The 3rd Meeting of the AEWA European Goose Management International Working Group is being hosted by the Province of Friesland.

The 2nd Barnacle Goose and Greylag Goose Management Planning Workshop and the 3rd Meeting of the AEWA European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG3) will be held at the De Kanselarij Conference Centre in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands on 19 and 20 June 2018, and in the Stadsschouwburg De Harmonie in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands on 21 June 2018.

**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**MEETING DATES**

The Species Management Workshop will be opened at 08:30 on Tuesday, 19 June and is scheduled to finish at 18:30 the same day.

The EGM IWG3 meeting will be opened at 08:30 on Wednesday 20 June and is scheduled to finish after lunch (13:00) on Thursday 21 June.

**De Kanselarij 19-20 June**

The meeting room will be located on the first floor; the registration desk will be set up at the meeting venue (details will be provided later). The De Kanselarij reception desk staff on the ground floor will be happy to help you find your way around.

**Stadsschouwburg De Harmonie 21 June**

The meeting room will be located on the first floor; the registration desk will be set up at the meeting venue (details will be provided later). The De Harmonie reception desk staff on the ground floor will be happy to help you find your way around.

**Funded delegates** will receive further detailed information about their arrangements.
CONTACTS

In case of any questions or if you require any assistance, please contact the meeting organisers.

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The city of Leeuwarden is the capital of the province of Friesland, and is located in the northern part of Holland. Leeuwarden has population of around 122,000. The native language is Dutch but most people also speak English. Both venues are located in the centre of Leeuwarden, about 1 km from the train station.

**SOME SHORT INFORMATION ABOUT LEEUWARDEN**

Leeuwarden is the capital of de Province of Fryslân. It is a town filled with ancient monuments and architecture. It is a great town when you are looking for some good shopping. It has over 400 shops and is a great place for not only high street brands, but also some great individual and artisan shops in the little roads and alleyways that are to be found just off the main shopping area. For example the Klein Kerkstraat, which was voted to be the best shopping street, not only in Friesland, but also in the whole of the Netherlands. You will find a small shop (called Priuw) with Frisian specialities in the Nieuwstraatje, which is nearby the venue De Kanselarij. There are lots of bars and restaurants in the centre. Normally, in restaurants kitchens close at 21:00. You will find a list of restaurants attached, but of course there are more opportunities. Two well-known museums are the Frisian Museum (which recently won the audience prize of the Global Fine Art Award) and the Nature Museum. One of the
most famous sights in Leeuwarden is the Oldehove, an old tower made of bricks. The building was never completed because the marshy ground caused it to subside and take on a definite lean. The Dutch Tower of Pisa. If you climb the tower you can get a wonderful uninterrupted view of the local countryside. Another place to mention here is the Blokhuispoort. This building used to be a prison but is now a lively cultural center. There was a prison in this location as early as the year 1500. In the end, the Blokhuispoort (‘Blokhuus gate’) served as a penitentiary until 2007. You can stroll past the building and experience the rich history of the old prison. If you want to enjoy a bite or a drink, you can go to the restaurant Proefverlof in the Blokhuispoort and also have a look at the small shops and ateliers inside.

But there are more things to see, like the Dutch Ceramic Museum, The Waag of the Great Church of the Jacobins. You will find information about these attractions and much more in the cityguide and the citymap of Leeuwarden. These will be handed over to you at the registration on the first morning of the meeting.

The conference venue De Kanselarij is located 1.2 km from the main train station. From the train station cross the street and walk down Stationsweg and turn left into Zuiderplein. Cross the first bridge and continue on the Nieuweweg, keeping the canal on your right hand. Turn left into the Blokhuisplein and walk straight on. The street will become Druijstreek and then Tweebaksmarkt and Turfmarkt, at which point you will find De Kanselarij on the right hand side (see detailed map below).

The conference venue De Harmonie is located 1 km from the main train station. From the train station cross the street and walk through the park to the Sophialaan. Cross the bridge and walk straight on into the Prins Hendrikstraat. The street will become Wilhelminaplein (with a square on your right side). Turn left into the Ruiterskwartier. After 150 meters you will find De Harmonie on your left side.
PRE-REGISTRATION

Please pre-register under the following links as soon as possible:

2nd Barnacle Goose and Greylag Goose Management Planning Workshop, 19 June 2018

https://meetings.unep-aewa.org/meetings/SMP_WS2/registration

3rd Meeting of the European Goose Management International Working Group, 20-21 June 2018

https://meetings.unep-aewa.org/meetings/EGMP3/registration

The pre-registration deadline is 25 May 2017.

HOTELS

Please note, that no hotel rooms have been blocked for the duration of the meeting and that both funded and non-funded delegates are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations.

We would like to urge you to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible; In addition to the tourist season, Leeuwarden has been nominated European Capital of Culture 2018, attracting an increased number of visitors to the city, so hotels will fill up quickly.
Please also view the list of hotels in which provisional reservations are held to help your booking. The document is also found on the website separately (EGM IWG 3 meeting website).

**TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT TO AND FROM LEEUWARDEN**

Travel will be to Amsterdam Airport (Schiphol) ([https://www.schiphol.nl/en/](https://www.schiphol.nl/en/)) and onwards to Leeuwarden by train.

From the airport you can take a train to Leeuwarden running twice per hour. One is a direct connection and at the other requires a change in the city of Zwolle (the connecting train is on the same platform). You can buy train tickets at the airport. But we recommend to buy an online train ticket from Schiphol to Leeuwarden so you can get on the train immediately with your printed ticket. The average journey time from the Airport to Leeuwarden and vice versa is around 2 hours and 15 minutes.

**By bus in Leeuwarden**

Arriva and Qbuzz provide public transport by bus in and around Leeuwarden. Information about departure times can be found at Arriva and via the travelplanner 9292.nl (also available as downloadable app). Since 1 January 2018 it is no longer possible to pay cash in the busses, only by debit card.

**By taxi in Leeuwarden**

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All companies mentioned above also offer transport to and from Schiphol Airport, including for small groups. Booking in advance is necessary.

**MEALS**

On **Monday, 18 June** a **welcome reception** will take place at De Kanselarij, at 17:00, kindly hosted by the Province of Friesland.

Lunches will be provided for all participants on all meeting days (19-21 June). Lunch will be served in the venue.

Coffee and tea will be available from 08:30 onwards and refreshments will also be in the morning an afternoon during coffee breaks for all meeting days.

A **dinner**, kindly hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality will be offered on **Wednesday, 20 June** after the meeting.

**VISAS**

All registered participants requiring visas will be provided with personal invitation letters as well as verbal notes to support their visa applications. Please contact the relevant Dutch Consulate to apply for a Schengen visa.

Participants experiencing any difficulties with immigration or customs upon arrival in The Netherlands should contact the meeting organisers (see contact information above). Additional information regarding visas is available in the fact sheet for funded delegates.
CURRENCY

The currency in The Netherlands is the Euro.

INTERNET

Wireless internet will be available (free of charge) throughout the venue for the duration of the meeting.

WEATHER

Temperatures in Leeuwarden in June vary between 10°C and 19°C. For an up-to-date weather forecast closer to the meeting dates, please check: https://www.bbc.com/weather/0/2751792.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER

Electrical sockets (outlets) used in The Netherlands are types C and F. They usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC.

![Type C: This socket also works with plug E and F](image1)

![Type F: This socket also works with plug C and E](image2)

Tap water in The Netherlands is of high quality and safe to drink.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The emergency number for all services (police, ambulance, fire brigade) is (+31) 112.

DISCLAIMER

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