



**INTERNATIONAL SHEEP VETERINARY CONFERENCE 2009
STAVANGER, NORWAY
12TH – 16TH OF JUNE 2009**

**PRECONFERENCE TOUR
LONG
3RD – 11TH JUNE 2009**

Date	Destination	Programme
Wednesday 03.06.2009	Oslo	There will be rooms booked at Hotel Bristol for all participants. This allows for arrivals in Oslo during the day. Everybody joins up for dinner
Thursday 04.06.2009	Oslo	Visit to the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science , National Veterinary Institute and The Norwegian Food Safety Authority . There will be a short introduction around current activities. Lunch
	Ringebu	Arrive at Gudbrandsdalen Hotel in beautiful surroundings. Dinner at the hotel.
Friday 05.06.2009	Ringebu	There will be opportunities for a nice walk before departure in the morning. The bus will travel north and west towards Lom. There will be visits to local sheep farms with a cultural twist, local food and music.
	Lom	Arrive at Fossheim Hotel late afternoon. This hotel is in the middle of the mountains and in an area which is part of Jotunheimen National Park . This area has a high diversity of plant and animal life, it is also where the highest mountain in Norway, Galdhøpiggen, lies. Dinner at the hotel.
Saturday 06.06.2009	Lom	Departure from hotel after breakfast
		The bus will travel west towards to coastal areas. There will be amazing scenery on the way over these mountains. There will be a short stop at Grotli Høyfjellshotel for coffee.
	Nordfjord	Arrive at Loenfjord Hotel for lunch
		A visit to the glacier , Briksdalsbreen . After this there will be a

		visit to a dairy goat herd and something to eat.
	Nordfjord	Back at Loenfjord Hotel for dinner.
Sunday 07.06.2009	Nordfjord	Depart from hotel after breakfast. The trip will follow south over Gaular mountain and along Jølsvatnet (lake). This area is all part of National Tourist Routes near the Sognefjord. We will arrive at Balestrand and Kviknes Hotel in the afternoon. There will be dinner at the hotel in the evening.
Monday 08.06.2009	Nordfjord	Departure from Kviknes Hotel after breakfast. The trip is now moving into “sheep country” in the area around Voss. We will visit Myrkdalen which is said to be the cradle of one of the commonest sheep breeds in Norway, the Dala breed. There will be plenty of opportunities to see these sheep live. Lunch will be served.
	Voss	Arrive at Fleischer’s Hotel, a fantastic hotel since 1864. Here both short and long preconference tours join up. There will be dinner at the hotel in the evening.
Tuesday 09.06.09	Voss	Departure from hotel after breakfast. There will be train ride and boat trip in an area called Norway in a nutshell. The trip will go through beautiful fjord scenery, Nærøyfjord , the breathtaking Flåm Railway and the steep bends of Stalheimskleiva.
	Voss	Return to the hotel before we go to Smalahovetunet for dinner. This is a unique place where old traditional local food is prepared in the old fashion way. It is a family enterprise that specializes in preparing sheep’s heads with all the trimmings.
	Voss	Return to Fleischer’s Hotel
Wednesday 10.10.2009	Voss	Depart Fleischer’s Hotel.
	Reisæter	On the way south, there will be a stop at a village with several sheep farmers, these sheep graze at the edge of a glacier. There will be opportunities to see these sheep and hear the myth about the glacier.
	Haugesund	Arrive at Rica Maritim Hotel in Haugesund . This will be the first big town since Oslo. Dinner will be served at the hotel.
Thursday 11.06.2009	Haugesund	Depart from the hotel after breakfast. This last leg of the trip will go south towards Stavanger.
	Rennesøy	A visit to the only monastery from the middle ages in Norway, Utstein Kloster . It was a monastery until the reformation in

		<p>1537, after that it became owned by the King of Denmark and managed by his nobleman. At around 1750, it finally was back in Norwegian hands, and the same family lived there until 1930s. This same family still own and run the farm next door. This farm is one of the biggest sheep farms in Norway with around 650 sheep. There will be a visit to the farm.</p>
	Åmøy	<p>Åmøy is one of many islands near Stavanger, it is well known for it's collection of rock carvings. Seafood will be served close to these rock carvings with a beautiful view of the fjord and Stavanger city.</p>
	Stavanger	<p>Arrive at the hotels in the evening.</p>