

Welcome to Croatia

Dear friends,

We are very happy to invite you to the 27th Congress of the European Simmental Federation which is taking place at the time we are celebrating one hundred years of breeding Simmental cattle in Croatia. Following the first imports of Simmental breeding cattle in the beginning of the 20th century, numerous breeder associations have been established with a view to promoting breeding and improving production traits of the local population of cattle in Croatia. The associations set up herd books and began to keep records. As early as in 1913, the Central Association was established to facilitate the implementation of breeding programmes, first introducing milk yield control.

Owing to its good production traits Simmental spread very fast, and it presently makes more than 73 % of all cattle in Croatia. Simmental being a double-purpose breed, the programmes in Croatia have tended to improve both the production of milk and the fattening and slaughter traits. Simmental baby beef produced in Croatia is top quality and highly valued on the market. Recognising the trends on the global market, the Simmental breeding programme in Croatia has now been redefined towards improving milk yield with special emphasis on the improvement of udder and milkability traits.

We are proud to host such a prominent event in Croatia again after more than thirty years. In 1974, the 11th Congress of the European Simmental Federation took place in Zagreb, at which the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation was founded.

During this year's Congress, we shall attempt to make you familiar with the present status of Simmental breeding in Croatia through presentations, a show of young cattle, a visit to an AI centre, and an exhibition of Simmental cows. The fattening technology in the production of baby beef will be presented on our visits to two farms. In addition to providing professional information, it is our wish to also present other interesting information to you and to show you Croatia, so we warmly recommend opting for one of the post-congressional tours offered. We hope that your stay in Croatia will be both a useful and a pleasant one.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Zagreb!



Stjepan Mikolčić
President
of the organizing committee



Franjo Poljak
Director
of the Croatian Livestock Center

27th Congress of the European Simmental Federation

PROGRAMME**September 29, 2007 (Saturday)**

15:00 – 18:00 Arrival of the participants of the 27th Congress of the European Simmental Federation, registration and distribution of congress materials

19:00 Dinner at Hotel Antunović

September 30, 2007 (Sunday)

08:00 – 16:00 Arrival of Congress participants, registration and distribution of congress materials

Committee members

09:00 – 14:00 Committee meeting

Other participants and accompanying persons

10:00 – 14:00 Samobor city tour – meeting point in front of Hotel Antunović

All participants

14:00 Lunch at Hotel Antunović

16:00 Zagreb City tour

19:00 Welcome dinner at Hotel Antunović – hosted by Zagreb City Mayor Mr. M. Bandić

October 1, 2007 (Monday)

8:30 – 10:30 Opening and welcoming address by Mr. Petar Čobanković, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Croatia,
Welcoming address by Mr. Richard Pichler, president of the European Simmental Federation

General Assembly

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:30 Fleckvieh Simmental in Croatia

Dr. sc. Ivan Jakopović, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Croatia

11:30 – 12:00 Beef production with Fleckvieh Simmental is successful – market demands and yields

LD Ludwig Summer, Germany

Franjo Poljak, B.S., Croatia

12:00 – 12:30 Ideas about the future of the dual purpose breed Fleckvieh Simmental

DI Peter Stückler, Austria

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch at Hotel Antunović

14:00 Departure for cattle exhibition

15:00 Exhibition

Young breeders, Zagreb Fair

20:00 Dinner and cultural program at Hotel Antunović

hosted by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Croatia Mr. Petar Čobanković

100 years of breeding simmental cattle in Croatia

October 2, 2007 (Tuesday)

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| 7:30 | Departure by bus from Hotel Antunović |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | Visit to AI Centre Križevci |
| 11:00-12:00 | Agricultural education in Križevci |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch at Hotel Kalnik, Križevci |
| 15:00-17:00 | 100 years of Simmental breeding in Sveti Ivan Žabno
Cattle exhibition, Sveti Ivan Žabno |
| 17:00 – 18:30 | Visit to the dairy farm of the Burek family, Mostari 28, Mostari 10342 Dubrava (first group of participants)
Visit to the dairy farm of the Beštek family, Kuštani 55, 48213 Cirkvena (second group of participants) |
| 19:00 | Dinner at Hotel Bunčić, Vrbovec
Hosted by the Koprivnica-Križevci County Prefect, Mr. Josip Friščić |

October 3, 2007 (Wednesday)

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| 7:30 | Departure by bus from Hotel Antunović |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | Visit to the „Jelas“ beef cattle farm, Hrvatska Dubica |
| 13:00 – 14.00 | Visit to the „Kula“ beef cattle farm, Kula |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | Lunch at the Kutjevo wine cellar |
| 17:00 | Return to Zagreb |
| 20:00 | Dinner and official closing of the Congress at Hotel Antunović |

POST-CONGRESS TOUR PROPOSALS

1. Istria

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS



DAY 1: ZAGREB – POREČ (4.10.)

