

**FIELD DAY of the CONGRESS***Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018***Programme of the Field day**

**Visits:** Flax processing cooperative at Le Neubourg, visit of a flax and sugar beet farm, Château du Champ de Bataille

**Lunch:** Cocktail Barbecue at the Château du Champ de Bataille

*The field day is organised in the Eure region in Normandy on the topic of flax cultivation. Normandy is the main production area of flax for textiles worldwide. Five flax processing factories are located in this region, of which two at Le Neubourg.*

*The Le Neubourg plain is a cultural landscape where fields of wheat, barley, rapeseed, flax and sugar beet cover almost 75 % of the surface.*

*Around Neubourg you can find the research center of Arvalis, two flax processing factories, and 5 grain traders.*



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8.15 am Departure from Hotels in Deauville

9.30 am Discover flax cultivation (3 groups)

- Flax processing cooperative – factory visit
- Flax processing cooperative – presentation of the crop
- Meeting with a flax and sugar beet farmer

12.45 pm Departure to the Château du Champ de Bataille

1.15 pm Cocktail Barbecue at the Château

2.30 pm Free visit of the castle and gardens

*The castle was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century for the count Alexandre de Créqui-Bernieulles. It is owned by Jacques Garcia, famous French interior architect, who did immense restoration work. The gardens were recreated by André Le Nôtre.*



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3.30 pm Departure to Roissy/Paris Porte Maillot

or: Visit of the Indian Palace/greenhouses

5 pm Bus departure to Deauville, arrival approximately 6.30 pm