



Zoo Ark Warder and Zoological Gardens Berlin

**International Conference on Old Breeds
-Conservation of Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity through the
Protection of Old Breeds-**

**Thursday, July 2nd - Friday, July 3rd 2026
Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann**

and

**Saturday, July 4th 2026
Excursion Zoo Ark Warder**

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Thursday, July 2nd 2026, 12.00 – 18.15; Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

12.00 h- 13.30 h	Conference Registration
13.00 h- 14.00 h	LUNCH (Icebreaker) Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann
	Opening Ceremony - Day 1
14.00 h	WELCOME Minister President Daniel Günther Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich, Director, Zoo Ark Warder Dr. Jürgen Lange, azc Aquarium Zoo Consulting, Berlin-Tokyo Speaker of the Japanese Delegation
	Session: <i>Old Breeds</i>
14.30 h	Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich, Zoo Ark Warder; Germany <i>„The Concept of Ark Warder“</i>
14.55 h	Speaker Japan
15.20 h	Prof. Dr. Arne Ludwig, Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW), Berlin; Germany <i>“Why do we need to protect Old Breeds?”</i>
15.45 h -16.10 h	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
16.10 h	Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich, Zoo Ark Warder; Germany <i>“Humans and Livestock: A Long History of Mutual Development”</i>
16.35 h	Dr. Julia Kögler, Verband der Zoologischen Gärten e.V., Berlin; Germany <i>“VdZ-Project Livestock breeds in Zoos”</i>
17.00 h	Prof. Dr. Friedhelm Taube, Christian-Albrecht-University Kiel; Germany <i>“The Role of Old Breeds for Restoring Species-Rich Grasslands”</i>
17.25 h	Speaker Japan
17.50 h – 18.15 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>
19.00 h	DINNER (optional) Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann Invited guests Dr. Bernd Buchholz (Former Minister for Economy of Schleswig-Holstein)

Friday, July 3rd 2026, 10.30 – 18.15; Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

10.30 h	Opening Ceremony - Day 2
	Session: <i>Old Breeds</i>
10.30 h	Prof. Dr. Thomas Blaha , TiHo Hanover; Germany <i>“German Experiences with Using Old Breeds of Large Grazers for Conserving Nature Preserves”</i>
10.55 h	Prof. Dr. Axel Wehrend , Justus-Liebig University Gießen; Germany, <i>“Opportunities to Promote the Husbandry of Rare Sheep and Goats Breeds”</i>
11.20 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>
11.45 h	Prof. Dr. Georg Thaller , Christian-Albrecht-University Kiel; Germany <i>“Local Livestock Breeds in Germany: Characterisation, Utilization and Conservation”</i>
12.10 h	PD Dr. Ulrich Schmölcke , 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>
12.35 Uhr -14.00 Uhr	LUNCH (optional) Restaurant, Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann
	Session: <i>General Topics</i>
14.00 h	Dr. Stephan Hering-Hagenbeck , Tiergarten Schönbrunn, Vienna; Austria <i>„Future Challenges for Modern Zoological Gardens“</i>
14.25 h	Prof. Dr. Claudia Klein , Friedrich-Löffler Institut Mariensee; Germany <i>„German Gene Bank for Farm Animals“</i>
14.50 h	Speaker Japan
15.15 h	Prof. Dr. Michael Röcken , Justus-Liebig University Gießen; Germany <i>„Flexural and Angular Deformities in Foals: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Options“</i>
15.40 h	Dr. Peter Rösner , Stiftung Louisenlund; Germany <i>“Fostering the Next Generation of Scientific Excellence – Louisenlund as a Center of Excellence for STEM Talent Development”</i>
16.05 h – 16.30 h	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
16.30 h	Dr. Hannes Petrischak , Sielmann Stiftung Döberitzer Heide; Germany <i>„Bison, Bees and Birds – Ecological Interactions in the Döberitzer Heide“</i>
16.55 h	Dr. Rasem Baban , Tierpark Hellabrunn, München; Germany
17.20 h	Speaker Japan
17.45 h – 18.15 h	Closing Ceremony Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich Dr. Jürgen Lange Speaker of the Japanese Delegation
19.00 h	DINNER (optional) Restaurant Romantik Hotel Kieler Kaufmann

PROGRAM

Saturday, July 4th 2026, 10.00 – 14.00;

Excursion Zoo Ark Warder

09.30 h	Departure to Zoo Ark Warder Meeting Point: hotel parking lot Journey time: approx. 30 minutes
10.00 h - 12.30 h	Guided Tour of Zoo Ark Warder – Meeting point: Main entrance Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich and colleagues
LUNCH	Refreshment on platform (Packed Lunch & Drinks) during the guided park tour
12.30 h – 13.30 h	Guided tour Visitor Center: „Domesticaneum“ Meeting point: Entrance Visitor Center Prof. Dr. Dr. Kai Frölich and colleagues Invited Guests: Cornelia Schmachtenberg (Minister for Agriculture of Schleswig-Holstein) Kristina Herbst (President of the state parliament of Schleswig-Holstein)





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