Departure from Zagreb to **Poreč** (UNESCO world heritage, famous Euphrasius Basilica, tourist center famous for its natural landscape and comfortable tourist resorts).

Arrival in Poreč, check-in at a 3-star hotel.

Sightseeing tour of Poreč.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Visit to the farm of Mario Gašparini in Fabci (near Poreč) where you can see the autochthonous cattle breed – the "Boškarin" of Istria.

Dinner and overnight in the hotel in Poreč.

DAY 2: TOUR OF ISTRIA (5.10.)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Full day excursion of Istria.

Visit of the **Hum-Roč** glagolitic lane (Hum is the smallest town in the world).

Departure for **Motovun** (famous medieval Istrian town and famous truffle center). Sightseeing tour of the town.

Lunch at a traditional "konoba" serving local specialties. (Beverages and drinks are at your own expense)

Departure to **Rovinj**. On the way from Motovun, wine tasting at a wine cellar. City tour of Rovinj. Drive along the **Lim Bay** (fjord)

Return to the hotel in Poreč.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3: PULA & BRIJUNI ISLANDS (6.10.)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to the **Brijuni Islands National Park**. Sightseeing by electric train and afoot.

Departure for **Pula**. Lunch at a restaurant.

Tour of Pula, famous for its Arena, once home of gladiators, built in the 1st century AD, at the same time as the Colosseum of Rome).

Return to Zagreb.



Estimated price (per person)

3 * HOTEL	Price based on 30 persons
DBL room	240 EUR
SGL room	255 EUR

Passenger information

Duration:

2 nights/ 3 days

Package includes:

Accommodation in 3 -star hotel, meals as specified, wine tasting as specified, transportation by a comfortable coach, tour escort and guide, entrance fees, sightseeing as specified, tourist tax, mandatory VAT

Not included: **Gratuities, beverages unless specified, luggage handling.**

Meals: As per itinerary, beverages are at your own expense unless indicated otherwise

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2. Dubrovnik

by plane (3 days)



DAY 1: ZAGREB - DUBROVNIK (04.10.)

Transfer to the Zagreb Airport. Flight Zagreb – Dubrovnik. Arrival in **Dubrovnik**, the Pearl of the Adriatic, UNESCO world heritage. Bus transfer to the hotel. Check-in at Hotel Argosy.

Walking tour of the Old Town with a local guide. Highlights of the tour include the Rector's Palace, Franciscan Monastery with a pharmacy from the 14th century.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2: DUBROVNIK (05.10.)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Excursion to the Cavtat/Konavle region.

A unique opportunity to spend an unforgettable day in an idyllic natural setting. Enjoy a drive through the picturesque villages of the Konavle region (Popovići, Radovčići) before we stop above the town of Molunat for a view of the southernmost part of Croatia - the Prevlaka peninsula.

Drive through ethno villages to the Konavoski Dvori restaurant (lunch time). Enjoy the romantic charm of the restaurant atmosphere, exceptional wines and traditional cuisine of the area. Visit of Ilar Paskojević farm in Bosanka (near Dubrovnik) where you can see the autochthonous cattle breed "Buša".

Return to Dubrovnik in the afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Dubrovnik.

DAY 3: DUBROVNIK (06.10.)

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the airport.

Estimated price per person

3* Hotel	Price based on min. 20 persons
Double room	410 EUR
Single room	490 EUR

Passenger information

Duration:

2 nights/ 3 days

Packages includes:

Return air ticket Zagreb – Dubrovnik – Zagreb and airport tax, accommodation at a 3-star hotel as per itinerary, transportation by a comfortable coach, tour escort and guide, entrance fees, sightseeing as specified, meals as per itinerary, tourist tax mandatory VAT

Not included: Gratuities, beverages unless specified, luggage handling, boat cruise

Meals: As per itinerary, beverages are at your own expense unless indicated otherwise.

