

The Indian Zoo Directors' Association held their Annual General Body meeting on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Kanpur Zoological Park. The meeting was held in the palatial conference room in the Kanpur Zoo Interpretation Centre.

After discussion, ways and means to enhance participation and effectiveness of the IZDA in the coming years, elections for the year 1999 were held and office bearers were elected. (Permanent Secretary is the Director, National Zoological Park; there are four Vice-presidents who are called Zonal Coordinators of the different regions of India)

Officers

President Sri A.K. Das, Director, Calcutta Zoo
Secretary Sri B.R. Sharma, Director, National Zoo

Vice-presidents/Zonal Coordinators

Southern Region Sri Rajshekar, Mysore Zoo
Western Region Sri R.K. Sahu, Ahmedabad Zoo
Eastern Region Sri Battacharya, Assam State Zoo
Northern Region Sri V.K. Sharma, Chhatbir Zoo

Mr. B.R. Prusty, Director of the Nandankanan Zoological Park remains Editor of the IZDA/CZA News and Dr. L.N. Acharjyo was confirmed as the Editor / Compiler of compendiums.

The minutes of this meeting will be published in the next issue of the Indian Zoo Directors' bulletin and subsequently reprinted in ZOOS' PRINT.

Mr. Das ended the meeting by issuing an invitation to everyone to join him in the celebration of 125 years of the Alipore Zoological Garden in February 2000 when the next meeting of the IZDA will be held.

Members of the Indian Zoo Directors' Association :

Large Zoos :

Members: Indira Gandhi Zoo, Visak; Nehru Zoo, Hyderabad; Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna; National Zoological Park, New Delhi; Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh; Kamla Nehru Zoo, Ahmedabad; Chamarajendra Zool. Gardens, Mysore; Veermata Jijibai Bhosle Udyan, Mumbai; Nandankanan Zoo, Bhubaneswar; M.C. Zool Park, Chandigarh; Arignar Anna Zool Park, Chennai; Prince of Wales Zoo, Lucknow; Alipore Zoo, Calcutta; Assam State Zoo, Guwahati, 14 out of 15 large zoos are members.

Non-members: Kanpur Zoo, Kanpur.

Medium Zoos:

Members: Nehru Biol. Park, Bokaro; Sayaji Baugh Zoo Baroda; Thiruvananthapuram Zoo; Gandhi Zoo, Gwalior; Manipur Zool. Garden, Imphal; Jaipur Zoo, Jaipur; Children's Corner, Guindy; Chennai Snake Park Trust, Guindy -- or 6 out of 16 zoos are members.

Non members: Zool. Park, Itanagar; Zoological Garden, Bannerghatta; Maitri Baug Zoo, Bhilai; Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal; Jodhpur Zoo, Jodhpur; Madras Croc Bank, Mamallapuram; VOC Park Mini Zoo, Coimbatore; Sepahijala Zoo, Sepahijala.

Small Zoos:

Members: Haddo Mini Zoo, Pt Blair; Sri Venkateshara Zoo, Tirupati; BB Biological Park, Ranchi; Tata Zoo, Jamshedpur; Rajkot Municipal Corp Zoo, Rajkot; Himalayan Nature Park, Kufri;

Aurangabad Zoo, Aurangabad; Maharajbaugh Zoo, Nagpur; SG National Park, Borivilli; Kamala Nehru Zoo, Indore; Himalayan Zoo, Darjeeling. -- or 11 out of 25 zoos are members.

Non members: M.H. Vanasthali, Vanasthipuram; Indore Nature Park, GandhiNagar; Nature Park, Surat; Bondla Zoo, Goa; Rohtak Zoo, Rohtak; Bellary Zoo, Bellary; Peshwe Park Zoo, Pune; Lady Hydari Park; Aizawal Zoo, Aizawal; Udaipur Zoo, Udaipur; Bikaner Zoo, Bikaner; Sarnath Deer Park, Varnasi; Thrissur Zoo, Thirssur.

Mini Zoo members: Kohima Zool. Park, Nagaland; IG Park, Rourkela; Himalayan Zoo, Gangtok; Snake Park & Aviary, Pune; and Deer Park, Kakinada. There are numerous mini zoos and deer parks which are not members.

Life members: Dr. R. K. Sahu, Director, Ahmedabad Zoo; Radha Krishna Lal, Asst. Sec, Satsant Zoo; Shahanshah Jahangir, (NGO) Calcutta; Hemendru Kr De, Supt. Surat Zoo, Sally Walker, ZOO; Sanjay Molur, ZOO; Bipul Chakraborty, CZA; Dr. A. J. Urfi, Sundervan; Dr. B. M. Arora, IVRI, Izatnagar; Dr. M. V. Wani, Mumbai Zoo.

Related Organisations: M. S. Waheed, DFO WLMgmt, Warangal; Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore; R. S. Pathak, IFS, Geer Foundation.

Associate Members: R. Mishra, Bhubaneswar; G. C. Mishra, Bhubaneswar; Dr. L. N. Acharjyo, Bhubaneswar; Vijay Alex Abraham, Zoo Watch; R. V. Verma, Bhilai; Dr. G. K. Dubey, Bhilai; Dr. C. J. Chandra, Trivandrum; Santosh Modi, Indore; Vijan Singh Rathore; Jaipur; Namita Priyadarshee, Jodpur; Dr. Muralee Dharan, Trichur.

Animal Biology and Conservation, Part II of IZDA Compendiums

A new compendium of publications from Indian Zoos, on Animal Biology and Conservation has been brought out. This is Volume II of an ongoing project to compile articles from diverse magazines and journals which have not been available to Indian zoo personnel. These are scientific articles relating to the activities and animals in Indian zoos over a period spanning decades. This series is published by the Indian Zoo Directors' Association and the Central Zoo Authority with funds from CZA.

These articles, which have been divided into three categories for Mammals, Birds and Reptiles, had been published in various magazines and journals both in India and abroad, including the British Journal of Herpetology, the International Zoo Yearbook, Tiger Paper, Bulletin of the Zoological Survey of India, Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society, Animal Keepers' Forum, Indian Forester and others. Many of these were unavailable to most of the zoo personnel since their publication and, due to the passage of time, even now. Having so much information collected in one handy reference is practically like having a whole library of zoo information at one's disposal.

Volume I of this project, published previously along the same lines as Volume II concerns Health and Disease management.