



WFSA

The World Forum
on the Future of
Sport Shooting Activities

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ANNOUNCEMENT



SYMPOSIUM ON THE ECOLOGIC AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF HUNTING

Research, studies, remarks and debate on the role that hunting plays in the ecologic and economic health of countries throughout the world.

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA
September 14-18, 2009

WHY A SYMPOSIUM ON HUNTING?

Hunting has been a fundamental part of the human experience. Even in the modern world hunting plays an integral role in the ecologic and economic health of countries throughout the world.

The World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA) will be convening an international symposium in Windhoek, Namibia, September 14-18, 2009 to examine this important issue in detail. The symposium is part of WFSA's continuing mission and commitment to provide decision-makers with science-based information on the impact of sport shooting activities on countries around the world.

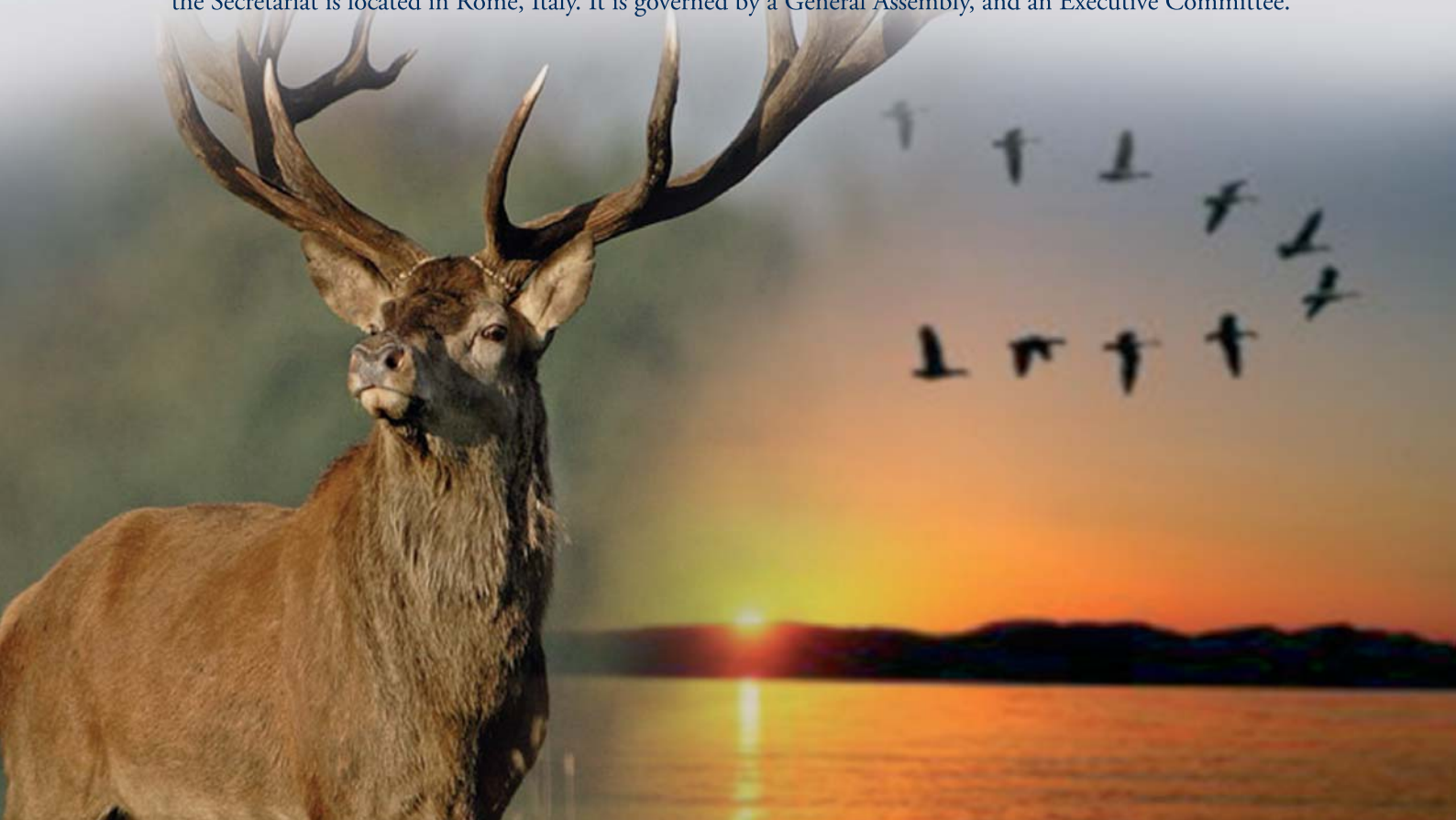
The Windhoek Symposium will provide an opportunity for the presentation of important scholarly papers by the most qualified researchers the world has to offer.

