

**The 68th WAZA Conference, held at Disneyland, Orlando, Florida  
Editor**



**An amazing group photo with an ancient building backdrop where Steve Martin and other birders show off their birds. The photo include all participants of both CBSG and WAZA. Photo: Anon**

The 68<sup>th</sup> WAZA Conference was held 14-18 October 2013 at the fabulous Orlando Disneyland, a magical kingdom with a serious purpose, e.g. to entertain AND educate both kids and adults while they passed a few days in wonderland.

Although the attendees of the WAZA Conference got their share of exhibits, wild animals, gala dinners, and a golden ambience, they spent much more time in conference rooms, where they taught and learned and generally made efforts to improve and better utilise the zoo community to save threatened species.

Registration was open at Disney's Yacht and Beach Club all day and ran buses from 9-5 am to end up at Disney's Animal Kingdom where CBSG SSC members also gathered to see the "Flights of Wonder" by Steve Martin, Bird Show host. They enjoyed the amazing birds and their trainers. The CBSG

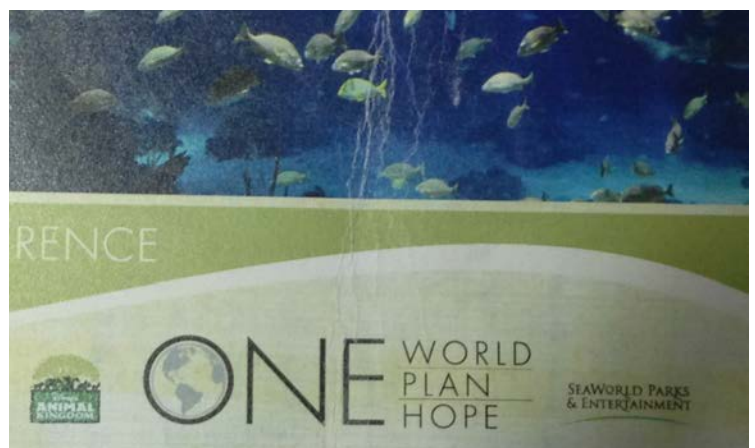
Conservation Breeding Specialist Group had ended their meeting at lunch-time and joined the WAZA members at various attractions and ultimately meeting at the Bird show. Afterwards there was a function to convey the prestigious U. S. Seal Award given by CBSG SSC IUCN to Dr. Lee Simmons, a group photo, an icebreaker and gala dinner at Harambe Village, Disney's Animal Kingdom.

The Opening Ceremony for the WAZA conference took place in the Grand Harbor Ballroom with a drama of singers dressed like animals giving a performance much like the Lion King, MUCH enjoyed by this writer.

The Welcome Address was very graciously given by the Host, Dr. Jackie Ogden, CEO/Vice-President of Disney's Animal Kingdom.

**One World,  
One Plan,  
One Hope!**

**Slogan for  
the 68th  
WAZA  
Conference,  
hosted by  
Disney's  
Animal  
Kingdom &  
Sea World  
Parks &  
Entertainment.**





Welcome addresses were given by representatives from Disney's Animal Kingdom, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Association of Zoos and Aquariums and World Associations of Zoos and Aquariums. Photo SRW.

Jackie's message was followed by a welcome from the Florida Environmental Official and a Welcome to the Region by Dr. Kris Vehrs, Executive Director, American Zoo Association AZA in USA followed by an address by Jörg Junhold, WAZA President and Director, Leipzig Zoo, Germany.

Afterwards there were Keynote addresses chaired by Dr. Ogden:

**Nature Conservancy's approach to integrated conservation planning** by Muttulingam Sanjayan, N.C. and **Bringing One Plan Programme to Life**, Kent Redford, Archipelago Consulting.

When WAZA Conference Proceedings are published they will be put up on the WAZA website. All of these are listed to tempt ZOO's readers to select those they want to read and to learn the most up-to-date strategies as well as problems of the world's zoos.

