

South East Asian Zoos hold 11th Annual Conference with Australian Regional Association Zoological Parks and Aquaria

The 11th Annual Conference of SEAZA together with the 11th Annual Conference of ARAZPA was held as a joint conference hosted by Wildlife Reserves Singapore. Themed as "Partners in Conservation", the conference was held at Amara Hotel, Singapore from 24-27 June, 2002. Guest of Honour Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of State, Ministry of National Development opened the conference. Bernard Harrison and Ed McAlister, Presidents of their respective associations gave welcomes and conveyed their sentiments and hopes for the conference promoting cooperation between their regions.



Welfare and Ethics Workshop, led by Dr. G. Agoramoorthy.



Partners in Conservation workshop Co-chaired by Jansen Manansang and Mark Craig



Conservation Education Workshop Co-Chaired by Cheng Li Yi and Tan Kit Sun, facilitated by Sally Walker.



SEAZA Council members at the end of the meeting

The conference consisted of many excellent presentations, visits to the outstanding wild animal facilities around Singapore and workshops for Partners in Conservation, Dentistry, Welfare and Ethics, Aquarics, Design and Conservation.

The new SEAZA Board was introduced with the primary change being a new President who is Pisit na Patalung, who is retiring as Director of Dusit Zoo, Bangkok in the near future.

The next SEAZA conference will be held in Bogor, Indonesia at the Taman Safari.

Very shortly after the conference, on a sad note, Bernard Harrison announced his resignation from Wildlife Reserves Singapore to a very tearful staff. The whole world will miss Bernard in the Singapore Zoo.

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