zoos”</i> |
| 16.05 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> |
| 16.30 h | Dr. Takahiro Yonezawa, Hiroshima University; Japan <i>“Genome analysis of Japanese Livestock”</i> |
| 16.55 h- 17.20 h | Parisa Lumsdon 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 | DINNER (optional) Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann Invited guests: Dr. Bernd Buchholz (Former Minister for Economy of Schleswig-Holstein) Dr. Juliane Rumpf (Former Minister for Agriculture of Schleswig-Holstein) |

Friday, July 3rd 2026, 10.30 – 18.15; Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

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| 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 | Johanna Küper , 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> |
| 12.35 Uhr - 14.00 Uhr | LUNCH (optional) 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. Stephan Hering-Hagenbeck , Tiergarten Schönbrunn, Vienna; Austria <i>„Future Challenges for Modern Zoological Gardens”</i> |
| 14.50 h | Prof. Dr. Michael Röcken , Justus-Liebig University Gießen; Germany <i>„Flexural and Angular Deformities in Foals: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Options”</i> |
| 15.15 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> |
| 15.40 h – 16.30 h | COFFEE/TEA BREAK |
| 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 | Closing Ceremony Prof. Dr. Kai Frölich Motofumi Tai , Speaker of the Japanese Delegation |

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| 19.00 h | DINNER (optional) Restaurant Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann Invited guest: Prince Alexander to Schleswig-Holstein (Member of the noble House of Schleswig-Holstein) |
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PROGRAM

Saturday, July 4th 2026, 10.00 – 14.00;

Excursion Zoo Ark Warder

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| 09.30 h | Departure to Zoo Ark Warder Meeting Point: hotel parking lot Journey time: approx. 30 minutes |
| 10.00 h - 12.30 h | Guided Tour of Zoo Ark Warder – Meeting point: Main entrance Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich and colleagues Invited Guest: Eka von Kalben (Vizepräsident of the state parliament of Schleswig-Holstein) |
| LUNCH | Refreshment on platform (Drinks) and Entrance “Domesticaneum” (Lunch) during the guided tour |
| 12.30 h – 14.00 h | Guided tour Visitor Center: „Domesticaneum“ Meeting point: Entrance Visitor Center Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich and colleagues Invited Guest: Eka von Kalben (Vizepräsident of the state parliament of Schleswig-Holstein) |





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