

## Int'l Zoo Educators Association - 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, USA

### Vision & Mission

At IZE we are dedicated to expanding the educational impact of zoos and aquariums worldwide. All of our members are guided by a common mission: to improve the education programs in the facilities of its members, to provide access to the latest thinking, techniques, and information in conservation education and to support excellence in animal care and welfare. Below you will find our complete mission statement, along with a letter from the IZE President expressing our vision for the future of IZE.

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IZE facilitates communication and professional development among zoo/aquarium educators and supports liaison with related organisations such as WAZA (the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums), IUCN, in particular the IUCN/SSC-CBSG (Conservation Breeding Specialist Group), and others.

### The 20th International Zoo and Aquarium Educators' Conference will take place from

September 28-October 2, 2010 hosted by Disney's Animal Kingdom at Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA.

The 20th IZE Conference will be hosted by Disney's Animal Kingdom and held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA. The theme for the conference will be "Connecting Children to Nature." The conference will feature great exchanges with zoo educators from around the world, paper presentations, open-space sessions and more! Participants will also visit Busch Gardens, as one day of the conference will be hosted there.

The Conference theme will be "Connecting Children to Nature," and all presentations should be on topics relating to the theme or that are relevant to conference participants in topics such as zoo/aquarium programs, *in-situ* education work, and evaluations.

After an intensive selection process, the final recipients for the IZE Grants have been chosen for the upcoming 2010 IZE conference. These educators should feel very proud to have been chosen from a field of 26 well-qualified applicants. We are looking forward to meeting them and hearing about their conservation education contributions at the 2010 Conference.

### Recipients of IZE Grants 2010

1. Aidan Jullian Asekenye – Jane Goodall Institute, Uganda, Africa
2. **Payal Molur Bhojwani – Go Wild Workshops, India**
3. Diana Casalins – Baranquilla Zoo, Colombia, South America
4. Pierrot Kakule Mbonzo - Lola Ya Bonobo Sanctuary, DRC, Africa
5. Joseph Karama – Dian Fossey Gorilla Foundation, Rwanda, Africa
6. Xu Ping – Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, Sichuan, China
7. **Mamatha Sathyanarayana - De Paul Residential School College, Mysore, India**
8. Norma Villarrubia – Puerto Rico Zoo, Puerto Rico
9. YiMei Wang - Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, Sichuan, China
10. **Meena Nareshwar – Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India**



### NeBIO - A Journal of Environment and Biodiversity

An International peer reviewed quarterly journal published by North East Centre for Environmental Education and Research (NECEER), Imphal. NeBIO publishes original research, general and review articles on biodiversity and environment of North East India and its adjoining region (Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar).

NeBIO Research Journal is one of the initiatives of NECEER, Imphal. The journal aimed not only to encourage research works but also to bridge the gap between various forms of methodologies, perspectives and knowledge production. The need for publishing such a journal was also prompted by the fact that there has not been such an interaction between all those engaged in research areas and environmental education so far in the region.

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About NECEER, Imphal  
North East Centre for Environmental Education and Research (NECEER) is a non-profit public interest research and educational organisation based in Imphal, Manipur. NECEER was established with an aim to educate and create awareness about the changing environment and conservation of biodiversity in North-eastern states of India through non formal education by organising training programme, workshops, campaigns and seminars.  
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