

Report on CIRCC Meeting

Committee on Inter-Regional Coordination of Conservation

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The Committee on Inter-Regional Coordinator of Conservation began as the "Conservation Coordinators Working Group" which was initiated by then Captive Breeding Specialist Group. At the time it was initiated one of the objectives seemed to be to make interaction -- cooperation and coordination -- between regions more effective, which actually meant just more. This Working Group went through various stages, including having a two day meeting before CBSG. Sometimes people from countries like Japan or Indonesia would attend this two day meeting and get very little out of it because of language problems and differences in direction and level of development of their national zoo community. The working group was changed from a CBSG responsibility to a WAZA committee with the big name which mercifully translates to a one syllable acronym, CIRCC (pron : cirq).

Although the intention behind both Conservation Coordinators and CIRCC is noble and worthy, the actual implementation has been vexed, to say the least. The meeting held at WAZA this year was ably led by Dave Morgan, Director of the Pan African Zoo association but plagued by the absence of its regular Chair and lack of follow up of recommendations for the mid-year meeting.

The membership of CIRCC is generally the Director of the Regional or National Associations but has been also whomever from the region or country could come regularly.

This document is in no way a genuine reflecton of the meeting but includes only the Contents of the discussions and some snippets of items which may be of interest and which are more likely to be clear to someone reading these things for the first time.

If any reader wants a copy of the briefing document, which includes ISIS report, CITES update and generally all the Reports then they may write to us and get a copy.

The meeting included the following topics:

Administration - Minutes of previous meetings
International Studbook Coordinators Report
Draft ISIS Records Policy
Draft model for inter-regional policy of animal exchange
CITES update
Training grant assessors
Training Grant Mission Review
ISIS Report
CIRCC membership
Coordination of meetings for 2005

Some items which may be of interest in brief are :

Electronic copies of all WAZA policies have been sent to CIRCC Representatives. Anyone who wants a copy of these may write to their representative, in the case of South Asia, to Sally Walker <zooreach@vsnl.com> or you can find the policies on the WAZA website.

Training grants are given by WAZA for training of zoo personnel. Of interest in this region is that SAZARC has received a training grant for their meeting and five days of training in the full morning sessions for the third year in a row. Training grant awards – three applications and all three were awarded. To SAZARC, PAAZAB and San Diego. What is the role of CIRCC in evaluation for grants? Assessors make recommendations to PD and then he makes recommendations to Council. It was decided that the process needs to follow the protocol that had been accepted for assessment for awards. Protocol is on web site. Training grant mission: In general happy with current Mission – that it is for training **zoo staff**. Proposed changes that it include field personnel rejected.

Transponder report - transponder document has been approved by CBSG but has not been send to WAZA council

Next meeting May 2005 in Australia – CIRCC needs a day for its meeting Melbourne Australia.

Proposal for Regional Association to send minutes of relevant meetings to CIRCC e.g. WCMC and the EEP committee minutes. Agreed a good idea and RAs to action.

Procedure for international studbook nomination. This is in the Costa Rica proceedings, adopted by council and on the WAZA website along with the International Studbook Rules. It was suggested that sponsorship be sought for the four Indonesian zoos to be members of ISIS. It was suggested that each one of the regions needs a WAZA mentor. WAZA council could look at associations mentoring each other. However it has been decided to some extent, EAZA and PAAZAB, SEAZA and ARAZPA. Discussion regarding whether formal pairing is a good idea, might be better to have multiple pairings. Pakistan and Bangladesh are forming zoo associations and needs a mentor. Need an individual or group to get it all together. Onnie Byres and Sally Walker to come with some ideas to make this happen. Working group formed of Onnie Byres, Sally Waker, Bernard Harrison and Mark Craig.