After a break Dr. Kevin Bell chaired a session entitled **One Plan & Global conservation: What are threats?**

- **Climate Change**, Claudia Benitez-Nelson, University of S. Carolina,
- **Bush Meat Trade Crisis Uganda**; James Musinguzi, Uganda Wildlife Education Centre

Next, Lena Linden Chaired One Plan and the Conservation Links: *Ex Situ* and *In Situ*

- **The One Plan Approach: The good, the bad, and the ugly**, Anne Savage, Disney's Animal Kingdom.

- **Restoring African Wild Dogs in S. Africa: A Managed Metapopulation Approach**, Markus Gusset, WAZA

**Efforts to bring Vultures back from Brink**, Bishan Bonal, CZA India.

- **Penguins, lemurs and fruit bats**: institutional species conservation planning, Dr. Bryan Carroll, Bristol Zoo
- **We help them to survive - the way towards wandering bus** Miroslav Bobek, Prague Zoo, Czech Republic

Oliver Pagan: Chair

- **One Plan by Design: Linking ex situ and in situ through interpretation and design**,
- **One Plan by Design: Around the world** Lee Ehmke, Minnesota Zoo & Sue Chin, WCS, USA
- **Linking an aquarium with in situ marine conservation, research and education**, Judy Mann, uShaka Sea World, South Africa
- **One Plan - Linking a museum and zoo: The Darwinium**, Udo Nagel, Rostock Zoo, Germany
- **One Plan - Tigers**. David Field, Zool. Society of London, UK
- **Masoala - combining modern exhibits and conservation in Madagascar**, Alex Rübel, Zurich Zoo, Switzerland

Lee Ehmke, Chair. Sustainability: Walking the Conservation Talk,

- **Vision, Courage and Innovation for a Carbon Neutral Future**, Jenny Gray, Zoos Victoria, Australia
- **A Sustainable Journey- World's first carbon zero-accredited zoo**. Karen Fifield, Wellington Zoo
- **Supply chain activism-role for zoos and aquariums**, Jonathan Wilcken, Auckland Zoo, New Zealand
- **Sustainable Zoo**, Clara Dominguez, Cali Zoo, Colombia.

Following this full day of presentations, attendees departed for a visit to the famous Sea World which included a Presidents Reception for New WAZA members, a round around Sea World and a gala dinner.

The following day, Tuesday, there was another Keynote followed by other presentations. Dr. Jackie Ogden chaired the session, starting with the Keynote **Why are Zoos doing *In Situ* Conservation?** by William Conway, Wildlife Conservation Society, Ret.

The session entitled AZA and the One Plan Approach was Chaired by Dr. Kris Vehrs, AZA.

**Sustainability (Taxa and issues)**, Bob Weise, San Diego Zoo

**The importance of story telling to interpreting conservation**, Joe Rohde, Disney's Animal Kingdom  
**Providing the foundation for conservation interpretation**, Josh D'Amaro, DAK

**Revenue generating/"premium" programs: Funding the One Plan approach**, Bill Street, Sea World

**From the Elephants' Perspective: using science to understand zoo elephant welfare**, Anne Baker, CBSG,

**Engaging the public in direct support of our global conservation efforts**, Steve Burns, Zoo Boise, USA.

**Regional Activities**, Chair: Gerald Dick

**ACOPAZOA Conservation Programs of ACOPAZOA**, Carolina Falla,

**Latin American Association of Zoos and Aquaria (ALPZA) Contribution to conservation in Latin America**, Yara Barros, Foz Tropicana Parque das Aves, Brazil

**Western Derby Eland-wild and captive population united for conservation**, Karolina Brandlova, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic

**Engaging the public in direct support of our global conservation efforts**, Steve Burns, Zoo Boise

**WAZA in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity: "The Decade Project"**, Tiago Pinto-Pereira, WAZA, Switzerland

**Plenary Session/Reports, Chaired by Jörg Junhold,**

**President's Report**, Jörg Junhold  
**Executive Office Report**, Gerald Dick  
**International Relationships Report**, Gerald Dick  
**CBSG Report**, Onnie Byers, CBSG,  
**Amphibian Survival Alliance and Amphibian Ark**, Ron Gagliardo, Amphibian Ark, USA & Lena Lindén, Nordens Ark, Sweden  
**ISIS Update**, Roger Stonecipher, ISIS, USA  
New Members Presentations  
Chair: **Lee Ehmke**, Minnesota Zoo,

