

WORLD SIMMENTAL FLECKVIEH CONGRESS AUSTRIA 2022

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Fleckvieh Changes

robust – efficient – sustainable





**Dear leaders and breeders around the world,
dear members of the extended Fleckvieh family!**

On behalf of Fleckvieh Austria and the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation, we are excited to announce that Austria will host two outstanding events this year, the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress and the National Fleckvieh Show.

A grand showcase at just the right time

After more than 25 years, the time has finally come again, as Austria will once more host the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress from August 30 to September 4, 2022. The main conference venue is the Parkhotel Schönbrunn in Vienna. This means that the first part of the congress (from Tuesday to Friday) will also take place in and around Vienna. We will then move on to Linz and Freistadt, where we will present the country's best and most beautiful Fleckvieh cows to a national and international audience at the National Fleckvieh Show during the weekend of September 3 and 4. An elite auction and the next edition of the FleckScore World Cup are planned for Saturday evening.

For our international guests, especially for those from the more distant parts of Europe and from other continents, we are organizing a post-conference Agrotour to different regions in Austria. Until September 8, our guests will have the opportunity to visit other leading Fleckvieh breeding farms. In addition, Austria's culture and nature will also feature prominently.

What do we want to show to the world?

As the country with the largest number of Fleckvieh in proportion to its country-specific breed composition, Austria is on the path to success. We have seen positive developments in almost all our breeding parameters. Major progress has been made in the performance of the animals, which was and is an important factor for the international visibility of Fleckvieh from Austria. At the same time, the breed's core strengths in udder health, fertility and robustness have been maintained through economically sound weighting of the total merit index.

Fleckvieh – dual-purpose in perfection

Its suitability for dual-purpose use is the breed's true trump card. The ability to combine milk and meat in one pure-bred animal is an economic aspect that clearly speaks in favor of Fleckvieh. The option of using animals that are not needed for breeding to produce high-quality beef is part of the solution to today's challenges of sustainability and environmental efficiency. The fact that the promotion of dual-purpose cattle and poultry has, for the first time, also become government policy in Austria, confirms that the Fleckvieh breed is on the right track in terms of public perception.

As the host country of the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress, our aim is to demonstrate the economic and ecological advantages of our Fleckvieh. At the same time, the focus will also be on global megatrends and their impact on cattle breeding and agriculture as a whole.

On the one hand, global challenges such as digitalization and the associated accelerated development of new technologies are now being felt across all sectors. On the other hand, the climate impact of cattle is currently the subject of heated public debates.

By choosing "**Fleckvieh Changes**" as the motto of the congress, we want to show that we are not only aware of the challenges, but that we can also offer convincing answers. Fleckvieh is changing the world of cattle, as it enables dairy farming with robust, pure-bred cows and is the most eco-efficient form of livestock production.

The Austrian Way – Fleckvieh Changes!

On average, the Austrian Fleckvieh cow produces more than four calves in her lifetime. Fleckvieh thus leads the international rankings of cattle breeds in terms of longevity, sustainability and efficiency.

And with genomic selection, we have a modern tool for cattle breeding at our disposal. Our consistent efforts to implement the joint breeding program have produced the desired results. In particular, these improvements are reflected in the fitness traits, and in future, we also expect progress with regard to new traits such as claw health, metabolic stability, feed efficiency or the cows' ecological footprint.

“Fleckvieh Changes” also applies in the sense that we, in contrast to others, continue to be optimistic about the prospects of keeping high-level breeding in the hands of farmers and of being able to implement a holistic breeding strategy. This is only possible through consistent breeding work and the consistent use of modern techniques. Effective genome selection requires that the breeding population be as large as possible, which in turn makes intensive international cooperation essential.

Strengthening international cooperation and disseminating the successful genetics of Fleckvieh worldwide is also one of the goals of the 2022 World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress in Austria.

For further information, please visit www.fleckvieh.at

We look forward to seeing all international Fleckvieh friends in Austria again in the late summer of 2022.



