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Please note: this text will be updated continuously in line with current measures against the coronavirus pandemic.

## **International Congress on the Breeding of Sheep and Goats, Bonn 2020**

### **Hygiene and behaviour rules for visitors**

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The International Congress on the Breeding of Sheep and Goats will take place at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB) on 15 and 16 October. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, special precautions must be taken. In spite of the current situation, we want interested parties to come together to exchange ideas and views on innovations and current scientific findings. Together with the public health authority of the City of Bonn and the WCCB, we have therefore developed a concept that will provide the best possible protection for all congress participants and will make your visit as safe and worry-free as possible.

This hygiene and infection protection concept results in some hygiene and behaviour rules you must follow and about which we would like to inform you here. We are looking forward to your participation and to a safe, successful and inspiring event.

#### **Measures prior to the event:**

##### Registration:

As required by the authorities, we need to ask all participants of the International Congress on the Breeding of Sheep and Goats (speakers, visitors, staff members) to register via the [registration form](#) on this website.

During the registration process, you must officially confirm that you have read and accepted the hygiene and behaviour rules laid down here. You will not be able to register otherwise. In accordance with the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia's Coronavirus Protection Ordinance, we need to record these data for the authorities. The data is recorded for contact tracing, i.e. so that we can inform you should a person you were in contact with be diagnosed with the infection.

After successful registration, you will receive a visitor's badge without which you may not enter the WCCB. Registering online in good time before the event is therefore mandatory. In line with infection protection measures, this will also help prevent waiting times on site. This means that registration is not possible at the venue.

#### **Measures taken on site:**

##### Flu symptoms:

We ask that you stay at home if you have any symptoms of an acute respiratory disease. Even if you have only very mild flu symptoms, you will not be permitted into the WCCB. Should you come to the venue with flu symptoms, we will have to ask you to leave. Your temperature will be checked before you will be allowed to enter the WCCB.

##### Mandatory wearing of face masks:

Wearing a face mask is mandatory during your visit to the WCCB. This does not apply while seated during talks or in the catering area while eating or drinking. You will find a face mask

in the conference bag you will receive upon entry to the venue. You will be provided with additional masks and single-use gloves upon request.

Keep your distance:

Please keep a distance of at least 1.5 metres from other people at all times.

General hygiene measures:

- Wash your hands regularly.
- Make use of the hand sanitiser dispensers you will find at central points throughout the building.
- Your conference bag will contain a handbag-sized anti-viral sanitiser spray for your convenience.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.

Welcome to the WCCB!

- Please bring a print-out of the documentation you received when you registered. This is necessary to record you entering and leaving the building by scanning. This will help us determine how many people are inside the building at any time, and who they are. These visitor and exhibitor data are requested by the public health authority in case of an infection.
- The entrance to the WCCB is, as always, at the Platz der Vereinten Nationen (main entrance to the plenary building).
- This is also where the exit is located. Please note the signs indicating entrances and exits.
- If applicable, your visitor's badge will be scanned at all entrances and exits. Please support us by using only the designated entrances and exits. Other doors will be open in order to ensure optimal ventilation of the building. These are not entrances or exits.
- There is a separate area for smokers. Please maintain sufficient distance to other people in this area as well.

One-way system:

- There will be a one-way system in place at the WCCB via which you will be guided to the different locations.
- The corridors are at least three metres wide to ensure that you can maintain the necessary distance.
- Should the foyer be overcrowded early in the day due to accreditations, we may ask you to first go to a different location.

Talk programme:

The talks will be held in three rooms of different sizes. In order to ensure that visitor numbers do not exceed the maximum permissible number, access may be restricted once that maximum number is reached. Please follow the instructions given by our team on site.

The chairs are arranged in such a way that everyone will be at a distance of at least 1.5 metres when seated. For the smaller rooms, the name and seat of each visitor must be documented.

During the talks, you may remove your face mask.

At the exhibitor stands:

Business cards, catalogues, samples etc. will be provided in such a manner that you can help

yourself to them. They should not be passed from hand to hand. The exhibitors will regularly disinfect the surfaces at their stands. Please maintain the minimum distance! You will also be required to wear a face mask here.

Poster session:

The posters will be presented at sufficient distance. Please maintain the minimum distance! You will also be required to wear a face mask here. Please take extra care to avoid crowds gathering in front of individual contributions.

Catering/sanitary facilities:

Catering has been moved to the lower level of the WCCB. There is sufficient space here for chairs and visitors. Distance markers in the waiting areas and the one-way system will help to maintain the minimum distance. For hygiene reasons, there will be no self-service in the catering area. You may remove your face mask once you are seated at your table. Your name will also be recorded here. Distance markers and access limitations will help reduce the danger of infection in the sanitary facilities. All of these facilities will additionally be cleaned and disinfected frequently.

**At the end of the day**

Please leave the WCCB building at the end of the International Congress on the Breeding of Sheep and Goats via the sign-posted exit or the entrance doors.

We are looking forward to your participation, thank you for your cooperation and hope that you will spend an interesting congress with us.

Please note:

There may be short-notice changes to the hygiene concept due to the dynamic and hard-to-predict nature of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please keep up to date on the latest developments in these hygiene and behaviour rules by visiting the congress website at <https://sheepandgoats2020bonn.org/>.