

Nepal WZACS Launch featured in WAZA News magazine

The copies of the World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy have been sent all over South Asia and even to South Africa. WZACS South Asia printing was generously funded by Chester Zoo, Thrigby Hall Wildlife Park, North Carolina Zoo, EAZA, AND Koln Zoo. Of all the countries in our region, only one so far has conducted a launch of WZACS and that is Nepal. Dr. Ravi Aryal, an attorney, CITES expert, and member of the Nepal Law Ministry took responsibility for launching WZACS and arranged an excellent ceremony at the Central Zoo in Nepal. Mr. R. K. Shreshta, Director, released the document while a good crowd of government officials, NGO's and zoo staff looked on. The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums featured Nepal's launch prominently in its Fall issue of WAZA News being a thing 2005.



New WAZA Guidelines adopted at the WAZA Administrative Session of 6 October 2005 – 60th Annual Meeting, held at New York City, USA, 2005



New WAZA Guidelines for Heini Hediger Award

In 1996, at the 50th Annual Meeting of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, then known as IUDZG, guidelines were created which should be followed when recommending someone for the highest award which the organization can give, the Heini Hediger Award. These guidelines were updated in 2005 and are presented below.

Unless in extremely unusual cases, only one award may be given in any calendar year.

The awardee will have demonstrated a high level of commitment to the zoological garden and/or aquarium profession.

Such commitment must be able to be demonstrated in the various areas of involvement within the profession. Such areas may include conservation programs, both *ex-situ* and *in-situ*; education; scientific research; veterinary medicine, animal husbandry and recreation leading to improvements in these areas.

Method of Nomination

Any full members may nominate a person for the Award. Nominations must be in writing or in electronic format and must be in English. Such nominations must be submitted not less than one month before the mid-year meeting of the WAZA Council. The nomination must include a *curriculum vitae* of the person being nominated and supporting documentation as appropriate. Such documentation may include references and details of persons of whom Council may seek information. All matters must be kept strictly confidential. The President will ensure that the information is made available to all Council Members in sufficient time to allow them to consider the matter.

At the mid-year Council Meeting, Council will discuss the matter and will decide upon the appropriate course of action. Council may decide that the candidate is worthy of the award, may decide not to confer the award or may defer the decision to seek further information. In all matters, the Council decision is final and no correspondence will be entered in to.

The decision to confer the award will require a two-thirds majority of those Council Members present and will be determined by secret ballot. In the event of there being more than one nominee, Council will undertake an agreed method of deciding between the two candidates.

Once it has been decided that an award will be given, arrangements should be made to ensure that it is awarded at the next annual meeting of the WAZA. The name of the awardee is to be kept confidential until the actual presentation is undertaken by the President at the Annual Meeting. At this time, an appropriate citation will be read by the President and the Awardee will be given the opportunity to make an appropriate response.

The award may be conferred posthumously, on which occasions it would be appropriate for a member of family or close friend or colleague to accept the Award and make an appropriate response.

Council and the Executive Director will call for nominations on a regular basis and try to ensure a good representation from all parts of our constituency.