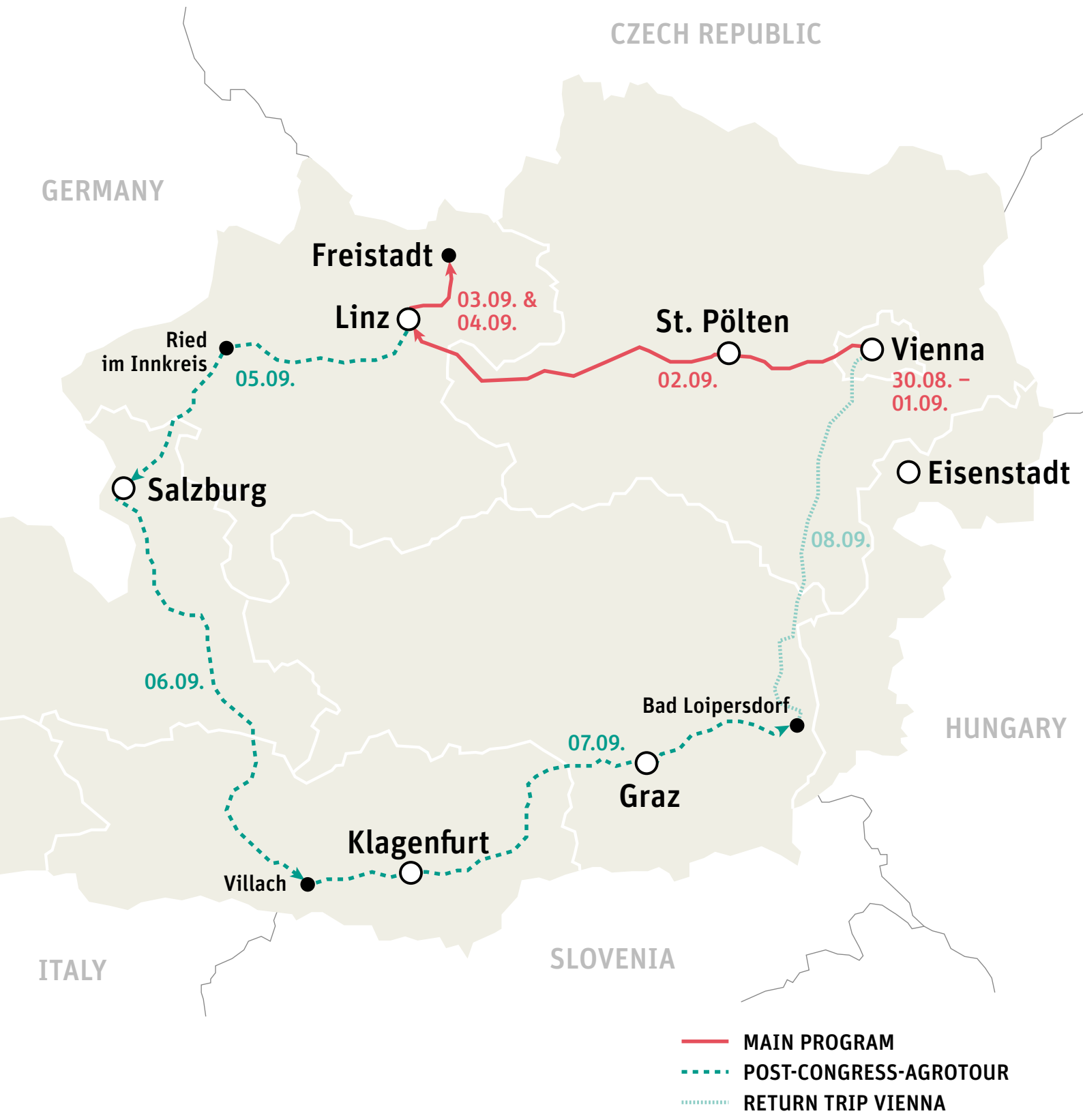
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Ing. Sebastian Auernig
President



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reinhard Pflieger".

