

## Save the Date

The 2023 World Galloway Conference will take place in Bern Switzerland from Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 to Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023. The venue is Hotel National in down town historic Bern a few steps from the central railway station.

*Bern Welcome* is our Partner for reservations, online registrations, payments, questions and answers.

We shall start online Registration by *Bern Welcome* (Hotels, Conference registration, post Conference excursions) on 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022 (a year before the conference starts, if this is ok for you?).

- Switzerland is a beautiful but rather small and expensive country, therefore:
- we have a hosting capacity of 300 persons and
- the organizing committee is trying hard to keep the expenses as low as possible.
- We are working on the exact fees and will communicate those later.

The trip to Bern must be organized by the participants themselves. Public transportation in Switzerland is excellent and for visitors we suggest to buy a *Swiss Pass* online in advance (so when travelling by air to Zürich International Airport the railway travel from Zürich to Bern is already taken care of by this *Swiss Pass*). Public transportation within the city of Bern is taken care of by a congress pass issued by *Bern Welcome*. Welcome desk 9/16/2023 from 15:00 to 17:00 at Hotel National, by *Bern Welcome* and the organizing committee.

The individually selected hotels are mostly nearby and the central venue of Hotel National can be reached by public transportation. We thought that it would be a good Idea to have a short get together in the evening every day at Hotel National in Bern to talk about the days experiences, to look at next day's program and have a short scientific presentation or a talk of delegates from abroad. After this: dinner at Hotel National or individually in one of the countless restaurants in Bern.

### **Preliminary Program:**

Saturday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>2023:

Check in: Welcome desk *Bern Welcome* at Hotel National Bern 15:00 to 17:00. Welcome get together and introduction of our conference staff.

Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 2023:

Excursion by bus, visiting a Dun Galloway farm in the vicinity of Basel. Visit Watch museums of Omega and Swatch in Biel/Bienne.

Monday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 2023:

Galloways in the alpine environment: Excursion by train and bus to Valais (Goms) to see a black Galloway Farm. On the way you will visit an alpine hydroelectric power plant at Grimsel Pass and experience one of the world`s longest railway tunnels.

Tuesday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 2023:

Excursion by bus to visit two belted Galloway farms in eastern Switzerland. On the way you will see the exciting and famous Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen.

Wednesday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 2023:

Excursion by bus to wonderful Gruyère in western Switzerland. You visit the historic town and castle of Gruyere the Cailler Chocolate factory and the production site of the fantastic Gruyère cheese.

Evening: Quiz of Switzerland!

Thursday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

City Sightseeing in Bern organized *by Bern welcome*, World Galloway assembly at Hotel National Farewell Dinner at Hotel National.

Friday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

End of Conference and start of the post conference activities. We will work on, and publish a list of options, where the participants can register individually (visit Galloway farms in small groups, wine tasting, excursions to places like Lucerne and the Jungfrau and many others).

Further details will be advised as they come to hand.

All the way with Galloway!