

Keeper Exchanges

In an effort to facilitate Keeper Exchanges, the Australasian Society of Zookeepers (ASZK) 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. This service is web based and runs by email which we have published before. This announcement is to make it possible for zookeepers from South Asia to have an opportunity to apply for this programme. "Exchange" does not necessarily mean that someone from another country would have to come over to work in your zoo in order for you to qualify, but this would be a benefit from many respects.

To register your interest in undertaking a Keeper Exchange, either if you are a zoo director on behalf of one or more of your keepers, or a zookeeper trying your luck, please fill out the form below and post or fax it to Zoo Outreach Organisation. We will send it to the Australian Society for Zoo Keepers. 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. The responsibility of convincing your boss to permit you leave, etc. is up to you. Also neither ZOO or ASZK can assure funding for air travel, etc. These details would have to be worked out on a case by case basis.

It is also the case that 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.

Australasian Society of Zoo Keepers (ASZK) Keeper Exchange Registration

Your Contact Details;

Last name:

First name:

E-mail address:

Postal address:

City:

State:

Pin Code:

Country:

Your Work Details;

Current position held:

Your Institution :

Country and/or Institution that you would like go to do the exchange: (list several alternates)

If you have access to a computer, you can send this form directly to <Geoff.Underwood@aszk.org.au>. It is, however, recommended that you copy it to Zoo Outreach Organisation <zoocrew@vsnl.net>; <zooreach@vsnl.com> so we can think of funding possibilities and know that you have contacted Geoff.

“Elephants: Diseases and Treatment”

We are pleased to announce that **Wildlife Information Network** has secured the funding for the above module, and research will commence immediately. This much needed electronic resource will contain all diseases suffered by elephants, both African and Asian, together with recommended treatments, their natural history, and some techniques. All of the information will be heavily referenced to source documents. Experts in elephant care of all kinds from Asia will be sought both for published documents and comments from personal experience.

MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH FOR ELEPHANT CONSERVATION

Wildlife Information Network, the international wildlife charity which provides information on the health and management of wild animals, is to collaborate with two of the major UK conservation organisations to research and collate the diseases and treatment of elephants.

Twycross Zoo-East Midland Zoological Society and Chester Zoo-North of England Zoological Society have agreed to sponsor Wildlife Information Network (WIN) in the production of an information resource “Elephants: Diseases and Treatment”. The research will address all of the diseases found in both species of elephants and will give the recommended treatments.

“The module will make a measurable impact on the treatment and conservation welfare of elephants worldwide” said Iain Boardman, Chief Executive of WIN. “It will bring together under one information resource all the information on elephant diseases and it will be an invaluable reference to veterinarians, wildlife and field workers, wardens and keepers of these magnificent animals, whether it is a logging camp in Burma, a free-ranging herd in Africa or an eco-tourism project in India.”

Twycross and Chester Zoos will both assist the WIN researchers in identifying other specialists working with elephants worldwide to allow the broadest collection of data and texts. “We will not be including any of the controversial issues of ‘Hands-On v. Hands-Off’ management, but we may consider these aspects in the next module if we are asked to research ‘health and management’ issues,” said Mr Boardman. The module is expected to be published in the autumn of 2005.

For further information please contact:

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Providing information on the health and management of wild animals and emerging diseases to decision-makers worldwide. Visit - www.wildlifeinformation.org

About the players :

Wildlife Information Network (WIN) was set up 12 years ago by Yorkshire-born Suzanne Boardman, then a veterinarian at London Zoo who was receiving requests for information and technical support from all corners of the world. The information existed, but was fragmented and, in emerging countries, very difficult to obtain. WIN was inaugurated as a paper network of newsletters and collated information. It became a registered charity (No. 1048059) in 1995. Suzanne Boardman is now the Director of Twycross Zoo - East Midland Zoological Society and Iain Boardman is the Chief Executive of WIN.

Wildpro® Multimedia is the software developed and used by WIN to provide information on re-emerging infectious diseases and the health and management of captive and free-ranging wild animals on its Electronic Encyclopaedia and Library. It is a living document, with new information being added constantly through the development of new modules. It is researched, developed and published by WIN to provide information to decision-makers worldwide, and users include wildlife managers, researchers, government officials, veterinarians, field biologists, zoologists, laboratory diagnosticians, zoological collections, conservation and welfare organisations, universities, and students of a wide variety of disciplines. Information is made available on the Internet and by CD-ROMs.

