



## 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of International Hamster Workgroup

### 27<sup>th</sup> MIHW Announcement 2

Dear Colleagues – hamster researchers and fanciers,

We hope this message meets you in good health.

As we informed in the previous announcement, we are preparing the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Hamster Workgroup 23-25.10.2020, Jaworzno, Poland.

We admit that due to the development of the pandemic, we were already one step away from giving up the Meeting. However, observing the development of the situation in Poland and other European countries we decided to continue preparations. Currently, in Poland, international meetings of our size are already allowed with appropriate precautions. The hotels are also operating again.

However, we decided to modify the formula of the Meeting, taking into account that some people may not be able to attend the event in person (e.g. due to a state of pandemic or legal regulations in their countries). Therefore, we propose that it should be held simultaneously in 2 versions - as a meeting in the real world, in Jaworzno, but at the same time on the Internet - for those people who will not be able to come in person. In the case of a large, second wave of illness in the autumn, the possibility of which cannot be excluded, the whole Meeting can be transferred to the Internet.

We enclose a proposed preliminary draft of the programme of the Meeting. Of course, it may be subject to change – depending on the number of the final presentations and their topics.

We initially estimate that the cost of participation in the Meeting will be:

- 1) for direct participation – about EUR 200 (this includes overnight stay in double rooms, full board and all other costs, except for travel) or EUR 230 (for those who choose to stay in single rooms);
- 2) for participation via the Internet – 50 EUR (this includes licensing costs for the conference internet service and its operation and conference materials).

Efforts are ongoing to reduce these costs. Please consider these prices as indicative maximum. For example, we have managed to obtain funding of about 100 EUR for 4 authors of introductory presentations for each thematic session. We are also trying to obtain the funds that will allow the discounts for all authors of conference presentations.

We kindly ask you to fill in the preliminary registration form, available on the website at the address <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G5DP3J7>. We are aware that circumstances independent of each of us may force us to resign from participation or change its form. So these are not yet final and binding entries. However, they will help us to plan the meeting more precisely and estimate the final costs. If you are interested in participating, please complete this form by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August.

Please – send out this announcement to everyone potentially interested in attending this meeting that we may not have had on our mail list (list of participants of the previous meeting).

Yours sincerely,

Organizers of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IHW

Poznań, 28.07.2020

## Preliminary programme of the 27<sup>th</sup> MIHW, Jaworzno 2020

### Day 1 (23.10.2020)

*Until 12:00 - arrival and registration of participants*

12:00-12:15 - Official opening of the conference

12:15-13:00 - Inaugural lecture

*13:00-14:00 - lunch break*

14:00 - 16:00 - Session I (protection of hamsters - methods and effects)

*16:00 - 16:20 - coffee break*

16:20 - 18:00 - Session II (Hamster ecology and occurrence - trends and scale of change)

### Day 2 (24.10.2020)

09:30 - 11:00 - Session III (Physiology and behaviour of hamsters)

*11:00 - 11:20 - coffee break*

11:20 am - 1:00 pm - Field session I (Ecological Use Land "European Hamster in Jaworzno")

*13:00-14:00 - lunch break*

14:00 - 15:30 - Session IV (Hamster genetics and its implications for conservation planning)

*15:30 - 15:50 - coffee break*

15:50 - 17:30 - Poster session

### Day 3 (25.10.2020)

09:00 - 13:00 - Field session II (unprotected hamster sites)

*13:00 - 14:00 - lunch break*

14:00 - 15:00 - Summary discussion, closing of the Conference

This draft programme is preliminary in nature. The final programme, including topics and order of papers, will be determined by the Scientific Committee of the Meeting after receiving participants' registrations.

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