Note: All prices are estimates because flight and hotel reservations are not actually made.



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3. Plitvice lakes

This is the oldest and largest Croatian national park and one of the most famous parks in Europe, listed by UNESCO as one of the most valuable nature reserves in the world. The bio system of the Park is a unique example of an open-air physical-biochemical laboratory. Water flowing over limestone and chalk has, over thousands of years, deposited barriers, creating natural dams, which in turn have created a series of beautiful lakes, caves and waterfalls. These geological processes are still continuing to this day. Forests in the Park are home to bears, wolves and many rare bird species.

Duration: 9 - 11 hours

Price per person: 80 EUR (minimum 20 persons)

The price includes: transportation by bus, guide, lunch, entrance to the Plitvice Lakes, refreshment.



4. Hrvatsko Zagorje

Kumrovec ethno village and Veliki Tabor Castle

Round-shaped hills with vineyards and typical Zagorje-style cottages, small rivers and brooks, woods, picturesque villages, castles, churches and other monuments reflect the diligence and perseverance of peasants in Zagorje. Each village and small town of Zagorje has its own unique charm, its tale to tell, and a surprise in store for the visitor. A special part of this locality is Kumrovec

with its exceptionally valuable and attractive ethno-village and the castle of Veliki Tabor, a historical monument of the highest category, the finest example of the fortification architecture of the late Middle Ages. It is one of the best-preserved mediaeval fortresses in Croatia.

Duration: 8 hours

Price per person: 73 EUR (minimum 20 persons)

The price includes: bus transportation, guide, lunch, entrances, refreshment.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE POST-CONGRESS TOUR DUBROVNIK is July 15, 2007
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR OTHER POST-CONGRESS TOURS is September 1, 2007

RATES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee for the Congress	By July 15, 2007	From July 16, 2007
Delegate	400 EUR	450 EUR
Accompanying person	370 EUR	420 EUR

The registration fee for delegates includes:

Congress participation
 Congress materials and program
 All activities offered between Sept. 29 and Oct. 3, 2007
 All meals and drinks as noted in the program.

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

Congress participation
 All activities offered between Sept. 29 and Oct. 3, 2007
 All meals and drinks as noted in the program.

HOTELS

A large number of hotel rooms have been reserved in Zagreb. Please find a detailed list of hotels as well as room rates below. A city map of Zagreb with the location of the hotels can be found at the end of this program.

Hotel	Single room	Double room
Antunović – 4*	88 EUR	101 EUR
International – 4*	95 EUR	118 EUR
Palace – 4*	90 EUR	135 EUR
Astoria/Best western – 4*	85 EUR	110 EUR
Laguna – 3*	59 EUR	78 EUR
Dora - 3*	58 EUR	90 EUR
City tax (per person per day)	1 EUR	

All rates are per room, per night including breakfast, service charges and VAT. In order to guarantee your reservation, we kindly ask you for a full advance payment within 2 weeks after the receipt of the booking confirmation. All payments must be made to the account of GENERALTURIST with the remark «free of charge for the recipient».

REGISTRATION FORM

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27th CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SIMMENTAL FEDERATION

Please fill in this form in block letters and send it via e-mail or fax to:

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DELEGATE

Title _____

Last name: _____ First name _____

Organisation/Institution: _____

Address/Street: _____

Postal code: _____ City: _____ Country: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

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ACCOMPANYING PERSON

Last name: _____ First name: _____

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Arrival date: _____ Departure date: _____ No. of nights: _____

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SOCIAL PROGRAM (included in the fee)

persons

Excursion to Samobor (Sept. 30, 2007, morning)	_____
Zagreb City tour (Sept. 30, 2007, afternoon)	_____
Dinner (Oct. 1, 2007)	_____
Excursion with farm visit (Križevci) + dinner (Oct. 2, 2007)	_____
Excursion with farm visit (Hrvatska Dubica & Kula) (Oct. 3, 2007)	_____
Closing dinner (Oct. 3, 2007)	_____

Post Congress tours (optional)

