

AKFB is back !!!

**We will be back next year at
Airport Charleroi Hotel.
A.K.F.B CONGRESS 2018**

Finally, the 40th AKFB congress will take place from 23rd to 25th March (last week-end of March) at the **Charleroi Airport Hotel (Gosselies)**. We will present you the place in this booklet and also on our web site www.akfb.be

Competition – Show :

As usual , 12 groups are defined and 3 awards will be attributed as well as one breeder's award for each group :

1. Europeans, Asian and nord-american species (excl. Aplocheilus and Rivulus/Kryptolebias)
2. Rivulus
3. Annuals from South America
4. Nothobranchius, Fundulosoma et Pronothobranchius
- 5 Population and sub-species of F.gardneri
6. Chromaphyosemions
7. Super-species : Calliurum , Elegans et sous-genre Kathetys
8. Other small Aphyosemions
9. Roloffia (Callopanchax-Archiaphyosemion et Scriptaphyosemion)
10. Epiplatys, Aplocheilus et Pachypanchax
11. Procatopodinae
12. Fundulopanchax et Raddaella

Only the fishes announced and registered can participate in the competition . Unannounced fishes will be accepted in line with the available aquariums. Any fish arriving after the start of the judgement , Saturday 24th March at 10 AM, cannot participate.

Special awards will also be attributed:

- ❖ Best of show
- ❖ Best Foreign fish
- ❖ Best Belgian fish
- ❖ Epi-centre for the best fish in Epiplatys sexfasciatus group

Special awards traditionally offered by the other participating associations will also reward the participating breeders.

In 2018 , the points received in our show will be credited towards the European championship.

At the end of the show, all fishes are participating in the Sunday auctions.

Registration of fishes :

Be aware, whatever the registration mode, it is recommended that your fishes are registered by Sunday March 16th 2018 at the latest.

Snail mail registrations :

JP Vandersmissen, 77 rue des haies, 6001 Marcinelle
G.Simoens Graaf Jansdijk 46 – 8300 Knokke/Heist

E-mail :

JP.Vandersmissen vdsakfb.epiplatysroloffia@belgacom.net
G.Simoens : guy.simoens@skynet.be

Or to our web master : webmaster@akfb.be

Your fishes should reach Marcinelle for Friday March 23rd . Still , for the congress'participants , they can bring their fish up to Saturday March 24th at 9:15 AM.

Shippind of fishes : By postal express : JP Vandersmissen
Rue des Haies, 77 6001 Marcinelle
Info to add on the box : Tél/Fax : 071/430205
GSM : 0478/461204
(no SMS Pleasep)

By air mail : **Michel Ippersiel**
Espace du Cœur de Ville, 11
Boîte, 201
1340- Ottignies
Info to add : **Aéroport de Zaventem**
Michel Ippersiel
Tél : 0032-497830800

On top of the fishes show, a digital photo competition is also organised (photo should be on CD) The participating photo should be sent to JP Vandersmissen for March 15th at the latest. One single award will be attributed by participants to the congress (who do not participate in the photo-show)

Overall program :

Friday March 23rd:

Setup and reception of the fishes
Attribution of the Photo-show Award
Evening discussion between all participants.

Saterdag March 24th:

8h to 10h : reception of the last fishes for the show
10h to 12h : Room is closed for judgements.
This year again, each judges' duo will have full power on their group and will directly select the awarded fishes (1st,2nd and 3rd).
There is thus no "super Judge"
(N.B : This year also, the judges are selected based on their competency in the group and not on the fact that they have registered or not fishes in that group)

Majority of judges will be invited prior to the congress. All the judges will participate in the selection of the Best of Show and Best foreign and Belgian fish.

15h : yearly AKFB General Meeting

15h30 : Lecture : **Heinz Ott**

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17h: Special fishes auction .The list of announced fishes will be publish on AKFB web site as from Sunday March 15th and updated regularly.

19 h45 : Reception of the participants for the yearly Dinner (on reservation)
Public Awards Ceremony
Evening discussion and more ..

Sunday March 25th

8h30 to 10h : free visit of the show

10 h : Closure of the show's room

10h45: Start of the auction of the fishes participating in the show

Auction's rules:

initial bid of 3 euros per pair .

Bid increase of 1 euros up to 25 Euros, 3 Euros after.

