

Programme of activities – a breakdown of activities by day and time (specifying the date and time of participants' arrival and departure)

Sunday 23 August 2026

Košice: Arrival of students, accommodation, introductions, registration, tour of the university and the student falconry club, and an evening visit to the historic centre of Košice.

Organisers: Assoc. Prof. MVDr. Ladislav Molnár, PhD., Segurado Benito

Monday 24 August 2026

9.00 – 10.30 – introduction to falconry as part of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage

10.30 – 11.00 – basic types of birds of prey, historical and legislative aspects of hunting with birds of prey

11.00 – 12.00 – falconry equipment and its use in the rehabilitation of wild birds of prey; the most common injuries to birds of prey related to rehabilitation and falconry

12.00 – 13.30 lunch Štadión Restaurant

13.30 – 15.00 – visit to the rehabilitation centre in Rozhanovce; welfare and conditions for keeping birds of prey in captivity

15.00 – 15.30 – break

15.30 – 17.00 - practical demonstrations of training, handling birds of prey in captivity, Rozhanovce Rehabilitation Centre, game reserve

Speaker: Assoc. Prof. MVDr. Ladislav Molnár, PhD.

MVDr. Mgr. Martin Bartkovský, PhD., MVDr. Filip Lejba, Vanessa Galambošová

Tuesday 25 August 2026

9.00 – 10.30 – clinical examinations of birds of prey, blood sampling, cytological examination and parasitological examination

10.30 – 11.00 – non-invasive clinical examinations of birds of prey

11.00 – 12.00 – practical demonstration of repairing and replacing damaged feathers

12.00 – 13.30 lunch Štadión Restaurant

13.30 – 15.00 – post-mortem examination of birds of prey, overview of the most common diseases in captivity and in the wild

15.00 – 15.30 – break

15.30 – 17.00 – pre-purchase examination: X-rays, endoscopic examinations and interpretation of findings

Speaker: Assoc. Prof. MVDr. L. Molnár, PhD.

MVDr. Mgr. Martin Bartkovský, PhD., MVDr. Filip Lejba, Vanessa Galambošová

Wednesday 26 August 2026

9.00 – 10.30 - Injuries and diseases in wild birds and their rehabilitation

10.30 – 11.00 – basics of anaesthesia for birds of prey and an overview of orthopaedic procedures

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12.00 – 13.30 lunch Štadión Restaurant

13.30 – 15.30 - orthopaedic procedures and endoscopic examinations – Group 1

15.30 – 17.00 - orthopaedic procedures and endoscopic examinations – Group 2

* one group will perform an orthopaedic procedure whilst the other carries out an endoscopy; they will then swap roles

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Thursday 27 August 2026

8.00 – 12.00 – Visit to the falconry centre and rehabilitation centre in Rimavská Sobota – Mojín, demonstration of training and hunting with birds of prey.

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch at the Rimavská Sobota falconry centre

13.30 – 18.00 – Visit to the ŠOP SR Brzotín rehabilitation centre, optional excursion to Betliar Manor House

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Friday 28 August 2026

departure of students

