



SAVE annual meeting, Gent, Belgium, 2009

Welcome to SAVE Foundation and SAVE Network annual Meeting 2009, In collaboration with Steunpunt Levend Erfgoed, SLE





Who we are



SAVE

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- **Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe**
- **Founded in 1993 as umbrella organisation**
- **I-NGO, based in Konstanz (Constance), Germany**
- **with a project office in St.Gallen, Switzerland**

<http://www.save-foundation.net>



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- Involved in in-situ and on-farm conservation of endangered livestock breeds and cultivated plants
- Working range: EUROPE
- BoD: 16 members – 13 different countries
- Broad range of European partner organisations

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Network-Organizations:



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- Albania: AlbaGene
- Austria: VEGH, Verein zur Erhaltung gefährdeter Haustierrassen
- Belgium: Steunpunt Levend Erfgoed - Fondation Patrimoine Vivant
- Bulgaria: Semperviva Society
- Czech Republic: Geno Club
- Germany: GEDB, Gesellschaft zur Erhaltung der Dunklen Biene e.V.
GEH, Gesellschaft zur Erhaltung alter und gefährdeter
Haustierrassen
VEN, Verein zur Erhaltung der Nutzpflanzenvielfalt
- Greece: AEGILOPS, Network for Biodiversity and Ecology in
Agriculture
AMALTHIA, Greek society for conservation of rare breeds
- Ireland: ISSA, Irish Seed Savers Association
- Italy: Assoc. R.A.R.E., (Razze Autoctone a Rischio di Estinzione)
- Netherlands: SZH, Stichting Zeldzame Huisdierrassen
- Poland: Carpathian Heritage Society
- Serbia: Natura Balkanika
- Slovakia: Agro-Genofond
- Switzerland: Stiftung ProSpecieRara



Network-Organizations:



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SAVE is member of

- RARE BREEDS INTERNATIONAL and of
- IUCN (Int'l Union for Conservation of Nature), the World Conservation Union

SAVE cooperates closely with

- DAGENE (alliance of Danubian countries for genetic conservation) in Eastern Europe
- FAO, EAAP,
- and with other national NGOs for many years.



Who we are

Steunpunt Levend Erfgoed, SLE or “Focal Point for Living Heritage”

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- Belgian NGO for rare breeds of farm animals
- “Incooperated” in 1993
- Working groups for local breeds of horses, cattle, sheep and goats, rabbits and poultry, dogs.
- Designated by the Government as a breeding organisation for old breeds of sheep and goats
- Organised flock books for these breeds
- In charge of payment of European subsidies to holders of rare breeds
- Have about 1150 members



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- Publish a quarterly magazine “De ARK”
- and different booklets on species of rare breeds
- Set up in 2001 the Living Heritage Park in the Provincial domain Puyenbroeck in Wachtebeke (Province of East Flanders)
- In 2009 : 13th Living Heritage Expo (in 14 years – interrupted in 2001 because of FMD)



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Agenda Friday, August 21, 2009



- 9.00-12.00: international seminar
- 12.00: welcome speech by M. Vercamer, Provincial Deputy - aperitif – sandwich lunch
- 14.00: Closed Session – combined meeting of the Project Commission and the Council of Cooperation partners.

Discussion of SAVE project activities and suggestions/ recommendations to the Board of Directors.

- 17.00: Guided tour of Ghent, tasting local products ending with ...
- 20.00: ... a dinner of “Gentse Waterzooi”



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Agenda Saturday, August 22, 2009



- 9.30: Closed Session – Board of Directors
- 12.00: sandwich lunch
- 13.30: Bus leaves for visit to farms of local rare breeds and breeders (horses and goats) and traditional “genever” distiller
- 20.00: dinner at the “Pakhuis”



Sunday, August 23, 2009



Annual “Living Heritage Exhibition” in Wachtebeke:

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- 10.00: Bus leaves for visit of the "Living Heritage park" which is situated in the heart of the "Provincial Domain Puyenbroeck" in Wachtebeke near Ghent
- 13.00: trip back to the hotel – stop at railway station
- 13.30: end annual meeting



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International Seminar Agrobiodiversity: “Innovative Aspects for In-Situ Conservation”

August 21, 2009



Presentations



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- **Conservation in Croatia**
Dražen Cerjanec, Jasna Jeremić, Davorin Marković,
Croatian Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural
Development, State Institute for Nature Protection
- **Identification of livestock biodiversity and
conservation in the area of Banat**
Marcel Matiuti, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine,
Timisoara, Romania
- **The Milina Project**
Sergej Ivanov, SAVE Board of Directors and
Stakeholder of "Balkan Network for Agrobiodiversity"



Presentations



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- **ELBARN, 2nd year and future perspectives**
Elli Broxham, SAVE Foundation
- **Identifying and Monitoring Feral Populations**
Hape Grunenfelder, SAVE Foundation
- **Presentation of SAVE Projects by Chair of the Project Commission**
Waltraud Kugler, SAVE Foundation