## **1st Administrative Session (Closed)**

Opening, Jörg Junhold

**Approval of Minutes 67th Annual Conference, Melbourne**, Jörg Junhold

**Recording of Proxies**, Gerald Dick

**Change in Council Members and Appointment of Committee Members**, Jörg Junhold

**Future Meetings**, Jörg Junhold

**Membership Committee Report**, Lee Ehmke

**Finance Committee Report**, Lena Lindén

## **Poster Session and Cocktails**

**Membership Committee** (closed meeting)

**Associations Committee meeting**

**Meeting of WAZA Annual Conference convenors** (2013-2018)

## **Workshops**

**Wednesday- Workshop I Cape Cod Hall**

**Ways to ensure high animal welfare in our zoos**,

Chaired by Susan Hunt, Chair of WAZA Ethics and Animal Welfare Committee

**Relationships and collaborations in professionally managing species.** Led by Jenny Gray, Chair of the Committee for Population Management

Afternoon: Visit Epcot and the Seas and/or Disney's Animal Kingdom. "Wine and Dine" at Epcot: Dinner at American Adventure, fireworks and enjoy Epcot's Food and Wine Festival EPCOT

## **Thursday, 17 October 2013**

**Field Conservation: Priorities and Spending.** Led by Chair of the Conservation and Sustainability Committee, Rick Barongi

## **Workshop IV**

**WZACS – The WAZA Conservation Strategy**

**"Vision 2020"** Led by the chair of the Conservation and Sustainability Committee, Rick Barongi and Heribert Hofer

**Aquariums Around the World – Status and Challenges**, Led by the chair of the Aquarium Committee, Mark Penning

**Associations Committee Meeting** (open), concurrent, led by Sally Walker and Jorg Junhold

## **2nd Plenary Session**

Jörg Junhold, President

**Conservation and Sustainability Committee Report**, Rick Barongi, Houston Zoo, USA

**Committee for Population Management Report**, Jenny Gray, Zoos Victoria, Australia

**IZE/Education Report**, Rachel Lowry, IZE, Australia  
**Associations Committee Report**, Sally Walker, SAZARC, India

**Ethics and Animal Welfare Committee Report**, Susan Hunt, Perth Zoo, Australia

**Aquarium Committee Report**, Mark Penning, Disney's Animal Kingdom, USA

**2nd Administrative Session (Members Only)**

Jörg Junhold

**WAZA Grant 2013**, Jörg Junhold

**Adoption of Resolutions**, Jörg Junhold

**Bylaws Revision**, Jörg Junhold

**Adoption of Budget 2014**, Lena Lindén

**Heini Hediger Award to Miranda Stevenson**,

**2013**, Jörg Junhold

**Invitation to New Delhi** 2014 Bishan Bonal,

Central Zoo Authority, India

**Handing-over of Flag**, Jackie Ogden, Disney's Animal Kingdom to B.S. Bonal, Central Zoo Authority, India.

**Hand-over of Presidency from Jorg Junhold, Germany to Lee Ehmke, USA**

**Close of Meeting**, Jackie Ogden, Disney's Animal Kingdom, USA

**Gala Dinner and Goodbyes**

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**A Very Modest Scrapbook of Disney, CBSG & WAZA fun**  
*The Magical Kingdom*