WIN CD-ROMs that are currently available:

Waterfowl: Health and Management
Managing for Foot-and-Mouth Disease
Wildlife: First Aid and Care
West Nile Virus

Wildlife: Disease Investigation and Management (Birds)
Chronic Wasting Disease in Deer and Elk
Hedgehogs: Health and Management

Twycross Zoo has one of the largest collections in the UK and is the leading primate zoo in the country. The Zoo houses a large range of species, from the massive Asian elephants to the tiny Meerkats. It is famous worldwide for its unique collection of apes and monkeys, which include many rarely seen in captivity. It has the only group on Bonobos (Pygmy Chimps) in the country which are our closest living relative. It also has a breeding herd of Asian elephants. The Zoo makes substantial contributions to conservation projects overseas and is planning to initiate additional in-house projects. Twycross Zoo is located on the A444 in Leicestershire. Website: www.twycrosszoo.com

Chester Zoo has a collection of more than 7,000 animals representing over 400 species. More than half are endangered. The Zoo is internationally known for its innovative enclosure designs, its many breeding successes and its involvement in co-operative breeding programmes. Chester Zoo is currently home to nine Asian Elephants, including two calves. It also has the world's largest and most successful zoo group of chimpanzees. Chester Zoo significantly contributes to the protection of species and habitats through a combination of field and zoo-based conservation and its work spans 50 countries in five continents.

A Whole World of Zoo and Wildlife Meetings

Thanks to the Zoo News Digest for assembling all these dates. Peter Dickenson is a wonder. To get zoo news of all kinds every single week, send an email to <Peter@elvinhow.prestel.co.uk>

Animal Learning & Behaviour, 21st-24th April 2005

The new seminars program for 2005 on enrichment, animal learning and training is available on <http://www.animalconcepts.org> and new seminars coming up.

ASZK 2005 Conference "Conservation and Conditioning"

29 April - 1 May 2005. Ciloms Airport Lodge Melbourne and Werribee Open Range Zoo. Abstracts must be submitted by 25 March 2005. Information can be obtained from the ASZK website <http://www.aszk.org.au> or email Liz Romer slromer@bigpond.com

ARAZPA/SEAZA 2005, 1st - 5th May 2005, Joint Conference

For further information please visit: <http://www.zoo.org.au/conference/>

Fourth Rhino Keepers' Workshop, 5 - 9 May 2005.

Columbus, Ohio. Further information: adam.felts@columbuszoo.org

Environmental Enrichment, 5th-7th May 2005

The new seminars program for 2005 on enrichment, animal learning and training is available on <http://www.animalconcepts.org> and new seminars coming up.

Ninth Elephant Ultrasound and Veterinary Procedures Workshop

Riddle's Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary. Tuesday, May 17 through Friday, May 20. For more information, or a registration packet, please contact Dr. Schmitt or the sanctuary office.

Dr. Dennis Schmitt <dennisschmitt@smsu.edu>

The Eighth (2005) Canadian Parrot Symposium, Victoria

Day Weekend, May 21-22, 2005, The Dunsmuir Lodge Victoria BC Canada. For information and registration: <http://www.parrotsymposium.com> cparrotsw@shaw.ca

Second International Conference: Animals and Zoos,

Current Research Focus, 24th and 25th of May 2005 Malta Training Centre, Wiankowa Str. 3. Poznan, Poland, "ZOO Conference", Ogród Zoologiczny w Poznaniu Ul. Browarna 25, 61-048 Poznan. Tel. (+48 61) 61-8709502 Fax (+48 61) 877 35 33. e-mail: zoo.cwiertnia@interia.pl

BIAZA & EAZA Joint Zoo Horticultural Conference, 19 - 22

June 2005. Held at Chester Zoo, Chester, UK. Please contact Mark Sparrow, Curator of Horticulture, Chester Zoo m.sparrow@chesterzoo.org for details and registration form. Tel: +44 (0)1244 65023-6 / Fax +44 (0)1244 381352

Fifth World Congress of Herpetology, Conservatorium for

Music, Stellenbosch University Campus, Stellenbosch on 20-24 June 2005. Please visit the website <http://www.wits.ac.za/haa/>

or contact the organiser at conf@conferencesetal.co.za

The 14th Annual Conference of the International Society of Anthrozoology, Exploring Human-Animal Relationships

11-12 July 2005, Niagra Falls, New York
<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/ISAZ14.pdf>

"International Theriological Congress" (ITC), July 31 to August 5, 2005, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. In order to pre-register and /or confirm your participation, please contact the congress committee by e-mail:

MAMMAL2005@hokkaido-ies.go.jp. Updated info (newsletters) is available on the IMC9 webpage: <http://www.hokkaido-ies.go.jp/mammal2005/>

7th International Conference on Environmental

Enrichment. Unifying the Art and Science of Animal Enrichment. Hosted by Wildlife Conservation Society at Columbia University, New York City

31st JULY - 5th August 2005. All proposals must be submitted by 15th October, 2004 to ICEE2005@wcs.org. The conference program committee will complete the selection of symposia, workshops, and organized discussions for inclusion at the 2005 conference by 1st November, 2004. Proposal authors will be notified of the committee's decision as soon as possible, so that organizers can acquire any necessary funding for their symposium. The Call for Abstracts will be published in November

2004. For more information contact ICEE2005@wcs.org. All symposia, workshop and discussion organizers must register for the conference.

First EAZA Training Seminar for Zoo Educators, 15 - 21

August 2005, Copenhagen Zoo. For further inquiries, please contact Peter Haase (pnh@zoo.dk) at Copenhagen Zoo.

28th Annual Meeting of the American Society of

Primatologists, August 17-20 2005, Portland, Oregon. For more information, contact: Dr. Kristine Coleman, Chair of the local organizing committee, at colemank@ohsu.edu

Second International Congree of Zookeeping (ICZ)

May 7 - 11 2006, Gold Coast, Queensland Australia Visit website: <http://www.iczoo.org> for latest information

2006 International Gorilla Workshop, 23 - 26 June 2006

Paignton Zoo, Devon, England, More details as available

21st Congress of the International Primatological Society

, June 26-30 2006, Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda

For further info: wolupot@yahoo.com

First European Congress of Conservation Biology, 23rd-

27th August 2006, Please visit the website (<http://www.eccb2006.org>) for details, and register for new information.

**The 2nd Conference of the
International Congress of Zookeepers,
Gold coast, Queensland, Australia
7th – 11th May 2006**

Second Call for Papers/Posters and Workshops

After the success of the 1st conference in 2003, a second conference will be held in Australia in 2006 with more than 300 zookeepers from around the world expected to attend. The conference will cover all areas of Zookeeping.

You are invited to submit an abstract of a paper or presentation you would like to give. More information and guidelines can be found at www.iczoo.org. Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be written in English and no more than 600 words long. If you want to run a workshop focused on developing zoo keeper skills please send a short description.

These should be sent to:
Paul Howse, ICZ Programme Committee at
p.howse@chesterzoo.org
Preferably in RTF or MS word format marked as "ICZ Programme"
Deadline for submissions is 30th September 2005.

**Scholarship Award 2005 from
North of England Zoological Society**

Richard Hughes, a senior keeper at Chester Zoo, tragically lost his life working with the elephants that he loved and the Award is to honour his memory. Chester Zoo has announced the Richard Hughes Scholarship Award which 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.

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.

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RECRUITMENT OF RESEARCH PERSONNEL**

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehra Dun, is a premier national autonomous Institute of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoE&F), Government of India in the field of teaching, training and research. The Institute wishes to recruit Research Associate(s), Senior Research Fellow(s) & Junior Research Fellow(s) for its various research projects/cells/disciplines. The details of the available positions along with their essential and desirable qualifications, terms and conditions and how to apply are hosted on the Institute website <http://www.wii.gov.in>.

Director, Wildlife Institute of India

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.

Primate Resources and Links

Websites to Check Out

IPS Webpage: <<http://www.primate.wisc.edu/pin/ips.html>>
Primate Calls from Torino Banquet: <<http://www.unipv.it/webbio/api/ipsto/primcall.htm>>
Bushmeat Exhibition: <<http://www.bushmeat-campaign.net/>>
Primate Lit Database: <<http://primatelit.library.wisc.edu/>>
Primate Info Net: <<http://primate.wisc.edu/>>
BDGEOPRIM: <http://www.icb.ufmg.br/~primatas/bdp_introd.htm>
Caribbean Primate Research Center: <<http://ucm.rcm.upr.edu>>
Colombian Primate Network: <<http://www.geocities.com/primatescolombia/>>
Gorilla Haven: <<http://www.gorilla-haven.org>>
Pacific Primate Sanctuary: <<http://www.pacificprimate.org/>>
Siberut Conservation Project: <<http://www.siberutisland.org>>
Integrated Primate Biomaterials and Information Resource: <<http://www.ipbir.org/>>
World Directory of Primatologists: <<http://pin.primate.wisc.edu/idp/wdp>>

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