Ing. Reinhard Pflieger
CEO



World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress and National Fleckvieh Show – Austria 2022

Program

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
08/30	08/31	09/01	09/02	09/03	09/04	09/05	09/06	09/07	09/08
Main Program World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress									
						Post-Congress-Agrotour			
						National Fleckvieh Show			
						Young Breeder Program			

VIENNA Parkhotel Schönbrunn

- August 30.** Reception – Meetings – Opening Ceremony with country presentations – Gala Dinner
- August 31.** General assembly of the EVF – Cultural Program – Top Fleckvieh breeding farm – Dinner at a Viennese “Heurigen” (traditional wine tavern)
- September 1.** General assembly of the WSFF with lecture series on the topic: **„Fleckvieh Changes – How Fleckvieh is changing the world of cattle“** – Top Fleckvieh breeding farms – Cultural program – Gala Dinner at the Vienna City Hall
- September 2.** Insemination Station – Boat trip on the Danube in Linz with a Gala Dinner

FREISTADT Raiffeisen Tier-Arena

- September 3.** Insemination Station – Top Fleckvieh breeding farms
Start of the National Fleckvieh Show – Fleckscore World Cup – Elite Auction – Young Breeder competition – Show Program
- September 4.** National Fleckvieh Show featuring Austria’s finest animals

AUSTRIA Post-Congress-Agrotour

- September 5.** Industry and Culture in Upper Austria
- September 6.** Salzburg and the charm of Mozart’s Birthplace
- September 7.** The magic of the Austrian Alps in Carinthia
- September 8.** The secrets of Styrian cattle breeding / Return to Vienna

Austria invites You – We look forward to Your Visit!

Main Program

World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress

Tuesday, 08/30/2022 – VIENNA

- Arrival & registration
 - Board meeting of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation (WSFF) at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn
 - Opening ceremony in the Parkhotel Schönbrunn's ballroom with country presentations and subsequent Gala Dinner
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Wednesday, 08/31/2022 – VIENNA

- General assembly of the European Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation (EVF) at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn
 - Guided city walk through Vienna with a visit to the world-famous Spanish Riding School
 - Visit to a top Fleckvieh farm in Lower Austria
 - Traditional Austrian dinner at a "Heurigen" (wine tavern) in Vienna
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Thursday, 09/01/2022 – VIENNA

- General Assembly of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation (WSFF) and conference under the motto „**Fleckvieh Changes – How Fleckvieh is changing the world of cattle**“ with international speakers in the Parkhotel Schönbrunn ballroom
 - Visit to top Fleckvieh farms in Lower Austria or a free afternoon in Vienna
 - Festive reception in the Hall of Arms in the Vienna City Hall with a Gala Dinner
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Friday, 09/02/2022 – VIENNA / LINZ

- Departure from Vienna
 - Bull presentation at GENOSTAR Rinderbesamung GmbH (insemination station) in Lower Austria
 - Check-in in Linz
 - Closing Ceremony during a boat trip on the Danube with a Gala Dinner
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Saturday, 09/03/2022 – LINZ / FREISTADT

- Bull presentation at OÖ Besamungsstation GmbH (insemination station) in Upper Austria
 - Visit to top Fleckvieh farms and leading companies in Upper Austria's industry
 - National Fleckvieh Show in Freistadt – Evening event (opening ceremony, FleckScore World Cup, offspring show, young breeder competition, shows and elite auction of top Fleckvieh genetics from all over Austria)
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Sunday, 09/04/2022 – FREISTADT

- National Fleckvieh Show in Freistadt – Day event (blessing of the animals, judging of all exhibition animals, selection of the national winner and raffle)
- Planned end of the event in Freistadt – 4 p.m.

