

4th World Congress on Mountain Ungulates

Caprinae Specialist Group (CSG) of the Species Survival Commission of IUCN

*Greetings to you from Munnar,
in Kerala, southern India.*

On behalf of the High Range Wildlife & Environment Preservation Association (HRW&EPA), I am pleased to inform you that the 4th World Congress on Mountain Ungulates, organised by the Caprinae Specialist Group (CSG) of the Species Survival Commission of IUCN, will be hosted by the HRW&EPA and held at Munnar, in the state of Kerala in Southern India from September 12-15, 2006.

It has become evident that conservation of mountain ungulates is dependent upon the conservation of mountain eco-systems and must include habitat protection, international co-operation and new ways to look at the economic and social implications of different types of wildlife and management. Caprine biologists from different parts of the world have much to learn from each other. It is therefore time to convene a meeting to examine recent developments in research and conservation of mountain ungulates worldwide.

It will be for the first time in the history of the CSG, that the conference is being held in South Asia. Munnar is home of the endangered Nilgiri Tahr, and is an ideal locale for this prestigious conference. The HRW&EPA, the host for the conference has intimate links with the conservation of the Nilgiri Tahr and has a conservation history dating back to 80 years. The conference is bound to augment our knowledge about Caprinae and in the process give a helping hand in the conservation of the endangered Nilgiri Tahr. The conference will provide a golden opportunity to the wildlife biologists and managers in India to interact with the leading lights in the conservation field.

The conference will focus on all aspects of mountain ungulate biology, management and conservation. The programme will include both oral presentations and posters. Abstracts of the oral presentation will be made available to all participants at the beginning of the conference.

More details of the conference will be available on our website, which will be launched shortly and is being done exclusively for the conference. This mail is more of an information to each of you, who are very special in the field of Conservation, so that you can plan and reserve your valuable time for participating in this conference.

Warm regards,

*Mohan C. Varghese,
Chairman- HRW&EPA.*

Keeper Exchanges

In an effort to facilitate Keeper Exchanges, the Australian Society of Zookeepers is now providing a "Keeper Exchange" service to people currently employed in a Zoological Institution. This service is not limited to the Australasian region, but is also available to Keepers from overseas institutions wanting to undertake an exchange.

To register your interest in undertaking a Keeper Exchange, simply download the form found at <http://www.aszk.org.au/Keeper%20Exchanges.dwt> fill it out and return it to me by e-mail. Your details will then be added to a database, and when a suitable exchange opportunity becomes available, you will be contacted to ensure that you still want to undertake an exchange. Should you decide to continue with an exchange, you will be sent the contact details of the person seeking to do an exchange with you.

Whilst the ASZK cannot guarantee that a suitable exchange will be found for you, it is hoped that this new service will facilitate these valuable experiences, and thereby contribute to the exchange of experiences and knowledge between institutions.

Should you have any difficulties downloading the form, or for further information, please e-mail me at Geoff.Underwood@aszk.org.au

A d v e r t i s e m e n t **FIELD BIOLOGIST FOR** **WILDLIFE RESEARCH**

Action Oriented Wildlife Conservation Group offers opportunities for Field Biologist to assist with Primary Data Collection, Analysis of Field Data and Report Writing. Persons who are passionate about wildlife and committed to conservation and good science will be preferred. Experience in analysis of data & report writing in English is essential. Knowledge of Hindi will be an advantage.

Other skills which will be an advantage in the field are : driving, photography, computers, knowledge of wild animal behavior. Salary will depend on individual's skills. Send your bio data with 1) color photo 2) earlier work reports & 3) salary expectation by email to wsos@vsnl.com

**Please enter subject in email as
application for Field Biologist.**

Advertisement for Curatorial position in UAE

Mrs. Hanan, HR Manager at the Environmental Research and Wildlife Development Agency (www.erwda.gov.ae) in Abu Dhabi, UAE has submitted the following information

We are looking to recruit a Zoo Curator for a major Zoo in the United Arab Emirates. I would greatly appreciate your assistance, as I am certain you would be able to provide us with professional feedback about potential applicants. Following is a brief summary of the salary and benefits for this position:

SALARY -- Starting from US \$4,000 or AED 14,500 a month
ACCOMMODATION -- Single Basis: AED 60,000 annually
Married with 2 children: AED 90,000 annually
Married with more than 2 children: AED 100,000 annually
FURNITURE PURCHASE ALLOWANCE
Single Basis: AED 35,000 (one off payment)
Married with 2 children: AED 45,000 (one off payment)
Married with over 2 children: AED 50,000 (one-off payment)

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
AED 15,000 for one child AED 25,000 for 2 or more children
ANNUAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT 34 working days
ANNUAL LEAVE TICKETS Economy for employee/family p.a.

