

# Glimpses of WAZA President's Annual Report by Dr. Gordon

(Compiled from PPT. presentation.)  
 On 6 October 2009, outgoing WAZA President Gordon McGregor Reid presented an Annual report to the 64th WAZA Annual Congress 2009. He reviewed the WAZA Structure administrative and membership structure which is illustrated in the right column and which enables WAZA to work effectively. He also described the various liaison groups of WAZA including IUCN-SSC, Amphibian Ark, ISIS-ZIMS, CBSG, Education/IZE, the Frozen Ark and the Berne Drafting Group and how they are linked to WAZA and assist with its work (also illustrated in right column).

He also discussed the WAZA Membership and showed a diagram illustrating the three "baskets" which organise voting for officers and council members.

The WAZA Corporate Strategy, the *Voice of the Global Zoo and Aquarium Community*, *WAZA Vision and Corporate Strategy Towards 2020* created by 'WAZA and partners' and taken to the next level preceding finalisation at the 2009 WAZA Mid Year Meeting.

Gordon spoke to the Council of the preceding year thanking the members for their work and particular those who were stepping down, and welcomed the new Council Members. He introduced the Observers, a new addition to the WAZA Council which are mostly Regional Association Chairs currently. He called attention to the winner of the Heini Heddiger Award on 2008, Dr. Peter Dollinger, the first WAZA Director who set up WAZA's first Secretariat which brought much organisation and effectiveness to WAZA.

Gordon reviewed the years activities with rare slides which illustrated WAZA work from Aquariums to Zoos. And speaking of Aquariums, the new President of WAZA is Dr. Mark Penning who is also Director of an Aquarium. We will not miss Gordon because he will be with us still but we will miss interacting with him as President. Mark has big shoes to fill.