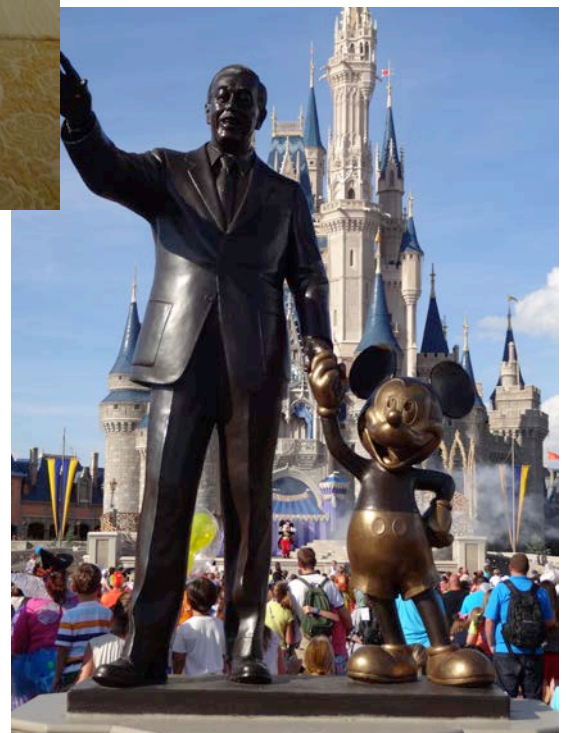
Disney takes dreaming and Micky Mouse, and even topiary very seriously.

There is a real castle at the Disney "Magic Kingdom". (Far left)

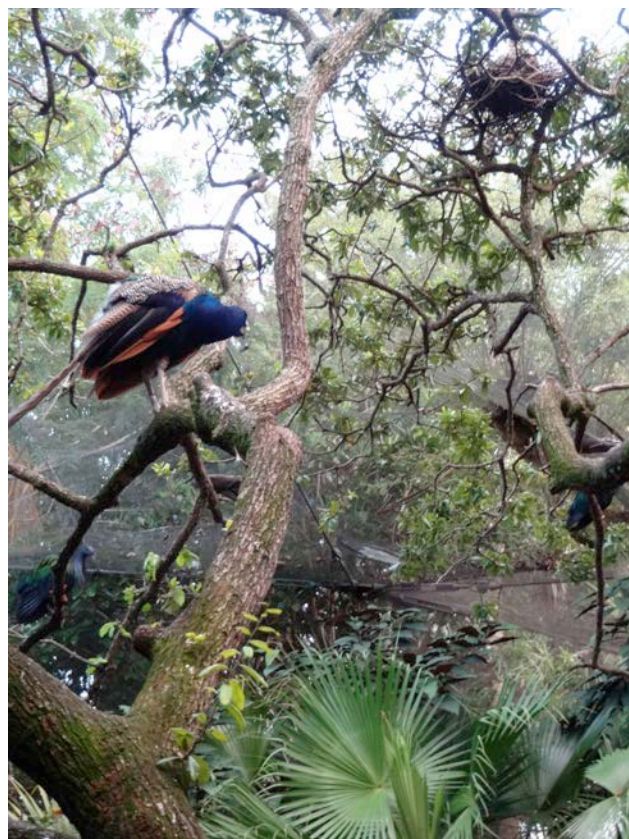
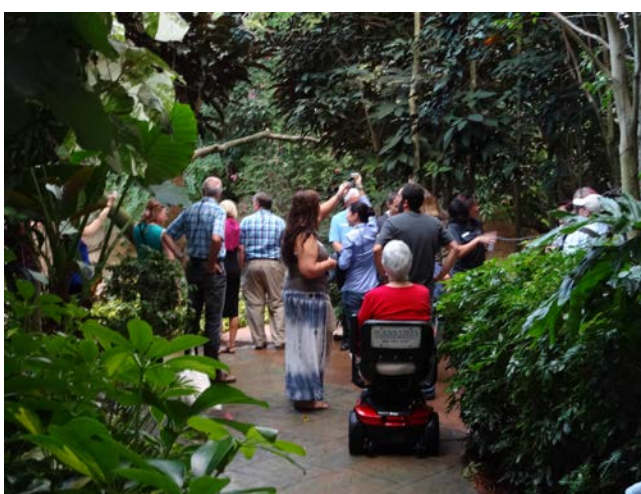
When you go to your room you find that even your towels have been folded in an image of Micky Mouse. (just left and below left)

There are Micky and Minnie topiary statues in front of the futuristic experience. (down left)

