

THE MUSEUM OF ORLEANS FERUS AND LOIRET NATURE ENVIRONNEMENT PRESENTS

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THE RETURN OF THE LYNX ... INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The Museum of Orleans (France), together with FERUS and Loiret Nature Environment, is organising an international symposium focusing on a large predator that inhabits our forests. The symposium is called "The Return of the Lynx" and will take place on 17-19 October, 2008.

This prestigious big cat, which was successfully re-introduced in France and Switzerland more than twenty years ago, has gradually colonized most of the mountains of eastern France and is now expanding to foothills and plain forests.

Symposium organisers would like to draw naturalists' attention to the conservation of this particular species, which has fortunately avoided complete extinction in our country. Organisers also hope to create favourable attitudes towards the species, and to prepare managers and users of large forests in central France for the possible arrival of the lynx.

The symposium is open to all scientists, naturalists and carnivore enthusiasts. Papers will cover the European lynx, as well as other species such as the Canadian lynx and the Iberian lynx, an endemic species on the verge of extinction.

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Programme:

Changes in distribution, demography, ecology and behaviour of lynxes; relationships with man; conservation and management of lynx populations in the wild, and more.

There will also be an opportunity for participants to share their experiences of managing large carnivores, with scientists of international repute and local naturalists with 20 years of field experience.

To coincide with the symposium the Museum of Orleans will present an exhibition of lynx species throughout the world. Events for the general public will also be organised.

The main language communicated will be French.



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