Initial bid for Breeding groups: 10 Euros.

Winner is expected to pay in cash for each auction or to register for an end of auction bulk payment (before the auctions start).In this case , participant need to get a numbered panel to be used for bidding.

Thanks in advance

Due to the bank charges, we are not able to accept checks anymore!!

Room and meal booking :

This year, AKFB can only handle booking of the Charleroi Airport Hotel and for the AKFB dinner (Saturday night) . Saturday lunch and other meals must be handled individually either at the coffee corner or in the hotel's restaurant. These meals should be paid directly to hotel's personnel.

For accommodation in OTHER HOTELS , the participant need to book them himself directly with the selected hotel.

Saturday's night AKFB dinner should be booked (before March 15th) with JP Vandersmissen, rue des Haies 77 6001 Marcinelle.

JP Vandersmissen can also handle booking of room's accommodation in Airport Hotel Still the payment will be handled directly with the hotel .

Saturday's Lunch : No booking necessary. Hotel's restaurant and bar are proposing several meal options. The bar does propose sandwiches (from 4 euros) and fast lunches (as from 5 euros)

AKFB dinner : 36 Euros aperitif included (18 euros for childrens less than 12)

It will be a buffet (cold and warm) and one aperitif drink.

As previous years, drinks are not included and everyone can order his/her drinks at the bar using the Drink vouchers (2,2 Euros value)

ATTENTION !!!!!!!

This year ,it is mandatory to book the AKFB Dinner at the latest on March 15th . We will not be able to modify the number of participants after that date (no addition , no removal) . We ask you to pay your Dinner before Saturday March 24th at noon. If you plan to arrive in the afternoon ,please liaise with JP Vandersmissen in advance.

If you plan to join friends at the Saturday dinner, but not take the dinner , please inform JP in advance so that you are not accounted by the Hotel's personnel otherwise we will have to pay for the dinner.

Buffet content:

Apéritif : Sparkling wine and zakouskis.

Cold Buffet: (propositions de cette année)

- Belle-Vue Salmon
- Parme Ham , Melon and Sesame's gressini
- Gambas with pesto sauce
- Poulet glacé aux légumes du midi (cold chicken with Southern veggies)
- Roastbeef black peper
- Mesclun de salades
- Tomatoes salad with Basil and garlic
- mix sauces and seasoning
- assorted breads

Warm Buffet :

- Roasted turkey with wild mushrooms
- Filets of sole and salmon with Fine Champagne sauce

Side dishes :

- Gratin dauphinois with truffles
- Iced vegetables (beans or other)
- Abergines with garlic

Dessert : buffet of desserts

The dinner should be paid :

- **-Directly to our treasurer or to Jean-Pol.**
- **international postal money order (in Euros) endorsed to JP Vandersmissen**

- **Bank transfer on AKFB account**
Association Killiphile Francophone de Belgique
rue des Haies 77 à Marcinelle
IBAN : BE09 0682 2451 9257
BIC : GKCC BEBB
(Please use IBAN and BIC to reduce the banks charges)

NB : In case of Bank transfer or International order,make sure the operation is completed no later than March 20th

Accommodation :

Following complains in the previous editions, AKFB does only handle booking to Charleroi Airport Hotel . Please liaise with JP Vandersmissen before March 15th.
 After this date, booking should be handle directly with the hotel following their normal pricing policy. (We cannot guarantee the 'AKFB congress conditions after that date).

AirportHôtel – Charleroi : Chaussée de Courcelles 115 à 6040 Gosselies (Charleroi)
 (Congress Place).

Tél : 0032/71250050

info@hotelcharleroiairport.be

Dogs are allowed assuming they do not disturb other customers.

Double Room : 110 €uros for 2 people, breakfast included).

(Please specify if you want king or twins bed)

Single Room : 95 €uros , breakfast included.

ATTENTION ! At this hotel , the breakfast in normally not included. As part of the Congress package ,the Hotel is offering the breakfast . If you do not take it ,it can not be refund .

N.B : - Prices are guaranteed up to March 10th . Accommodation payment is handle at arrival with the Hotel desk.

-If you come only for the auction on Sunday , you can take your breakfast at the hotel for 15 Euros (buffet)

-Exemple of breakfast buffet .

