



VDA-AK-LAF-Geschäftsstelle
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**To all members and friends of
VDA-Arbeitskreises "Lebendgebärende Aquarienfische"
Xiphophorus Working Group
Goodeid Working Group**

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You are invited to a joint meeting of AK-LAF, XWG and GWG. It will take place on from September 29th to October 1st in Leipzig/Markkleeberg. The address of the event location, the schedule, the program framework as well as information on travel and catering can be found below.

Date: Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October 2023

**Venue: Restaurant Filoxenia
Hauptstraße 130-134
04416 Markkleeberg
Tel: +49 (0)342 99 799548
<https://restaurant-filoxenia.business.site/>
E-Mail: mihalaris@hotmail.com**

Markkleeberg is a suburb of Leipzig and borders directly on the city of Leipzig. Markkleeberg has a direct S-Bahn (city train) connection to Leipzig city center/ main train station and Leipzig/Halle airport. The restaurant does not operate a hotel. A list of nearby accommodation is attached. A large number of hotels are also located in the city center near the main train station and the zoo.

Accommodation in walking distance:

Hotel Markkleeberger Hof: www.markkleeberger-hof.com
Pension Kűfner: www.pension-kuefner.de
Hosteria and Pension Da Marcello: www.hostaria-da-marcello.de
Landpension Pleissenaue: www.landpension-pleissenaue.com
Gästewohnungen Hennig: www.monteurzimmer.de/gaestezimmer/04416-markkleeberg-kht1bz4ti6

2 stations with S-Bahn:

Hotel Alt Connewitz: www.alt-connewitz.de
Pension Am Stern: www.pension-am-stern.de
Homeplanethostel: www.homeplanethostel.de
Pension M14: www.pension-m14.de

Planned course of the conference:

Friday, September 29th

- A guided **city walk** (bilingual English and German) starts at 11.00 a.m. at the train main station. Lunch at the well-known restaurant Auerbachs Keller (Faustus and Mephisto were here) is planned. (More information in eight languages: <https://www.auerbachs-keller-leipzig.de/>)
The planned time frame is 11:00 to 15:00 (no later than 16:00).
The restaurant is very busy and reservations are required. Please register with Reinhold Nickel at vda-ak-laf@web.de by September 1st at the latest.
Udo Wagenknecht will lead the tour, so some adjustments are possible. If interested, a guided tour can also be organized on Monday, details will be given at the meeting.
- From 18:00 **get-together** in the Filoxenia restaurant.
- From 20:00 **dinner** (earlier the restaurant kitchen is occupied by normal guests, we are in the hall)

Saturday, September 30th

- 10:00 entrance to the hall opens
- 10:15 short **internal meeting of the VDA AK LAF**
- 11:00 first block of **presentations**, including break
In the case of presentations in English, a short summary will be given in German and vice versa.
- 14:00 **lunch**
To reduce the price, the same meal for everyone (gyros, meat rolls, fries, €15.00); a special meal is available for vegetarians, please register before the meeting starts.
- 15:00 to ca. 16:30 second block of **presentations**
- about 17:00 start of the **auction**
Anyone can take part as a bidder or seller, the fish and plants should be packed in plastic bags or bottles and labelled with the most important information (species, place of collection if known, seller's email).
- after auction – **informal meeting**
- 20:00 **dinner**

Sunday, October 01st

- 9:30 meeting at the zoo entrance
- 10:00 **presentation of the new aquarium** by Ariel Jacken, Senior Curator, lecture hall of the Zoo
Then **visit to the aquarium and the Gondwanaland** (largest tropical hall in Europe), also backstage.
Groups with English and German speaking guides will be organized.
The regular summer admission fee is €22.00, we will probably pay €16.00 to €18.00, the ticket is valid all day. The tour itself is free.
- A joint **lunch** can be organized in one of the zoo restaurants. Reservation is required, please register.

Registration and all questions to Reinhold Nickel:

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