Please contact the HR Manager below if you are interested.
Hanan Al-Abed (Mrs)
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Environmental Research & Wildlife Development Agency
P.O. Box 45553, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
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The WAZA Office has circulated this advertisement.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS in ZOO ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

From 1 January 2005 we will not accept further LIFE memberships until further notice.

We regret that we will have to raise the price of LIFE memberships and of annual subscriptions and memberships, or arrange a different system in regard to receipt of ZOOS' PRINT magazine and Journal.

For a long time, the magazine and journal have been running at a financial loss, even with subsidies from our donor organisations. The cost of producing them far exceeds the subscription price and very quickly exceeds the Life membership fee.

We have to examine our options in this regard and see what can be done so that we can continue to publish without loss. **Editors**

Scholarship Award 2005 from North of England Zoological Society

Chester Zoo is a leading Zoological Garden in the U.K. actively involved in the conservation of threatened species, habitat support, scientific study and the provision of education and recreation to the general public.

In February 2001 Richard Hughes, a senior keeper at Chester Zoo, tragically lost his life working with the elephants that he loved. In memory of Richard, Chester Zoo has dedicated an annual scholarship award to support individuals wishing to undertake activities or projects concerned with elephant management, welfare and conservation.

The scholarship is open to applications for any type of activity or project that deals with issues of elephant management, welfare or conservation, in the UK or overseas. The scholarship aims to support the development of young people wishing to work with elephants; it is open to individuals only and does not support proposals from organisations or institutions. Proposals can cover any activity, and need not be academically based. Applications are encouraged from those wishing to develop their interest in elephants, including animal keepers, researchers and students. Details we require for applications include an outline of the project, aims and a statement of its relevance. Clearly, feasibility will be an important criterion when judging the submitted proposals.

The North of England Zoological Society expects those awarded the scholarship to uphold the high standards that it expects of its own employees and to be fully acknowledged in any presentations/publications. It is a condition of the scholarship that the Zoo receives a full report on the completed project/activity and, if applicable, copies of any resultant publications.

Scholarships will be awarded up to the value of £1000 for which the Society may require receipted expenses (Any special equipment purchased will remain the property of the society).

Application forms are available from Scott Wilson, Conservation Assistant, The North of England Zoological Society, Chester Zoo, Caughall Road, Upton by Chester, Cheshire, CH2 1LH or via email from s.wilson@chesterzoo.co.uk. **Applications should be received no later than Friday 29th April 2005.**

Applicants will expect to hear whether or not they may be required for interview by 27th May 2005.

A Collection of Information links useful to Zoo Personnel

Alliance of Veterinarians for the Environment
<http://www.aveweb.org/>

American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians
<http://www.aawv.net/>

American Association of Zoo Keepers
www.aazk.org

American Association of Zoo Veterinarians
www.aazv.org

American College of Zoological Medicine
www.aczm.org

American Veterinary Medical Association
www.avma.org

American Veterinary Schools
<http://www.avma.org/careforanimals/animatedjourneys/aboutvets/vetschools.asp>

Foreign Veterinary Schools
<http://www.avma.org/education/ecfvg>

American Zoo and Aquarium Association
www.aza.org

Association of Avian Veterinarians
<http://www.aav.org/>

Association of Primate Veterinarians
<http://www.primatévets.org/>

Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians
<http://www.arav.org/>

AZA Zoo and Aquarium Directory
<http://www.aza.org/FindZooAquarium/>

British Veterinary Zoological Society
<http://www.bvzs.org/>

Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums
<http://www.caza.ca/>

Canadian Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians
<http://www.cazwv.org/>

Columbia University Press
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup>

European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians
<http://www.eazwv.org/>

International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine
<http://www.iaaam.org/>

