10th Open European Taxidermy Championships® Oulu, Finland



11th-17th May 2015







Christoph Meier

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On behalf of the ETF Board I am glad to welcome all taxidermists and friends of taxidermy to the 10th European Taxidermy Championships[®] in Oulu. This is an exciting opportunity for the competitors to present their best taxidermy work to their colleagues and of course to the jury - so good luck to everybody! To be able to present taxidermy masterpieces to a broad public in the course of a big game fair is the ideal possibility for the whole European taxidermy community. Taxidermy competitions have been under the patronage of the European Taxidermy Federation since the beginning - ETC® is the "flagship" of our association. ETF is the roof organisation of currently 11 national taxidermy associations, but also a number of individual members. If you are interested to join, please visit the official ETF web site: www.eurotaxidermy.eu

Last but not least I have the great pleasure to introduce Mr Rafael Centenera from Spain as the next ETF President. I wish him all the best and a good future for the ETF!

With best regards

Christoph Meier On behalf of the ETF Board





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Welcome to Oulu

We are happy to present the program of the 10th Open European Taxidermy Championships[®] 2015 (ETC[®]) held in conjunction with the 11th Northern Finland Outdoor Life Fair in Oulu, Finland.

The show is organized by the European Taxidermy Federation (ETF) and the Finnish Taxidermy Association in co-operation and with the generous support of the Pohjois-Suomen Erämessut.

There's no doubt, that this will be one of the highlights of the Fair 2015 for everybody, be it you, the competitors or the visitors and guests.

If you study the whole bunch of attractive activities and offers, you will quickly learn that this edition of the ETC® will be one of the best ever. Again, the most educational team of experienced international judges will be on place and you have the choice of several different high-class seminars even with offered excursions in the wilderness for animal watching! And last but not least, visiting the Fair, partially outdoors, will be a non-forgettable souvenir. All this on a fantastic and inspiring place in this beautiful country of Finland, where the midnight sun, at this time of the year, is no more far away!

So this one, you should absolutely not miss!

Come and meet colleagues from all over the world and enjoy some exciting days!

Wishing all of you a lot of success and luck, we are looking forward to meet you in Oulu.

With best regards



Pentti Uusi-Illikainen



Ari Puolakoski



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Judges



Stephan Weigl Austria Judge "Birds + Mammals"



Lennart Pettersson Sweden Judge "Birds"



Jack Fishwick England Judge "Birds"



Matthias Feuersenger Germany Judge "Birds"



Jan Fredricksson Sweden Judge "Birds"



Walter In't Velt The Netherlands Judge "Skeletons"

Note: the proceeding of judging the RSM Category and RP Categories in all Divisions are defined in the Rules & Regulations under "Judging", page 3. www.eurotaxidermy.eu



Matthias Fahrni Switzerland Judge "Fishes" "Reptiles/Amphibians"



Kurt Zimmert
Austria
Judge
"Reptiles/Amphibians"
"Fishes"



Wendy Christensen U.S.A Judge "Game Heads" "Mammals"



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Dieter Schön Germany Judge "Mammals"



Alexander Sokolov Russian Federation Judge "Mammals" "Game Heads"

The Competition Committee

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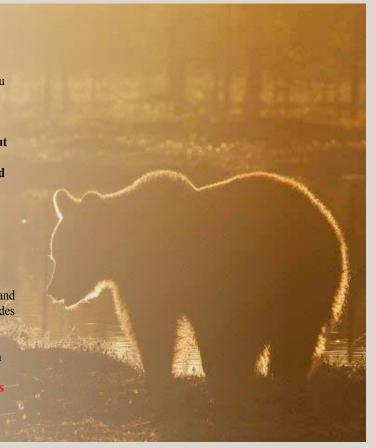
For further information please visit the following website: www.martinselkonen.fi

Over-night tours to Martin Selkonen wildlife center are offered on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th May.

The price <u>170€</u> includes: Trips by bus to the wildlife center at Suomussalmi and back, lunch at the day of arrival, breakfast at the depature day, stays at the hides in the evening, overnight and/or in the morning.

Note: In case of booking the "Bear Safari" you will get a € 30,00 discount on the Show Pass which is including the seminars.