Program subject to change





Program

Post-Congress Agrotour



Monday, 09/05/2022 – from UPPER AUSTRIA to SALZBURG

- Commencement of POST-CONGRESS AGROTOUR
 - Pick up of participants at the hotel in Linz and transport to Ried / Upper Austria
 - Highlights of the international world of Fleckvieh presented by genetic AUSTRIA and its partners
 - Visit to and guided tour through the export facilities of the oldest Fleckvieh breeding association in the world: The FIH demonstrates the export process for breeding cattle to us
 - Departure to Salzburg, the world-famous city of Mozart
 - Night Tour: Salzburg at night
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Tuesday, 09/06/2022 – from SALZBURG to CARINTHIA

- City tour and insights into the historic cosmopolitan city of Salzburg with a tour guide
 - Transfer via the Panorama Road over the Alps with lunch stop at the „Glockenhütte“ – the highest alpine guesthouse in the Nock Mountains
 - Visiting a Fleckvieh herd on the summer pasture at Nockalm at 2000 meters above sea level
 - Leisure evening in Villach, the second largest city in Carinthia
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Wednesday, 09/07/2022 – from CARINTHIA to STYRIA

- Morning visit to a Fleckvieh farm in Carinthia
 - Departure towards the green heart of Austria: Styria
 - Visit to a leading Fleckvieh breeding farm of the Rinderzucht Steiermark (Cattle Breeding Association of Styria)
 - Wine tasting in Styria with regional specialties
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Thursday, 09/08/2022 – from STYRIA to VIENNA

- Free morning at a Styrian thermal spa
- Unwind and relax before heading home
Optional: Visit to a Fleckvieh farm in Styria
- Return journey either to Vienna Airport - Schwechat (expected arrival 4 pm)
or to Vienna Central Station (expected arrival 5:30 pm)

End of the AGROTOUR!

** An additional overnight stay in Vienna (not included in the tour price) can be arranged in advance*

Program subject to change

Young Breeder Program



The Austrian Young Breeders' Association (ÖJV) aims to promote international contact between young breeders and therefore offers a young breeder program as part of the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress in Austria. The aim is to motivate young breeders to also participate in the FleckScore World Cup as part of the National Fleckvieh Show. If necessary, FleckScore training can be offered. This also serves as training for participation in the FleckScore World Cup at the National Fleckvieh Show. The visit to top Fleckvieh breeding farms rounds out the specialized program.

On Saturday, September 3, the FleckScore World Cup starts in the afternoon with the grand finale during the evening program of the National Fleckvieh Show in Freistadt. A competition among the elite of the Austrian young breeders from all federal states is planned as part of the show program of the National Fleckvieh Show.

A highlight will definitely be the after-show party at the showgrounds in Freistadt.

Saturday, 09/03/2022 – FREISTADT Raiffeisen Tier Arena

- Top Fleckvieh farms
- FleckScore World Cup
- Young Breeder Competition
- Elite Auction
- Show Program
- After-Show Party

Sunday, 09/04/2022 – FREISTADT Raiffeisen Tier Arena

- National Fleckvieh Show with the best animals in Austria

Program subject to change

The Austrian Young Breeders' Association (ÖJV) is happy to support interested young breeders in planning an individual specialized program for the National Fleckvieh Show in Freistadt.

The Austrian Young Breeders' Association (ÖJV) is the organizer of the young breeder program – <https://jungzuechter.club/kontakt.html>

We look forward to your message and registration for the young breeder program during the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress in Austria.

Dual-Purpose in Perfection



General Information

Committee meetings of the official bodies

(only with separate invitation)

- WSFF Board Meeting – Tuesday, 08/30/2022 – 2 p.m. – Parkhotel Schönbrunn

Congress language

- German and English
- General assembly of the EVF, general assembly of the WSFF and “Fleckvieh Changes” conference: Simultaneous translation into English/Spanish planned
- Sightseeing tours and accompanying program: Simultaneous translation in English/Spanish with mobile devices planned

Registration

Mandatory registration can only be done online at www.fleckvieh.at. Written confirmation of registration will be sent by email. Please note that registrations will only be accepted until July 1, 2022. From July 2, 2022, registration is only possible after consultation with fleckvieh@columbus.at and subject to availability. Participation only for individual events (day tickets) is not offered. Name changes are possible until August 15, 2022.

