

Event News

79th IWTO Congress Paris / Rambouillet 2010



3-5 May 2010

Paris / Rambouillet, France "Wool - Change to a Healthier and Safer Environment"

The IWTO Congress in 2010 will be held parallel to The World Merino Conference (which is held only every four years) and takes place from 3-5 May at the Bergerie Nationale in Rambouillet (outside of Paris). IWTO will join up with this important wool event for two days of the Congress as indicated below. During the joint Opening Session on Tuesday May 4th at the Bergerie, President Sarkozy, President of the French Republic, has accepted to give a keynote speech.

On the Tuesday evening there will be a lakeside Dinner at the Bergerie where participants of both events will have the opportunity to network.

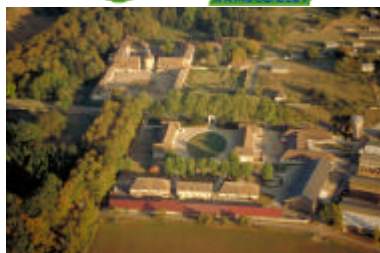
A Congress with Two Locations

The Congress 2010 will be held at two nearby locations. The Pre-



Hotel Pullman, Paris

Congress Day and Day 1 (Sun. May 2nd and Mon. May 3rd) at Hotel Pullman, Paris and Day 2 and 3 (Tues. May 4th and Wed. May 5th) at La Bergerie Nationale, Rambouillet. A detailed programme is being prepared and will be available in the Autumn. Transportation to and from the Hotel to the Bergerie will be provided on both Tuesday May 4th and Wednesday May 5th.



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Created as an institution by Louis XVI to become a model farm for the development of innovation and acquired its worldwide renown thanks to its exceptional flock of Merino sheep imported from Spain at the express demand of the sovereign in 1786.

In the 19th century, this flock came to play an important role in the improvement of sheep wool in many European countries and in the southern hemisphere through the export of its rams as sires. Today, the Bergerie Nationale, is a state domain and the Presidential residence, located 50 km southwest of Paris and occupying 250 hectares of the 1,100 hectare estate. For over two centuries, the Bergerie has carried

out its mission of experimentation and now is committed to demonstrating the virtues of multifunctional agriculture within the framework of sustainable development. However, the Bergerie is far more than a great farm at the gates of Paris. Since 1994, it has been a resource centre for sustainable agriculture and territorial development dedicated to training and project accompaniment.

Rambouillet

A relatively small town, Rambouillet does not have enough accommodation to hold all participants of the World Merino Conference and IWTO. Our strategy is therefore to accommodate the IWTO delegates together in two hotels in Porte de Versailles (on the periphery of Paris), Thus the Pre-Congress Day and Day 1 will be held in the Pullman Hotel in Paris.

Wool Arts Festival

In addition, parallel to the two events mentioned above there will be a Wool Arts Festival held at the Bergerie Nationale which is open to the public and all participants and partners will have an opportunity to visit this. A partners programme will also be organised including a visit to the renowned Chateau de Versailles.

More information will follow and online registration will open in January 2010.