- Orange, apple, grapefruit or multivitamin juice
- Corn Flakes and various cereals.
- Rolls and different breads (toaster available)
- Croissants, chocolate breads, donuts, etc
- Bacon and hot sausages, scrambled or cooked "calf" eggs
- Jams, honey, choco - Various yogurts
- Cooked ham, chicken gallantine with pistachios, cheese
- Fruit salad, orange - Fresh vegetables: tomatoes, cucumber
- Coffee, cream coffee, tea or chocolate.

Alternatives Hotels :

Following some problems in the past, AKFB does not handle reservation in these hotels . Participants needs to book them by himself. Usually a credit card number will be required to make the booking official. Prices are fluctuating regularly , the prices indicated here are indicative and collected at the time this booklet was prepared : check with the hotel when you make your reservation.

A.Ibis Budget Charleroi Airport : (ex Etap Hôtel Charleroi Airport)

33,avenue Jean Mermoz - 6220 Fleurus

Slidly more comfortable than Class'éco/Formule 1 , +/- 7 km to congress, located near the airport . tél :071/ 373632

Room for 1 or 2 guestss: from 55/ 59 € + breakfast

B.C Hôtels IBIS : For pricing refer to their web site : [www .hotelibis.com](http://www.hotelibis.com)

IBIS Charleroi, in front of Charleroi South Station (+/- 8 km to congress)

Quai Paul Verlaine harleroi Tél : 071/206060

Indicative price (from internet) for 59€/ guest.

IBIS Fleurus, 590 Chaussée de Charleroi à 6220 Fleurus +/- 10 km to congress)

Indicative price :from **56 à 69€ / guest** . Tél : 071/810130

D.E. Hôtels (Best Western) :

Léonardo : Bd Pierre mayence 1, 6000 Charleroi Tél : 071/302424 (+/- 10 km du congrès)

For 1 or 2 guest(s) :from **55 €** per room (breakfast 14 euros not included)

AERO 44 : rue L.Blériot 4, 6041 Gosselies. Tél 071/313211 (+/- 10 km du Congrès)

As from **51€** per guest.

F. Balladins Superior hôtel Charleroi Airport :

rue Santos Dumont 38 6041 Gosselies. Tél : 071/347700

Contact e-mail :charleroi@balladins.com

Room price (internet) :from **62€**

G. Hôtel Class' éco : Located next to the Congress Hotel (500 m)

(ex Formule 1) Tél : 0032/71372222

Room as from **45€ (breakfast not included)**

The hotel announced that the rooms can accomodate 3 people.

According to feedback received it seems wise to limit to 2. The third bed was said of really bad quality .

Upon your arrival a map to reach theses hotels can be provided if needed.

Handy Phone number to know ;

AirportHôtel - Charleroi : 071/250050 (from foreign countries
:+32/71250050)

How to reach the congress' place ?

From Tournai, Mons and France :

1. After Mons, at Roeulx, take direction **E42 – Liège – Charleroi – La Louvière**
2. **Do not** take direction : **R3 –Périphérique Ouest –Philippeville
Beaumont – Charleroi Ouest -
Fontaine-l'Evêque – Trazegnies**
3. Continue towards Liège to crossing **E42 – A54**
4. Take direction : **A54 – Charleroi- Expo**
5. Continue to **Aéroport**
6. On A54 take the first exit **N°22 : Courcelles – Gosselies – Roux**
7. At the end of the exit, you are on a rond-about . Take the 3rd road (our **Congrès AKFB
signal will be in place.**)

From Brussels -Antwerpen and Nederland :

1. From Brussels Ring take direction Charleroi / Nivelles : **Charleroi – A54**
2. Continue on A54 at the intersection with **E42 – A54**
3. Juste after take exit : **N° 22 : Courcelles – Gosselies – Roux**
4. At the end of the exit, you are on a roundabout . Take the 3rd road (our **Congrès AKFB
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From Liège/luik – Namur/Namen and Germany :

1. From Liège ,take direction Namur/Charleroi/Mons (E42)
2. When reaching the Charleroi area, **don't** take the ring
3. Wait for intersection between **E42 – A54, and take A54 Charleroi Expo**
6. On A54 take first exit **N° 22 : Courcelles – Gosselies – Roux**
7. At the end of the exit, you are on a roundabout . Take the 3rd road (our **Congrès AKFB
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