Number of participants

The number of participants is limited. We therefore recommend registering as early as possible. Please consider our very attractive early bird bonuses (Super Early Bird & Early Bird).

Payment

Payment of the participation fee and the cost of accommodation is made via the registration platform for the tour organizer, Columbus.

Payment is possible immediately after registration by credit card (VISA, Mastercard, Diners Club or AMEX) or by bank wire transfer. Please transfer the amount within 2 weeks after registration. In order to benefit from the super early bird bonus, the amount must arrive in the congress account before April 15, 2022. To benefit from the early bird bonus, the amount must arrive in the congress account before the deadline, May 15, 2022.

Cancellation and non-attendance

In the case of a written cancellation of participation by May 15, 2022, the participation fee minus a processing fee of € 50,- will be returned. In the case of cancellation from May 16 to July 1, 2022, a 50 % cancellation fee will be charged.

From July 2, 2022 or in the event of non-appearance, a 100 % cancellation fee will be charged.

Disclaimer

The organizer assumes no liability for accidents, personal injury, theft or additional costs due to changes in the event date, location or program.

Services and Participation fees for World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress 2022 in Austria

By taking part in the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress in Austria, the following services are included with the payment of the participation fee:

Services included in the main program

- Participation in the official opening ceremony with the country presentations and a Gala Dinner in the Parkhotel Schönbrunn's ballroom
- Participation in the guided city walk in Vienna with a visit to the world-famous Spanish Riding School
- Participation in a typical Austrian evening at a Viennese "Heurigen" (traditional wine tavern)
- Participation in the general assembly of the EVF and WSFF at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn
- Participation in the "Fleckvieh Changes" conference with international speakers at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn
- Interpreting service during the WSFF Congress 2022 in English/Spanish
- Participation in visits to top Austrian Fleckvieh breeding farms
- Participation in the Gala Dinner in the famous Hall of Arms in the Vienna City Hall
- Participation in the bull presentations of the Austrian insemination stations
- Interpreting service during visits to the breeding farms and the associated program events
- Participation in the boat trip on the Danube in Linz with a Gala Dinner
- Transportation by bus throughout the main program
- Lunch and break catering
- Participation in the program of the National Fleckvieh Show in Freistadt, including a tasting of beef specialties

Participation fee

We can offer the following attractive packages for this informative and high-quality program from 08/30/2022 to 09/04/2022:

Participation fee for the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress 2022 ((excluding accommodation/hotel costs):

- With registration and payment by **April 15, 2022** at the super early bird price € 799,-
 - With registration and payment by **May 15, 2022** at the early bird price € 899,-
 - With registration and payment by **July 1, 2022** at the standard price € 999,-
- prices include the statutory VAT.

A participation fee for accompanying persons with a reduced program is deliberately waived. All participants of the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress in Austria should be able to enjoy the full scope of the professional, cultural, and social program.

Services and Participation fee for the Post-Congress AGROTOUR (optional)

Services included in POST-CONGRESS AGROTOUR

- All transportation according to the program above
- 3 nights per person in double room
- Full board (breakfast, lunch with 2 drinks and dinner with 2 drinks)
- Entrance tickets for sights mentioned in the program
- Top Fleckvieh farms
- Travel management and tour guide according to the above program

VISA Information

Valid passport or national identity card (For EU member states). Some countries require visas. Delegates should contact their local representation for Austria (embassy/consulate).