ABOUT THE WFSA

The WFSA is an association of hunting, sport shooting groups, and firearms industry trade organizations. Founded in 1996, the WFSA has over 35 members from as far apart as Switzerland, New Zealand, Sweden and South Africa. It represents over one hundred million sport shooters throughout the world.

For over ten years, the WFSA and its member associations have attended every major UN conference affecting hunting or sport shooting. The WFSA is an official United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) recognized by the Economic and Social Council of the UN General Assembly. It is one of the few NGOs in the world to have been invited to speak before a UN General Assembly committee.

The WFSA was officially launched in Brussels, Belgium on 26 June, 1997 as the "World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA)" to form a non-profit making "international organization with scientific and educational aims" in accordance with Belgium law. The registered office of the Forum is in Brussels and the Secretariat is located in Rome, Italy. It is governed by a General Assembly, and an Executive Committee.



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CONFERENCE TOPICS

All subjects of interest will be considered for the scientific program of this symposium. However, special attention will be paid to papers that add to the database of knowledge for the following topics. These topics will be presented in three sessions:

HUNTING AND HABITAT



- Sport hunting and conservation
- The protection of open spaces
- A tool to maintain balanced ecosystems
- Special benefits for wildlife habitat

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT



- Sustainable wildlife management
- Quota management systems
- How Hunters benefit endangered species
- Re-introduction of species
- Biological forecasting

ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF HUNTING



- Health benefit
- Beneficial Impact of hunters and their support of rural areas
- Economic impact for environmental management
- Expenditure on food, lodging, transportation and equipment

A G E N D A

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Delegate arrivals
Group-welcome reception and dinner (at WCCR)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Delegates-Symposium
Partners-events
Group-dinner (off site)

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Delegates-Symposium
Partners-events
Group-gala Dinner (off-site)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Delegates-1/2 day Symposium
Group-lunch
Group-afternoon event and dinner (off site)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Depart



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The goal of the Symposium, titled "The Ecologic and Economic Benefits of Hunting", is to provide policy-makers, and experts in the fields of wildlife biology, habitat management and economics with the latest science-based information on the many benefits of regulated sport hunting. The Symposium will respond to the needs of businesses and public administrators engaged in the management of natural resources. Public officials who are called upon to formulate strategies for sustainability of local communities and the environment, will find this Symposium particularly worthwhile. This Symposium will also provide a valuable networking opportunity for the international community of wildlife managers. The working language of the Symposium will be English and all presentations, abstracts and proceedings, will also be in that language.

PROGRAMME

The Symposium programme is divided into three sessions with separate themes. Each session will include presentations on the theme by some of the world's leading scientists, scholars and researchers.

CONFERENCING, ACCOMMODATION

The Symposium will be held at Windhoek Country Club Resort (WCCR) in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia (www.legacyhotels.co.za). WCCR is a four-star resort situated just outside the city. All the rooms are fully equipped with luxurious amenities. A block booking has been made and participants will receive a special rate. Space is limited and subject to availability.

TRAVEL

Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport is 42 km east of the city. A number of foreign airlines operate to and from Windhoek. The city is situated in a semi-desert region. Days are mostly warm in September, while nights are generally cool. There is a currency exchange counter in the airport and the exchange rate has been fairly consistent at about 11.50 Namibia dollars per Euro. Accepted means of payment include travellers' cheques, credit cards and cash.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for participants is € 450.00 (including all activities for attendees and partners). Payment should be made by credit card. All participants will receive payment confirmation by email. Each registered participant will be sent a copy of the Symposium proceedings after the event. A registration form is attached.

DEADLINE

Registration will close July 28th, 2009. After this date, the organizers reserve the right to accept late registration requests. There will be a € 30.00 surcharge for late registration.

Cancellation: registration may be cancelled up to July 30th, 2009. The registration fee will be returned with a deduction of a € 60.00 service charge.

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