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This new information sheet, a service of the SAVE Foundation, the European umbrella organization for the conservation of threatened animal breeds and cultivated plant varieties, will be issued four times a year.

Events

The international meeting of experts responsible for the breeding of the wooly pig took place with the collaboration of the VEGH in Amstetten, Austria. Representatives of breeders from Voyvodina (Serbia) and Transsylvania (Romania) invited by the SAVE Foundation were also present. This contributed enormously to enhancing the exchange of existing know-how between Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Hungary. The November '99 meeting permitted the evaluation of the current situation and problems, as well as the standardization of the breeds and the preparation of the exchange between breeds of the various populations. The breeds from Voyvodina and Transsylvania are particularly interesting for national populations threatened from inbreeding since they have not had any contact with neighbouring breeds for many generations. The meeting was supported financially by the Graf-Fabrice Foundation.

Internal news from SAVE

The annual SAVE meeting took place in Tulln, Austria on the 12-14 of November 1999. The main topics were: „new arrangements for cooperation“ and „ the new design for the SAVE Report“. In the future, SAVE should cooperate with private and semi-public institutions (for example: farm parks, nature parks, state institutes) as well as concluding project partnerships with organizations which have similar aims (for example: nature protection organizations). These partnerships are mainly project linked and do not imply participation in the second highest SAVE commission; „The Council of Cooperation Partners“. The Board of Directors approved the new design of the SAVE report. In the future the report will still be issued in three languages (e, g ,f) since it is a newspaper for a multilingual, multicultural, European organization. In the frame of the statutory rotation regulations Professor Andreas Georgoudis from the Aristoteles university in Thessaloniki, Greece has taken over the chairmanship of the SAVE Foundation for the next two year period 1999-2001.

Important dates (extract)

- 16-18 May: “International workshop on in-situ conservation of agricultural biodiversity“, Schorfheide, Brandenburg (NGO-pre-conference on GFAR 2000 in Dresden – Global forum on Agricultural Research), contact: Landesanstalt für Grossschutzgebiete, D-16205 Eberswalde-Finow. Fax: 0049-3334/58 22-199.
- 18.-20 May: „On Farm Conservation Network task force meeting“, place: Isola Polvесе, Italy; Contact: IPGRI, Rome. Fax: 0039-06/518 92 402.
- 25-30 August: “IFOAM 2000 – The World Grows Organic“ (World Conference of Organic Farming Associations): various manifestations in Basel and Zofingen, Switzerland. Contact: FIBL, CH-5070 Frick; Fax: 0041-62/865 72 73 (info: <http://www.ifoam2000.ch>).

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