Participation fee

WWe can offer the following packages for the attractive program of the Post-Congress Agrotour:

Teilnahmegebühr für Post-Kongress-Agrotour

- Participation fee p.P. in a double room € 780,-
- Single room surcharge per person € 95,-

Payment

When registering for the post-congress Agrotour, billing (participation fee including accommodation costs) is made via the registration platform for the tour organizer, Columbus, in Freistadt.

Services and Participation fee for Young Breeder Program

The Austrian Young Breeders' Association (ÖJV) gladly supports interested young breeders in the planning of an individual specialized program around the program of the National Fleckvieh Show in Freistadt. The organizer of the young breeder program is the Austrian Young Breeders' Association (ÖJV) – <https://jungzuechter.club/kontakt.html>
We look forward to your message and registration for the young breeder program during the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress in Austria.

Hotel and Reservation

For participants of the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress 2022, rooms will be offered in various hotels. Since the number of rooms is limited, early reservations are requested. The rooms can only be booked according to current availability.

The prices quoted are per room and night, including breakfast and statutory VAT. The Congress hotel in Vienna is the Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn. You can learn more about our range of hotels below.

The rooms can only be booked when registering for the Congress.

VIENNA

World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress 2022 Venue

08/30/2022 – 09/02/2022

Hotel Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn Wien ****

Hietzinger Hauptstraße 10–16, 1130 Wien



Location of the hotel

This 4-star hotel, the former pension of Emperor Franz Joseph, is a 10-minute walk from the Schönbrunn Palace and the Vienna Zoo. The Hietzing subway station is only 50 meters away from the Parkhotel Schönbrunn and provides a direct connection to Vienna's city center within 15 minutes.

Prices (per room and night incl. breakfast)

- Superior room *for single use* € 145,-
- Superior room (*double room*) € 164,-
- Deluxe room *for single use* € 155,-
- Deluxe Zimmer (*double room*) € 174,-

Austria Trend Hotel Ananas ****

Rechte Wienzeile 93–95, 1050 Wien



Location of the hotel

Your stay at the unsurpassed location near Vienna's famous Naschmarkt is the icing on the cake. Between long excursions, you can relax in this hotel and recharge. 4.5 km from the Parkhotel Schönbrunn.

Prices (per room and night incl. breakfast)

- Superior room *for single use* € 110,-
- Superior room (*double room*) € 122,-

LINZ/FREISTADT

Austragungsort der Bundesfleckviehschau 2022

Linz, 02. – 04. September 2022

Hotel Courtyard by Marriott Linz ****

Europaplatz 2, 4020 Linz



Location of the hotel

This 4-star superior hotel is located next to the Design Center (Congress hall) and just a 15-minute walk from the Old Town, the Danube River and the Linz Central Station. The newly built Music Theater and Concert Hall are 1.5 km from the hotel.

Prices (per room and night incl. breakfast)

– Standard room (with TWIN beds) only for single use	€ 132,-
– Standard room (with TWIN beds) double room	€ 149,-
– Standard room (with KING bed) only for single use	€ 132,-
– Standard room (with KING bed) double room	€ 149,-
– Deluxe room (with TWIN beds) only for single use	€ 142,-
– Deluxe room (with TWIN beds) double room	€ 159,-
– Superior room (with KING bed) only for single use	€ 162,-
– Superior room (with KING bed) double room	€ 179,-

Hotel Ibis Linz City ***

Kärntnerstraße 18–20, 4020 Linz

**Location of the hotel**

The Ibis Linz City enjoys an ideal location by the Linz train station, just a 10-minute walk from the city center. Linz Airport is 15 km away and the Convention Center is only 1 km away from the Ibis Linz City.

Prices (per room and night incl. breakfast)

– Double room for single use	€ 100.80
– Double room	€ 123.20
– TWIN room	€ 123.20

Note for all participants of the post-congress Agrotour: Book your hotel room in LINZ with the check-out date of September 5, 2022!

Reservation

Hotel rooms can only be booked when registering for the Congress.

Payment

Payment of the accommodation costs is made via the registration platform for the tour organizer, Columbus. The costs for overnight stays will be collected at the same time as the participation fee.

