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Karakachan Project Bulgaria

Thanks to a generous SAVE Sponsor, the project for the conservation of the remaining population of original Karakachan-horses and Karakachan-sheep in Bulgaria can now be financed. Our Bulgarian partner organisation Semperviva has already bought and secured 18 of the remaining 80-100 Karakachan horses. They were available for purchase in the short term, and would probably have been slaughtered if not for the intervention of Semperviva. A new nucleus-breeding group, too, is to be established with the last small black Karakachan sheep in the near future. Remaining stock will be evaluated through countrywide monitoring and, if possible, be integrated into a herd book breeding program. Both breeds are optimally adapted to the conditions of the Rhodopen-Mountains and do complement the conservation project for Karakachan shepherd dogs run by Semperviva since 1992.

Co-operation with Slow Food

Slow Food, operating from Italy, supports culinary delights. More importance is to be attached to food and drink. Slow Food respects the environment, nature and agriculture and consequently the seasons, traditions and the specific taste of food. The organisation supports high quality regional products under the title „Ark of Taste". Conservation of animal breeds and plant varieties is not directly promoted, but indirectly via the marketing of the respective products.

A co-operation between Slow Food and SAVE Foundation (with their national organisations) appears reasonable. Leading members from both organisations met on June 12, 2001 to discuss a possible co-operation. It is planned to intensify the latter on all levels (international, national and regional). Slow Food contributes its marketing know-how, SAVE and its partners the know-how about conservation breeding and products of the respective breeds and varieties.

NGO-Zoom „Fruits"

SAVE foundation has published the first version of the „NGO-Zoom Fruits". The publication is a record of all Non-Governmental Organisations in Europe who deal on a regional or countrywide level with the conservation of endangered fruit varieties. The „NGO-Zoom Fruits" does not only list the respective addresses, but describes main activities, applied conservation strategies etc. The aim is to establish a more effective net between the NGOs active in this area, to facilitate the exchange of know-how and

thus to support conservation work. In order to improve the quality of the NGO-Zoom as a networking tool, addresses of Governmental and University organisations dealing with fruit conservation for each country are listed, too. As far as known, addresses of single arboreta or important private collections are included, sorted according to countries. SAVE Foundation is hoping for numerous replies so that the next edition of the NGO-Zoom can be completed. The NGO-Zoom „Fruits" (in English language) subscribed to for 8 Euro from SAVE Foundation, Paradiesstr. 13, D-78462 Konstanz or via e-mail: office@save-foundation.net.

Change of provider

Save Foundation has changed its provider and domain-hoster at the end of June. Web sites could be transferred without problems, but e-mails caused some difficulties. No mails were lost, but an unknown number of mails were sent back. Meanwhile, the problem has been, at least partially, solved. SAVE is again accessible via the e-mail address office@save-foundation.net. However, outgoing mails still have to be sent via temporary accounts (such as this SaveNews). The Head Office hopes to be able to manage e-mail traffic regularly again soon.

Important dates (extract)

2 September: 6th Living Inheritance Expo at the 'Pontslag', Balegem part of Oosterzele, near Ghent in Flanders, Belgium. Info: E-mail: uitgeverij.martens@skynet.be

21-22 September: International expert meeting on pomology with excursions to interesting sites in Switzerland, organised by Fructus and Pro Specie Rara. Information: phone +41-62/823 50 30, E-mail: obst@psrara.org

21-24 September: Exhibition "Vegetables incognito - forgotten and unknown garden heritage"; Botanical Garden of the University Vienna, Austria; Information: info@arche-noah.at

29 October - 10 November: "International Course on Farm Animal Diversity: Dynamics, Utilization and Preservation"; Wageningen (NL); Info: International Agricultural Centre, P.O. Box 88, NL-6700 AB Wageningen. Web: <http://www.iac-agro.nl> , e-mail: training@iac.agro.nl

5-6 November: Symposium "Diversity on the Market" at Sulingen, Germany. Possibilities of the marketing of genetic resources by label production. Information: bluemlein@zadi.de; Web: http://www.zadi.de/igr/symposium_2001/ankuendigung.htm

8-10 November: International Symposium: "Managing Biodiversity in Agricultural Ecosystems"; Montreal, Canada. Info: United Nations University, Tokyo (UNU/PLEC): <http://www.unu.edu/env/plec/>

26-27 November: Biodiversité des Plantes. Collation, accessibilité de l'information et utilité; in Paris, France. Institut de la Vie, phone: +33-01.42.72.53.09

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