International Zoo Educators Association
<http://www.izea.net/>

IUCN Veterinary Specialist Group
<http://www.iucn-vsg.org/>

The Virtual Library: Zoos
http://www.mindspring.com/~zoonet/www_virtual_lib/zoos.html

Wildlife Disease Association
<http://www.wildlifedisease.org/>

World Association of Zoos and Aquariums
<http://www.waza.org>

Zoological E Mail Directory
<http://www.indyzoo.com/zed/>

Zoos & Aquariums of the World
<http://www.waza.org/network/index.php?main=zoos>

Invitation to BGCI's 6th International Congress on Education in Botanic Gardens

The University of Oxford Botanic Garden, UK
10th – 14th September 2006

Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) in association with the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens, are pleased to announce the 6th International congress on Education in Botanic Gardens

“The Nature of Success: Success for Nature”

Hosted by the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens, situated in the heart of the magnificent city of Oxford, UK, the congress is taking place from Sunday 10th – Thursday 14th September 2006.

Themes being addressed during the congress include;

- Achieving sustainability: ideas and solutions
- Public awareness of plants
- Reflection on practice
- Education for all: working with challenging groups

Who should attend

The congress will provide a forum for environmental educators from botanic gardens worldwide as well as educators and other staff from plant science institutes, education and conservation organizations, zoos, museums, national parks and nature reserves, to discuss these ideas and issues – particularly pertinent in the light of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

Register your interest now!

To register your interest in the congress visit www.bgci.org/educationcongress
Keep checking back to this website as more information will become available over time. If you have any other queries, contact us at education@bgci.org.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY Pre-qualification / shortlisting of Consulting Firms

**Office of Director General, Wildlife & Parks, Punjab
Lahore, Pakistan E-mail wildlife1@wol.net.pak
Phone : 042-9212367, 9212784, Fax: 042-9212371**

1. Punjab Wildlife & Parks Department, Lahore – Pakistan intends to hire services of International and local consulting firms for feasibility studies planning, architectural designing and supervision of following projects:
 - a) Establishment of Safari Park in Cholistan Desert, Bahawalpur – Pakistan
 - b) Establishing of Lahore Wildlife Park, Raiwind Road, Lahore – Pakistan
2. Expression of interest (EOI) invited from local & intl. consulting firms. Local firms should be registered with Pakistan Engineering Council / Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners and Government of Punjab, P&D Department, and have got themselves renewed for the year 04- 05 alongwith following information/documents:
 - a) Firms name / address, a copy of registration No., Memorandum and Article of Association / Partnership Deed
 - b) Certificate of registration with Pakistan Engineering Council / Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners alongwith the latest renewal letter.
 - c) Enlistment / Renewal letter issued by P&D Department for the year 2004-2005.
 - d) List of professional staff along with C. Vs of relevant core staff showing project wise experience with exact time duration for each project.
 - e) List of similar works completed by the firm during last 5 years and similar works in hand, indicating total cost of such works and cost of consultancy services received against those works alongwith date of start and completion or expected date of completion.
 - f) Certificate of strong financial position.
 - g) A certificate / affidavit that the firm is not blacklisted by any Govt. / Authority and is not involved in litigation with any Government Department / Autonomous Body.
 - h) Updated income tax registration certificate.
 - i) Certificate to the effect that all information provided by the firm is correct.
3. International consulting firms can either apply independently or in collaboration with local firms. The international firms if apply independently shall provide all documents mentioned above except as at Sl.No.2 b,c & h.
4. Selection of consultancy firms shall be done in accordance with the procedure set out in “Guidelines for Sel. of Consultant” issued by Planning & Development Bd.
5. The para No.5 and para No.7 may be considered omitted. These conditions will be applicable subsequently for pre-qualified firms only.
6. Punjab Wildlife Department reserves the right to reject one or all proposals without assigning any reason.
7. The para No.5 and para No.7 may be considered omitted. These conditions will be applicable subsequently for pre-qualified firms only.
8. For any clarification please contact dealing hand on above mentioned telephone numbers.
9. The EOI must reach the office of Director General, Wildlife & Parks, Punjab, 2-Sanda Road, Lahore up to 04 April 2005 during office hours.

**CAPT. (R) IFTIKHAR AHMAD RAO,
DIRECTOR GENERAL,
WILDLIFE & PARKS, PUNJAB,
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