The safari must be pre-registered. The places are limited, min 10 Persons and max 30 persons / trip.



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Program

Monday – 11th May

- -8.30 am 6.30 pm Registration
- 7.00 pm Get-together party at Nallikari camping (also Judges are welcome)

Tuesday – 12th May

- -8.30 9.00 am Judges meeting
- 9.00 am Judging begins
- 10.00 am 12.00 am Seminar 1
- 11.30 am Wednesday around 11.30 am Visit to MartinSelkonen wildlife center, TOUR 1
- -2.00 pm 4.00 pm Seminar 2

Wednesday – 13th May

- 8.30 am Judging continues
- 9.30 am 1.30 pm Endless Loop Film Presentation: The Making Of the Recreation of "Samson"
- 11.30 am Thursday around 11.30 am Visit to MartinSelkonen wildlife center, TOUR 2
- 2.00 pm 6.00 pm SCI official trophy measurer course

Thursday – 14th May

- -8.30 am 2.00 pm Judging finished, ribbons in place
- 10.00 am 12.00 am Seminar 3
- 10.00 am 6.00 pm Northern Finland Outdoor Life Fair
- 2.00 pm Award voting (Excellence, Taxidermists' choice) starts
- -2.00 pm 4.00 pm Seminar 4
- 2.00 pm 6.00 pm Taxidermy competition show and Taxidermy booths area
- 2.00 pm 6.00 pm SCI official trophy measurer course (if enough interest)

Friday – 15th May

- 10.00 am 6.00 pm Northern Finland Outdoor Life Fair and Taxidermy competition show
- 10.00 am 12.00 am Seminar 5
- 1.30 pm 4.30 pm Score Sheets and Diplomas of attendance handed out
- -1.30 pm 3.30 pm Seminar 6
- 2.00 pm Award voting (Excellence, Taxidermists' choice) ends
- 4.00 pm 6.00 pm Judges critique, part 1
- 8.00 pm 9.30 pm Oulu city reception at Oulu City Hall

Saturday - 16th May

- 10.00 am 6.00 pm Northern Finland Outdoor Life Fair and Taxidermy competition show
- 10.00 am 12.00 am Judges critique, part 2
- -1.30 pm 3.30 pm Seminar 7
- 5.00 pm Banquet and Awards ceremony at the Holiday Inn

Sunday – 17th May

- 10.00 am 5.00 pm Northern Finland Outdoor Life Fair and Taxidermy competition show
- 1.30 pm 4.00 pm ETF general meeting
- 5.00 pm Removal of taxidermy entries

NOTE: The entries must stay on place until the announced time without any exceptions.

Seminars



Seminar 1 / Tuesday 12th May 2015 / 10.00 AM – 12.00 AM by Dirk Grundler (Germany)

Finetuning in bird taxidermy regarding feet, beaks and fleshy parts of the skin

The seminar is showing the interaction between the correct use of reference materials and different methods for avoiding shrinkage in bird taxidermy.



Seminar 2 / Tuesday 12th May 2015 / 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM by Bethany Palumbo (United Kingdom)

'Once in a whale'

The seminar will present the conservation treatment of five historic Cetacean skeletons aimed to clean, preserve and stabilize the specimens for a future on display as well as improve their scientific accuracy.



Seminar 3 / Thursday 14th May 2015 / 10.00 AM – 12.00 AM by Daniel Salzer (Germany)

Sculpting animals

Modeling small animal figures in clay - material, technique and what we can learn from sculpting.



Seminar 4 / Thursday 14th May 2015 / 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

by Bosse Wessmann (Sweden)
Lifelike fish mounts and others

A discussion of what living fish in a natural situation do and don't. How they use and interact with the surrounding water in movement and body posture, from a biological and mechanical point of view.



Seminar 5 / Friday 15th May 2015 / 10.00 AM – 12.00 AM

by Jack Fishwick (United Kingdom)

Bird Anatomy for Taxidermists

Exciting details about bird anatomy which every taxidermist should know to avoid fatal mistakes in reproducing bird bodies.



Seminar 6 / Friday 15th May 2015 / 1.30 PM – 3.30 PM

by Dieter Schön (Germany)

Excalibur and the Pointing method

Special method for sculpting a big old Simmenthal breeding bull and the mounting process.



