

CBSG & WAZA -- Taipei 2004

The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) Conference (October 31 to November 4) and the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBSG) Annual Meeting (October 28 to 31, 2004) will take place in the most active and amiable city in Asia - Taipei. The host is Taipei Zoo, possibly the best of the Asian zoos. The zoo will take great pleasure in making everyone have a meaningful and enjoyable conference, or two.



CBSG's theme is **"The Evolving Role of Reintroduction as a Tool for Conservation"**. Plenary presentations and working groups will focus on various aspects of reintroduction including those reflected in the World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy. This will be a working meeting and the results will be published in the next issue of CBSG News.

The theme of the WAZA conference this year is **"The World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy-the Key to a Sustainable Future"**. In this meeting, the "World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy" will become a reality and, through working group discussions, the first steps in its implementation will be taken. The zoo field will understand how to incorporate our contributions in the global efforts of the conservation of nature and play an essential role. I am sure that you will be proud to participate in and witness this momentous event!

To make the most of these conferences and give our Taiwan citizens the opportunity to understand modern Zoos, the Taipei Zoo is going to have **"Zoo Expo"** featuring the special achievements of zoos around the world in animal enrichment, conservation, research, education and recreation. The exposition will be on a large scale, lasting for 3 months from October to December, and citizens' interaction will be the most interesting part of it. At the same time, the inaugurations of the new Insect House and Safari Area are going to fascinate participants and other visitors as well. There is the largest Asian elephant specimen of Lin-Wang, who was among the oldest elephants in the world and a real star in Taipei for decades to amaze you and well as other features of Taipei, of Taiwan and of the Taipei Zoo.

Pao-Chung Chen, Director of Taipei Zoo and his staff are working night and day to make this conference memorable.

CBSG Annual Meeting 2004

The CBSG Annual Meeting this year is hosted by the Taipei Zoo, and held October 28 to 31, 2004 at the Grand Hotel, Taipei. The theme is "The Evolving Role of Reintroduction as a Tool for Conservation". Plenary presentations and working groups will focus on various aspects of reintroduction including those reflected in the latest World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy.

Fred Launay, IUCN/SSC Reintroduction Specialist Group Chair will present a keynote address. Other speakers include Hamish Currie of "Back To Africa" who will discuss big picture concepts resulting from their experiences re-introducing Sable and Roan into Southern Africa, and Mark Stanley Price, Executive Director of Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, who will discuss reintroduction as defined by habitat/system restoration. Currently proposed working group topics include: initial work on developing Guidelines on Captive Breeding for Conservation, further work on developing training programs on CBSG processes and zoo biology, and Action Planning as a next step in the World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy.



Additional working groups will address other issues of importance to the conservation community. Working group chairs will introduce

their topics in plenary session to set the stage for the work to be accomplished when the groups meet. Background materials on working group topics will be provided in the Annual Meeting Briefing Book. Throughout the course of the meeting, CBSG's Regional Network Convenors will present updates on various conservation projects and developments around the world.

Another potential event to be held in conjunction with the 2004 CBSG Annual Meeting is the second presentation of the Ulysses Seal Award for Innovation in Conservation. The conference provides a great opportunity for learning, sharing, and networking — all of which benefit from a diversified group of participants. For more information or to register for the CBSG Annual Meeting please visit the conference web site at www.zoo.gov.tw/cbsg&waza. Contributed by Bob Lacy, Chairman and Onnie Byers, Executive Officer

WAZA Annual Meeting 2004

The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums will meet for the 58th year this year in Taipei, Taiwan. The major agenda item for this year is the review and, hopefully, approve the new World Zoo Conservation Strategy which has been circulating for more than a year now. Many Asians have had an opportunity to contribute to the Strategy as well as other from all parts of the world.



There will be presentations, discussions, working groups and committee meetings as well as outings and social events at the WAZA meeting. Most of all there will be fellowship and a sense of kindred spirits meeting to solve their common problems and promote the potential of zoos as conservation centres.

Letter of Invitation

The Congress Secretariat will be pleased to send an invitation to any participant making such a request. It is understood that such an invitation is intended to help potential attendees raise travel funds or obtain a visa. It is not a commitment on the part of Congress to provide any financial support.

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Venue

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