In the Magic Kingdom there is a wonderful statue of Walt Disney, creator of Mickey and namesake of Disneyland. (just below)



*Feeding tropical birds excites all these old zoo wallas!*



**You would think that people who live and breath animals would get enough of them at their job. Not so ... going through the bird section of a Disney facility brought out the child in everyone, and the excitement was almost hysterical.**

**Experienced zoo managers were picking the brain of the guide who showed us around the lovely made-up jungles.**

**After feeding the birds, we all went to the dining area which was like eating in a jungle except there was no limit to the food. Then we rolled out to the bus, stuffed like a turkey.**

## A taste of successful activities by WAZA members



Ministering to local people, helping them improve their lives and livelihood.



Saving species, ... in this case the Brazilian tapir that is becoming rarer by the day.



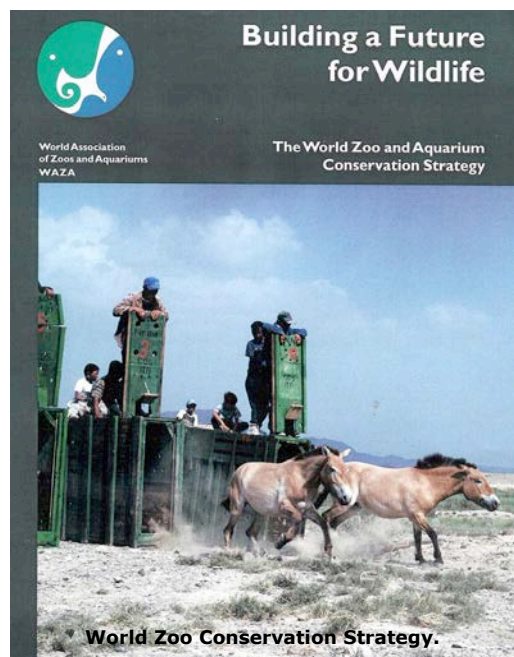
Rick Barongi leads groups on different aspects of the upgrade of the World Zoo Conservation Strategy.



Rick arranged his workshop so that all participating could contribute on all different topics.



All suggestions, comments, etc. are captured on "flip chart" pads so they are not forgotten or misunderstood, etc.



World Zoo Conservation Strategy.

## *End of 68th Conference looms - plans for 69th are put before Council*



**WAZA Council Members listen closely to B.S. Bonal, CZA Member Secretary, present his plans for the 69th WAZA conference.**



**Bonal had prepared a short but pithy Power Point that highlighted India's fascinating opportunities.**

The 69th WAZA Annual Conference is to be conducted 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The conference will be hosted by the prestigious Central Zoo Authority in New Delhi, India, where in November the temperature will be a comfortable 81°F (27°C) or 55°F (13°C) with almost 10 hours of light throughout the day.

In order for WAZA members to get a full India experience conference tours will be conducted both before and after the event, Assam State Zoo, Kaziranga National Park, CWRC Rehab Centre, Assam; Other Pre and Post conference options include Corbett National Park and Tiger Reserve Darjeeling Zoo/ Gangtok Zoo and Singalila National Park, West Bengal and Sikkim, Mysore Zoo and Nagarhole National Park, Karnataka, Jaipur Zoo and Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan, Nainital Zoo with Jim Corbett

Park, Uttarakhand, Trivandrum Zoo and Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala, Lucknow Zoo and Dudhwa National Park, UP, Nandankanan Zoo and Chilka Lake, Bannerghata Zoo and National Park, Karnataka.

There are also very nice local sites such as the National Zoo, the Red Fort, and other dramatic New Delhi sites. Just a few hours away is the Taj Mahal, one of the wonders of the world, Agra Fort and the Bear Rehab Center. Shopping is also a great pastime as well as sampling the famous cuisine of the country.



**The famous Taj Mahal just hours from New Delhi. Other places to visit are nearby as well.**



**A beautifully created logo reflects the famous hospitality and indicates the range of flora and fauna to be had at the first WAZA Conference to be held in India.**