
FUGARE starts the new pigeon season full of ambition

The ones who attended the first edition of FUGARE, which took place last year, will definitely remember the extensive selection of the national and international dealers. A suchlike offer had never been exhibited on a Belgian fair before. The fact that both products and pigeons were sold during FUGARE was appreciated by many visitors – from Belgium as well as from abroad – as well. It appeared that Belgian pigeons are still very much sought after by people from all over the world.

It will therefore not surprise you that we decided to organize a second edition of FUGARE, which will build on the success of the previous fair. The majority of the exhibitors who were present in 2011, such as Bricon, Vanrobaeys, Belgica De Weerd, Herbots, Beyers, Versele, Natural and so on, will be present again this year. Matador-Backs, dovecote constructor Hermes, auction site Pipa, Motz Computers, Toulet Van Bael, and various other foreign companies and pigeon fanciers who did not attend the previous edition, will be joining us this year. Thanks to these around 100 (!) exhibitors with their no doubt excellent selections, FUGARE will once again turn out to be a great success!

You might already have noticed that FUGARE is more than just a fair. Numerous side activities are organized as well. For this year, the organization managed to convince Filip Norman, a real star in the world of pigeon racing, to present his new book “100 jaar duivensport bij de familie Norman” (“100 years of pigeon racing at the Norman family”) during the forum. Xavier Verstraete, the Belgian Champion and miracle man from Oostakker, was also invited by FUGARE and will be attending the forum as well. The third person who will be participating in the informal talk session is André Moonens, also called the ‘ket’. It is partly because of his great ambitions that the pigeon fanciers are looking forward to the new season.

Next to the forum a number of prize-giving ceremonies will also take place, mainly on Saturday. The Diamanten Duif (Diamond Pigeon) of the Club d’Amitié Franco-Belge will be distributed, as well as the Bricon Trophy and the Croatian Adriatic Cup. Emiel Denys will also be present and will be distributing prizes for various one loft races such as FCI-Thailand, FCI-Hungary, Yunan Boao China and Shaandong Yong Sheng China. And if you want to spend your Saturday night in a special décor, you are kindly invited to the gala night of Pipa and Het Duivenblad, which will take place on the same location as FUGARE.

On Sunday veterinary Dr. Vincent Schroeder will be giving a presentation and La France Colombophile will be distributing its prizes. As you can see, there are a lot of international guests are expected at the fair. Furthermore, there will be continuous shows and an election of the BCK-CBJS including prize distribution. WVOU will also present its prize winners. New this year is the novelty forum: every exhibitor who has recently launched or is planning to launch a new product on the market is given the opportunity to briefly present it on stage.

Last but not least: FUGARE also pays attention to the partners of the pigeon fanciers. On Saturday as from 9.30 a.m. a shuttle service will be provided which will transport the ladies to the shopping centre K in Kortrijk (and back of course). The last bus back to the fair will depart around 4.45 p.m. from K in Kortrijk.

FUGARE takes place in Kortrijk Xpo (B) on the 18th and 19th of February 2012. Tickets cost 7 euros, women and children can enter the fair for free. Coupons with a discount of 1 euro can be requested via www.fugare.be and are also available in all the pigeon fanciers’ associations. Associations that come by bus can profit from special conditions: free parking for the bus and 1 free admission ticket to the fair per 10 paying visitors (please send your request to fugare@kortrijkxpo.com)! As you can see, FUGARE is an event that you simply cannot miss and heralds the start of the new pigeon season.

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