Seminar 7 / Saturday 16th May 2015 / 1.30 PM – 3.30 PM

Wendy Christensen (USA)

Tricks of the Trade - Dealing with Difficult Mammals

The problems associated with African animal hide and horn preparation, and alternative methods of mammal taxidermy when commercial mannikins are not available.

Endless Loop Film Presentation / Wednesday 13th May 2015/ from 9.30 AM – 1.30 PM Wendy Christensen (USA)

The Making of the Recreation "Samson"

Samson, a 272 kg male Lowland-Gorilla (1950-1981), lived in the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Museum taxidermist and artist Wendy Christensen designed a new life-size recreation of Samson, using his death mask cast, yak hair, synthetic materials and high-tech methods to make the model. For the recreation of "Samson" Wendy was honored with the "Best in World Re-Creation" and "Judges' Choice Best of Show" awards at the WTC® 2009.



SCI - Measurement Course / Wednesday 13th (and Thursday 14th) May 2015 / 2.00 PM – 6.00 PM by Norbert Ullmann (Germany)

Safari Club International (SCI) Official Measurer (OM) Course

The participant will be introduced to all methods SCI utilizes to measure worldwide big game hunting trophies. Participation fee includes the "SCI OM Manual", with all tools, description and measuring sheets, needed to be able to make trophy measurements. **Mandatory:** to be a SCI OM the OM needs to be a SCI member. Membership applications can be filled out prior to the course. Current membership fees are: annual: 90 USD; 3-years: 225 USD: Life Member: 2000 USD.

Note: This course must be pre-registered!

Costs: € 150,00 each person, payable directly to the SCI-Instructor + possibly SCI-Membership.

Special Awards

ATI - LANDSCAPE AWARD

Awarded to three entries with the best landscape.

Chosen by the sponsor. Selected from: Professional division.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon

First Prize: € 250, Second Prize: € 150, Third Prize: € 100

Sponsor: ATI (Italian Taxidermy Association)

BEST BIRD EYE AWARD

Awarded to the best eye setting and "true to life" impression in bird taxidermy.

Chosen by the judge Lennart Pettersson.

Selected from: Novice and Professional division.

Prize: trophy, diploma, special ribbon and a € 200 Voucher

Sponsor: Eyeconicstore, Roger De Giorgio

BIG PREDATOR AWARD

Awarded to the most lifelike big predator, including: Bear (Ursus sp.), Lynx (Lynx sp.), Wolf (Canis lupus), Wolverine (Gulo gulo), Golden Eagle (Aquila chrysaetos) and Sea Eagle (Haliaeetus albicilla). Chosen by the sponsor.

Selected from: all divisions and categories.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon and a Voucher for an excursion to one of the

professional hides for two persons with full board.

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BREAKTHROUGH AWARD FOR BEST OF SHOW

Chosen from all judges by vote. Selected from: Master division category winners. Prize: Plaque, special ribbon and an \in 300 Gift Certificate

Sponsor: Breakthrough Magazine, Larry Blomquist

ETF - AWARD

Awarded to the most educational piece in the Competition. Chosen by the ETF board members. Selected from: all divisions and categories.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon and € 300 Sponsor: ETF (European Taxidermy Federation)

EUROPEAN FISH TAXIDERMY AWARD

Awarded to the piece showing outstanding quality, remarkable improvement, special innovation or for a new talent. Chosen by the sponsor.

Selected from: all divisions and fish categories.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon and € 250 Sponsor: Matthias & Helen Fahrni

KARL LANGE AWARD

Chosen from all category winners in the Professional division by vote of all the

judges. Selected from: Professional division.

Prize: plaque, special ribbon and a € 250 Voucher

Sponsor: KL Glasaugen, David Lange

MOST EXPRESSIVE POSE AWARD

Chosen by the sponsor. Selected from: all divisions and categories.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon, "Nordic Surprise" and € 200.