	Single room	Double room	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour A – Istra Tour (Oct.4 – 6, 2007.)	255 EUR	240 EUR per person	
*reservation deadline: September 1, 2007.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
**minimum 30 persons			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour B – Dubrovnik (Oct. 4 – 6, 2007.)	490 EUR	410 EUR per person	
*reservation deadline: July 15, 2007.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
**minimum 20 persons			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour C			
– One day excursion to national park Plitvice lakes (Oct.4, 2007.)	EUR 80 per person		
*reservation deadline: September 1, 2007.			_____
**minimum 20 persons			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tour D – One day excursion to Hrvatsko Zagorje (Oct.4, 2007.)	EUR 73 per person		
*reservation deadline: September 1, 2007.			_____
**minimum 20 persons			

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PAYMENT

BANK TRANSFER

Payments within Croatia are to be made in HRK.

Please transfer registration fees and costs for hotel accommodation to the following giro account:
2340009-1110142772, Privredna banka Zagreb dd, Zagreb (MB 377219)

Payments from outside Croatia are to be made in EURO.

Please transfer registration fees and costs for hotel accommodation to the following account:

Generalturist Ltd., I. Pile 1, Zagreb Croatia

Privredna banka Zagreb dd, 10000 Zagreb, Račkoga 6, CROATIA.

IBAN: HR12 2340 0091 5102 4374 4, SWIFT CODE: PBZGHR2X

IMPORTANT: please make a note on the bank swift: «72601-0049»

For the bank transfer payment, please complete in the following details:

PAYEE (last name/first name or institution): _____

ADDRESS/STREET: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ CITY: _____ COUNTRY: _____

All payments with the remark «free of charge for the recipient»

CREDIT CARD

Please charge the above-mentioned total amount to the following credit card.

American Express Eurocard/Mastercard VISA Diners club

Name of card holder: _____

Credit card number: _____

Expiry date: _____ Control number (3 digit number): _____

Date: _____ Credit card holder signature: _____

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CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Upon payment you will receive a confirmation per fax or e-mail.

Accommodation will be confirmed depending on the availability at the moment of registration.

Cancellation policy

Cancellations and changes shall only be accepted in writing.

30 % of the amount of the registration fee and hotel accommodation costs shall be withheld for cancellations before August 15, 2007.

70% of the amount of the registration fee and hotel accommodation costs shall be withheld for cancellations between August 16 and September 15, 2007.

100% of the total amount shall be charged for cancellations after September 16, 2007, or No-shows

For name changes a handling fee of EUR 50 per person will be charged.

In case of cancellation, and in accordance with the above mentioned conditions, the repayment will be made after the closing of the congress (with a 20 Euro fee per person).

Important contacts

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Congress venue:

Hotel Antunović

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www.hotelantunovic.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONGRESS VENUE

Hotel Antunovic is located in the southwest part of the city, close to the crossroads leading to the cities in the region, in the Spansko neighbourhood at Ljubljanska Avenue 100.



LANGUAGE

The official congress languages are Croatian, German and English.

GETTING TO ZAGREB

Getting to Zagreb is on an individual basis. For any information regarding your trip you can contact GENERALTURIST Ltd, Praška 5, 10000 Zagreb. Tel: +385-1-48 05 651, Fax: +385-1-48 05 678.

LOCATION AND ACESIBILITY

Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, is a Central European city with excellent air, road and train connections to other European and non-European cities. For instance, it is only 390 km away from Vienna, 576 km from Munich, 380 km from Budapest and 420 km from Venice.

For those who live in some other, more distant metropolitan cities, it is best to arrive by plane. The city centre is only 17 km away from a well-equipped, modern airport which is connected to numerous European cities such as Paris, London, Rome, Zurich, Vienna, Moscow, Prague... and it is through these cities that you are linked to the entire world. From any European city you can reach Zagreb in less than two hours. In association with the country's national carrier, Croatia Airlines, there are many other regular flights that include foreign airlines and numerous low-cost carriers.

Over the past few years, Croatia has constructed a network of new, state-of-the-art modern motorways, so if you are coming to Zagreb via Italy, Austria, Slovenia or Hungary, you will arrive quickly and safely. Thanks to this update in the road system, the Croatian capital is only 2-2.5 hours away from the Adriatic Sea and other parts of the country, making the area most convenient for pre-congress and post-congress tour arrangements.