Cancellation and non-attendance

The cancellation policies of the hotels offered are listed on the registration platform for the tour organizer, Columbus, and are binding for the settlement of the accommodation costs.

AUSTRIA**Post-congress Agrotour 2022**

09/05 – 09/08/2022

It is not necessary to select a hotel for the post-congress Agrotour. The hotels are already included in the participation fee for the Agrotour. The organizer of the post-congress Agrotour is Genetic Austria – <https://www.genetic-austria.at>

FREISTADT**Young Breeder Program**

09/03 – 09/04/2022

It is not necessary to select a hotel for the young breeder program. After registration, participants will be sent a list of possible hotels. The organizer of the young breeder program is the Austrian Young Breeders' Association (ÖJV) – <https://jungzuechter.club/kontakt.html>

Practical Information

Congress hotel –

Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn

A 3-minute walk from the subway station to the center, a 10-minute walk to Schönbrunn Palace and the zoo. At Parkhotel Schönbrunn, you can get closer to imperial Vienna on a very personal level as it is the carefully restored rooms of the former guest house of Emperor Franz Joseph.

Dress code

Smart casual is recommended for meetings, the WSFF General Assembly, the EVF General Assembly, the “Fleckvieh Changes” conference as well as for receptions and gala dinners. Comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes are recommended for excursions to the breeding farms. We recommend that you also bring raingear or umbrellas.

Weather

Austria is located in the temperate climate zone of the northern hemisphere. The climate is generally warm to cool and moderate. Autumn in Austria is usually mild and warm with temperatures around 20° C (68° F).

Public transportation in Vienna

One-way ticket € 2.40
24/48/72 hours in Vienna € 8.00 / 14.10 / 17.10

Directions

From Vienna Airport: Take the city airport train or the S7 express train to “Wien Mitte” station. Change there to the U4 subway line and travel to the “Hietzing” station. From there it is a 200-meter walk to the Parkhotel Schönbrunn (45 min).

From Vienna Central Station: Take the U1 subway line to “Karlsplatz” station, change there to the U4 subway line and travel to the “Hietzing” station. From there, it is a 200-meter walk to the Parkhotel Schönbrunn (20 min).

Shopping

The largest and liveliest shopping street is Mariahilferstrasse. It will be worth your while to explore the side streets in the 6th and 7th district. Many unique shops and stores have recently sprung up here. The Naschmarkt area is also a popular street for out-of-the-ordinary souvenirs. Shops in Austria are closed on Sundays.

Insurance

The organization committee of the conference or its representatives accept no responsibility for any medical expenses, losses or accidents incurred during the conference. Delegates are strongly advised to take out their own personal insurance to cover medical and other expenses, including accident or loss. If a participant needs to cancel for medical reasons, the standard cancellation policy will apply. It is recommended that citizens of EU countries bring a current insurance card.

Tax Refunds

A VAT of 20 % is charged on most goods. Cash Back is the simplest and most widely used VAT refund service that is refunded for a processing fee upon departure. Request a cash form with your purchase.

Credit cards

Credit cards are widely accepted.

Currency

The currency in Austria is the Euro.

Electricity

220 volts (50 Hz)

Time

UTC + 1 hour

Visa information

All persons entering Austria must have a valid passport or, in the case of European Union member states, a national identity card. Some countries require visas. Participants should contact their local representative for Austria. Further information on visa regulations for Austria can be found on the website: https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/leben_in_oesterreich/visum_fuer_oesterreich.html

Covid-19 information

Information on the currently valid Covid-19 regulations for entering Austria can be found on the website: <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/reise-services/coronavirus-covid-19-und-reisen/>

A Covid-19 prevention concept in accordance with the current regulations will be provided on site for the Congress.





Questions and information

We will gladly answer your questions about the registration process, the Congress program or any other general questions. The tour organizer, Columbus, will gladly help you arrange your trip to Austria.

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