Sponsor: Finnish Taxidermy Association and the

Northern Finland Outdoor Life Fair

NIELS HENNING GUSTAFSSON AWARD

Eligible are all the participants younger than 23 years (the 23th birthday is the limit). Awarded to the taxidermist with the three highest scoring pieces out of all three possible divisions. Mandatory for entering is one bird and one mammal (full mount) into the respective NR categories. For the third mount, the competitor is free to place an amphibian, a reptile or a fish into the NR, RP or RSM categories. Note: Niels Henning Gustafsson (1940 - 2008) was a taxidermist, one of the first in

Denmark who introduced new artistic ways for mounting animals. He was one of the founders of the DZK in 1974. At his death, he donated his fortune to the DZK. Prize: diploma, special ribbon and € 500

Sponsor: DZK (Danish Taxidermy Association)

NOVICE AWARD

Awarded to the best three pieces in Novice division according to the Rules &

Regulations. Selected from: Novice division.

First Prize: € 250, Second Prize: € 150, Third Prize: € 100

Sponsor: Bouten & Zoon, Maurice Bouten

OULU CITY AWARD

Awarded to the highest scoring fish out of the Salmonidae family.

Selected from: Professional division. If there are several pieces with the same score,

the decision will be taken by lots.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon and € 200

Sponsor: City of Oulu

REMES AWARD

Awarded to the most lifelike Grouse out of the Tetraoninae subfamily, e.g. Wood Grouse (Tetrao sp.), Snow Grouse (Lagopus sp.), Black Grouse (Lyrurus sp.) etc.

Selected from: Master division. Chosen by the bird judges.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon and a professional bincular (Meopro)

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SAVOTTA AWARD

Awarded to the best European Moose (Alces alces) or Reindeer/Caribou (Rangifer tarandus) in the categories PM3, PM4 and/or PG3. Selected from:

Professional division. Chosen by the mammal judges. Prize: diploma, special ribbon and a € 300 Voucher

Sponsor: Savotta Outdoor Company, Representative: Jari Virtanen

SCHWARZ TAXIDERMY AWARD

Awarded to the taxidermist with the highest total score for at least 4 entries in at least 3 different categories. Selected from: Professional division.

Prize: plaque, special ribbon and € 500 Sponsor: Schwarz Taxidermy, Franz Schwarz

SKANDIA HARDWOOD AWARD

Awarded to the highest scoring bird in the PB2, PB3 and/or PB4 categories. Selected from: Professional division. If there are several pieces with the same score, the decision will be taken by lots.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon and € 300 Sponsor: Skandia Hardwood, Lennart Petersson

SZK - BIRD AWARD

Awarded to the highest scoring bird in the PB1 category. Selected from: Professional division. If there are several pieces with the same score, the decision will be taken by lots.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon and € 100 Sponsor: SZK (Swedish Taxidermy Association)

TAXIDERMY ART AWARD

Awarded to the most artistic pieces in the Competition. The three main criteria that will be relevant in equal parts are: taxidermy skills and craftsmanship, artistic impact and creativity, true to live character of the species. Compositions, bases and habitats including materials as wood, metal or stone will be preferred. Selected from: 2-3 judges appointed by the sponsor, out of all divisions and categories.

Prize: diploma, special ribbon

First Price: € 250, Second Price: € 150, Third Price: € 100

Sponsor: Ann & Lennart Pettersson

TAXIDERMISTS' CHOICE BEST OF SHOW

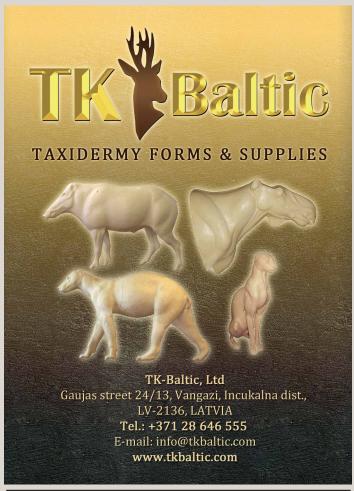
Chosen by vote from all the competitors.
Selected from: all divisions and categories.
Prize: diploma, special Ribbon and € 500
Sponsor: VDP (German Taxidermy Association)

VNPS - AWARD

Awarded to the highest scoring piece selected from the following species. Mammals: Beech Marten (Martes foina), European Hare (Lepus europaeus) Squirrel (Sciurus vulgaris). Birds: Common Buzzard (Buteo buteo), Carrion Crow (Corvus corone corone) or Hooded Crow (Corvus corone cornix), Fieldfare (Turdus pilaris) or Blackbird (Turdus merula) or Song Trush (Turdus philomelos).

