

Announcement

International ZOO Design Conference, Wroclaw, Poland, 5-7 April 2017

In the names of Wroclaw Zoo and ZooLex Zoo Design Organization we extend an invitation to participate in the International Zoo Design Conference that will take place in Wroclaw, Poland, from 4th to 7th April 2017.

The theme of the conference is "**Animal welfare through built-in enrichment**".

We are suggesting several topics, but appreciate as well other topics relating to the theme of the conference. Speakers are invited to present best practice examples and visions for the future.

The suggested topics are as follows:

Substrates:

- (underground, drainage, access for exchange indoors and outdoors)
- deep mulch: case studies of new and renovated exhibits for various species
 - examples of various substrates in one exhibit

Built-in Enrichment for special needs:

- nocturnal and crepuscular animals: indoor and outdoor
- aquaria
- solitary animals: examples
- attracting free-range animals: case studies
- competing species in mixed species exhibits: best practice examples
- walk-through exhibits: getting visitors close without risk, what when it is closed?

Design with plants as built-in enrichment:

- Plants beyond decoration: examples of food, nesting, screening, shading
- Green walls: suitable types for indoors and outdoors
- Climbing structures: experiences with life trees and changeable structures
- Tree protection aesthetical and functional: examples for hoofstock, monkeys, aviaries
- Keeping trees alive during construction, droughts and storms

Designing for fresh browse:

- Growing browse in and around exhibits
- How to present browse species-specifically and attractively for visitors

Facilities for introducing and separating individuals:

- bachelor groups: best practices for various species
- large breeding groups
- mixing species: monitoring and capturing
- large exhibits, aviaries, aquaria
- release to the wild

Working with external experts:

- (local architects, zoo designers, consultants etc.):
- success stories from the clients' view and from the contractors' view
- wrap-up: best practice for small, big, private, public institutions

This conference will be an opportunity to shape the future of zoo design, share expertise and network. For more information and for registration please visit www.zoodesignconference.com

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