

Meeting of

**Geographical Group 4  
North West Europe**

Kutna Hora 8 – 10 February 2008

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Members: Elli Broxham (SAVE), Marie-Thérèse Chaupin (France) Erling Fimland (Norway), Richard Lutwyche (UK), Pauline Wolters (Netherlands), Ank Zegwaard (Netherlands), Staf Van den Bergh (Belgium – Area Administration for ELBARN)

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Dr. Fimland was excused for this meeting.

The session opened with a brief presentation of each of the participants and his/her involvement in the activities of SAVE.

Staf Van den Bergh proposed that the Belgian rare breeds organisation Steunpunt Levend Erfgoed (SLE) act as Area Coordinator. SLE hired M. Jef AERTS ( [jef\\_aerts@telenet.be](mailto:jef_aerts@telenet.be) ) for this job.

It is specified that the North West Europe area covers Benelux, France, Ireland, UK, Scandinavia (Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden) .

Animal breeding in these countries is well organised and maybe even over regulated. Rare breeds are mostly well described, registered and the animals and probably also their holders are identified. The focus of this area workshop therefore has to be on regulation of animal breeding, on regulation of animal transport both within a EU-country and within the EU, on dealing with contagious diseases. Regulation usually is directed at commercial animal breeding and ignores or does not take into account the specific situation of rare breeds.

The members agree that the venue for the Area Workshop should be the Brussels region. Starting on a Thursday or Friday will allow to invite members of the European Parliament and / or European civil servants, specialists in the fields mentioned above.

Marie-Paule and Richard will make suggestions for possible additional participants for their country.

A visit to the SLE rare breeds animal park in Wachtebeke could be organised for the participants.