Selected from: Professional division Prize: diploma, special ribbon and € 200 Sponsor: VNPS (Swiss Taxidermy Association)

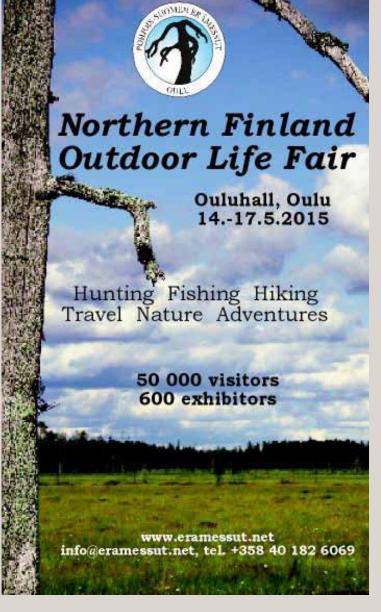
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Registration

Deadline for early registration: 31th March 2015 1st entry 80€, 2nd entry 60€, 3rd entry 40€, 4th and subsequent entries 20€.

Late registration: from 1st April to 11th May 2015, 6.00 PM: 90€. Competitors who are not members of the ETF are required to pay an additional fee of 40€.

For the first time you will have the possibility for online registration: www.eurotaxidermy.eu or www.eramessut.net/en/ETC. We kindly ask you to profit from this new possibility to ease our work.

Please refer to the new ETC® RULES AND REGULATIONS and ETC® SPECIES LIST when filling-in your registration form

It is a must for every competitor to study and know the ETC® Rules and Regulations! If a competitor is not aware of it (introduced at the ETC® 2014) she / he will get with guarantee fundamental problems to enter the pieces. Excuses will not be tolerated! For all those who have competed in 2014 please be aware that it came to several smaller changing. Please find the actual R&R on www.eurotaxidermy.eu under Competitions/ETC®/Rules&Regulations.

Please find the details of permits and cites-documets at the ETC® Rules and Regulations page 15. To contact Finnish authorities, visit www.environment.fi/cites.

For knowing important details about the judging of your entries, please download the ETC® Score Sheets from our website: www. eurotaxidermy.eu under Competitions/ ETC®/Score Sheets

Show Pass and Seminars

Show Pass + Seminars: 160€ / 130€ in case of bookin the "Bear Safari"

Show pass (without seminars): 70€

ETC® Show Pass includes the following: Get-together Party, Oulu City Reception, Parking Ticket for the Outdoor Life Fair, Outdoor Life Fair Entrance

General info

Get-together party

All registrants as well as the judges and the officials are welcome to meet on Monday evening, from 7.00 pm on, at the Nallikari camping. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be offered. If you wish to have alcoholic drinks, please bring them with you.

Oulu City Reception

This event will be held at Oulu City Hall on Friday evening. Oulu City is the host of this party. Invited are all exhibitors from the Outdoor Life Fair together with all the ETC® participants and officials.

Award Banquet

At Holiday Inn on Saturday evening, beginning at 5.00 pm with aperitifs. The official part will start around 6.30 pm. A registration is necessary to attend this show. Price: 45ε / person. Please be aware that alcoholic drinks are not included in the ticket price.

