



**Zoo Ark Warder**

**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 – 17.20; 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> Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich, Director, Zoo Ark Warder State Secretary Joschka Knuth, Ministry for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature, State of Schleswig-Holstein Shinsuke Toda, Japanischer Generalkonsul Hamburg
	<b>Session: <i>Old Breeds</i></b>
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	<b>COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>
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	<b>DINNER (optional)</b> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026, 10.30 – 18.15; Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann**

10.30 h	<b>Opening Ceremony - Day 2</b>
	<b>Session: <i>Old Breeds</i></b>
10.30 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Georg Thaller</b> , Christian-Albrecht-University Kiel; Germany <i>“Local Livestock Breeds in Germany: Characterisation, Utilization and Conservation”</i>
10.55 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Thomas Blaha</b> , TiHo Hanover; Germany <i>“German Experiences with Using Old Breeds of Large Grazers for Conserving Nature Preserves”</i>
11.20 h	<b>Masaru Takada</b> , Nakijin Agu farm, Okinawa; Japan <i>“Livestock of Ryukyu Arc”</i>
11.45 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Axel Wehrend</b> , Justus-Liebig University Gießen; Germany, <i>“Opportunities to Promote the Husbandry of Rare Sheep and Goats Breeds”</i>
12.10 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>
12.35 Uhr - 14.00 Uhr	<b>LUNCH (optional)</b> Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann
	<b>Session: <i>General Topics</i></b>
14.00 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Claudia Klein</b> , Friedrich-Löffler Institut Mariensee; Germany <i>„German Gene Bank for Farm Animals”</i>
14.25 h	<b>Dr. Stephan Hering-Hagenbeck</b> , Tiergarten Schönbrunn, Vienna; Austria <i>„Future Challenges for Modern Zoological Gardens”</i>
14.50 h	<b>Prof. Dr. Michael Röcken</b> , Justus-Liebig University Gießen; Germany <i>„Flexural and Angular Deformities in Foals: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Options”</i>
15.15 h	<b>Dr. Peter Rösner</b> , 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	<b>COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>
16.30 h	<b>Stefanie Pöpken</b> , Animal Welfare Consultant, Bönebüttel; Germany <i>“Ark Parks: Welfare Science Framework” – From conservation to positive welfare (in heritage pigs)</i>
16.55 h	<b>PD Dr. Ulrich Schmölcke</b> , 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	<b>Dr. Hannes Petrischak</b> , 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> <b>Prof. Dr. Kai Frölich</b> <b>Motofumi Tai</b> , Speaker of the Japanese Delegation

19.00 h	<b>DINNER (optional)</b> 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 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 Guest: 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 – 14.00 h	<b>Guided tour Visitor Center: „Domesticaneum“</b> <b>Meeting point: Entrance Visitor Center</b> Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich and colleagues Invited Guest: Eka von Kalben (Vizepräsident of the state parliament of Schleswig-Holstein)





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