

Letters and Report from happy participants and resource person

Dear Sally:

I must thank you for organising an excellent workshop / annual meeting of SAZARC this year at Colombo - it seems to get better by the year due to the tireless efforts of yourself, Sanjay and Daniel, as well as the learning experience from previous conferences. Thanks are also due to the hosts - Dehiwala Zoo, and the efforts of Brig. Perera and his staff in particular, for putting up an excellent show of support.

The opportunity to present three illustrated lectures on zoo design, and one workshop was highly informative for me - even though I was doing the presenting. I say this because the interaction with participants is always a learning process. I think having three lectures in a row allowed me to almost fully explore the various aspects of exhibit design. Areas left out due to time constraints were masterplanning for new and existing zoos, and the role of good graphics in interpretive exhibit design - the latter traditionally your forte!

I think the fourth day's design workshop was an eye-opener for yourself as well as myself. The interaction from various participants - even the normally reserved ones was much appreciated by all and some substantive issues regarding - in this case - design of camel/giraffe exhibits for the Dehiwala Zoo - were brought out and discussed. This format of interaction which is less classroom-type and more seminar-type should definitely be encouraged in future SAZARC workshops.

*With best regards,
Adit Pal, Landscape Architect, Architect,
Zoological Park Designer*

Dear SAZARC Chairman :

I am very much grateful to all of you for providing me the opportunity to participate in the SAZARC Conference held at Sri Lanka. I indeed appreciate the kind of hospitality provided during my stay at Sri Lanka.

The training on Zoo Nutrition and Zoo Design was very useful to me. The lectures on Zoo Nutrition and zoo design had immense information to learn. I hope that from the information gained we shall now make an effective diet/nutrition schedule. I shall get the message and knowledge gained to people working in Indian zoos.

The training on zoo design aspect was also very useful to have our enclosure design cost effective, visitor friendly and immersed with the habitat and zoo surroundings. I have been already working on it, but after attending this training many issues delivered Mr. Adit Pal was of very useful and to be considered in priority of zoo design of the future.

To summarize the training/conference/interaction with the participants from other countries certainly gained and improved my skill in various field. I shall look forward to work further with SAZARC participants on subjects discussed.

*Thanking you again. With regards.
Brij Kishor Gupta*

Dear Chairman and Director, SAZARC:

I am Thankfull to you and to your Z.O.O. staff for the all arrangements, This time we have learned many things specially in nutrition, Ellen is having very good datas and information in "Nutrition" this type of resource persons are very usefull to zoo managers,

Once again I want to convey congratulation to you for organising such a nice meeting/ workshop, training programme as well as Thanks for inviting and sponsoring me.

*With best regards,
Yours sincerely
R.K. SAHU*

Dear H.A.N.T. Perera & Sally Walker :

After my return from Sri Lanka Karachi Zoo arranged an Educational Programme on Blue Peacock. In the wake of discussion with Brig. H.A.N.T. Perera and Mrs. Dhamika at Sri Lanka during conference we are trying to exchange some surplus animals between Dehiwala and Karachi Zoo. Simultaneously we are also negotiating exchange proposals between Lahore Zoo and Karachi Zoo & can hope for success.

Thanks for the CDs with all photos which you mailed to me. According to your directions I got prepared 4 copies & sent them to Uzma Khan for distribution among Mr. Tarique Ayub, Mr. Qadeer, Mr. Raja Javed & Uzma herself. I thank you a lot for regular mail of Zoos Print.

Presently I am working along with my colleagues on diet specially on carnivore group in the light of the lectures of Dr. Ellen Dierenfeld. I am also concentrating on enclosure designing & trying to create natural habitat having been inspired by the lectures of Mr. Adit Pal.

I am always grateful to you for your best cooperation and pray for your prosperity.

*With best wishes and regards,
Muhammad Mansoor Qazi*

Dear Sally,
Happy New Year!!! Congratulations for organizing such a meaningful SAZARC Conference at Colombo. I've been really educated much on zoos through this conference. I received both of your mails and I have started collecting the information regarding the income and expenditure of the zoos in Bangladesh, and the report on the decline of Rajshahi Zoo. I'll mail you back the required information as soon as I get them. After I came back from Colombo, I exchanged ideas and messages received from SAZARC conference with all the Dhaka Zoo personnel and hopefully I'll make a visit to Chittagong Zoo shortly. I'll keep in touch with you.

*Regards,
A. Razzaque, Retd. D.G.,
Livestock Ministry, Bangladesh*