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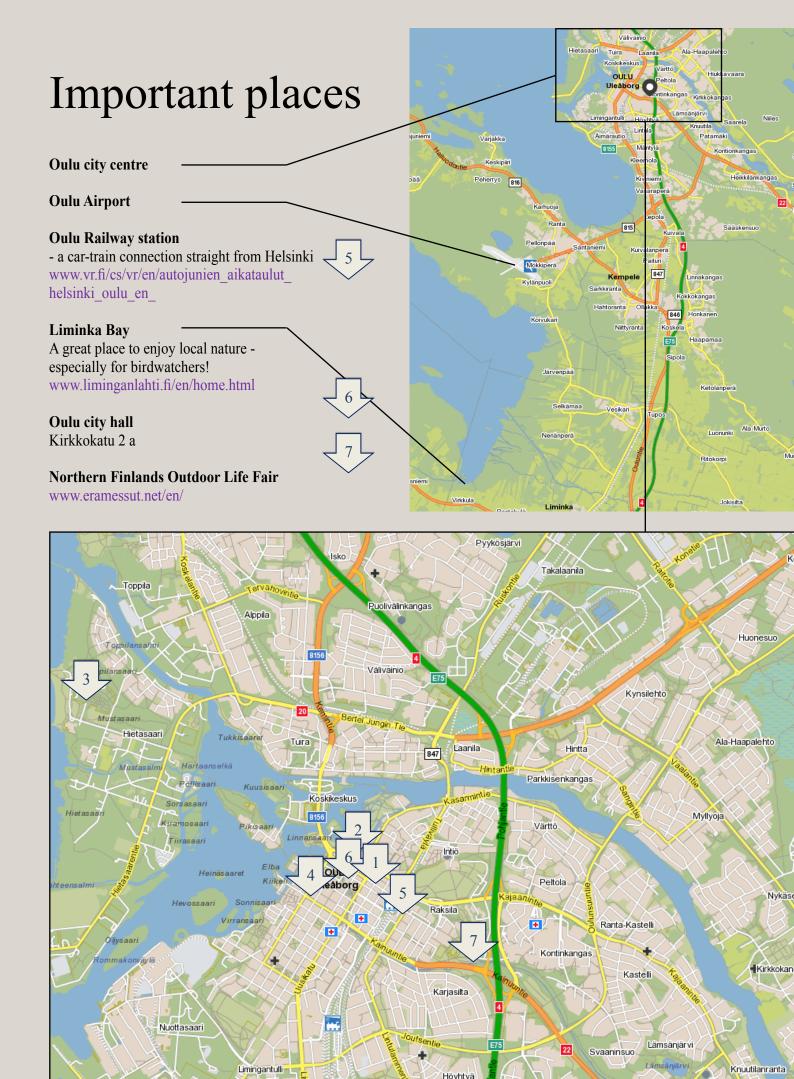
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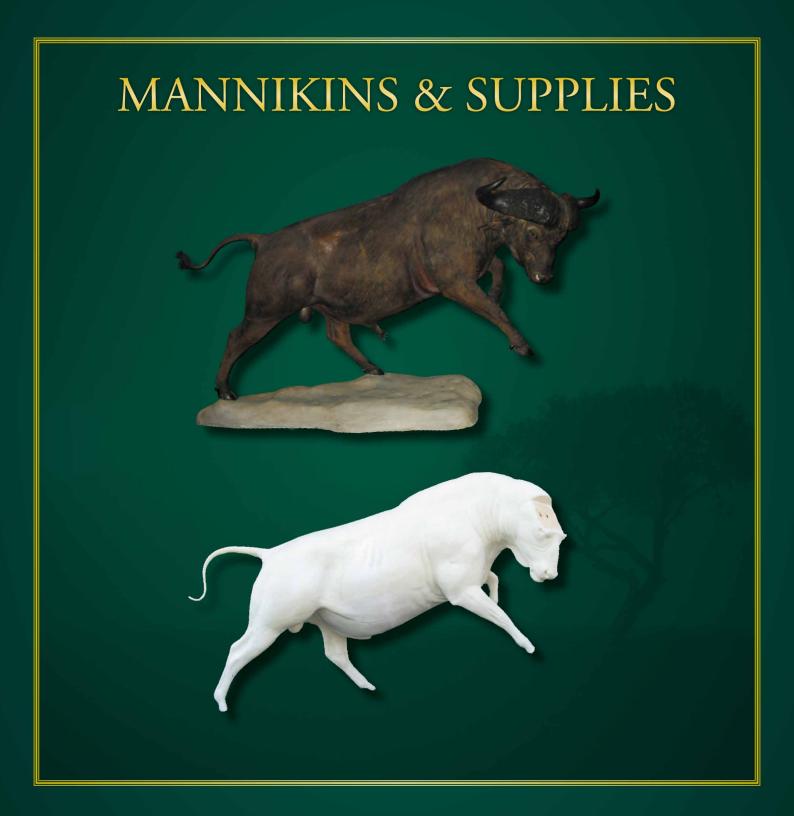
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