

Announcement

Dr. Jenny Gray of Zoo Victoria is appointed WAZA President



Dr. Jenny Gray of Zoos Victoria in Australia has been appointed President of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), effective immediately.

Gray, WAZA's president-elect, was due to assume her two-year term as president in October. Her succession was accelerated when previous WAZA president, Susan Hunt, left her position as Chief Executive Officer of Australia's Perth Zoo to take up a new leadership role in the Western Australian Government. WAZA bylaws require all office holders to hold senior management positions in member zoos or aquariums.

"I am honored to take up this important role on behalf of WAZA at such a pivotal time," said Gray.

"The zoo and aquarium community is poised to play a leadership role on important issues such as climate change, illegal trade, marine litter, animal welfare, and the conservation of so many iconic and endangered species, and I am excited by the challenge."

As president, Gray presides over the WAZA Council and works closely with WAZA committees and the WAZA Executive Office. She will also continue her day-to-day responsibilities of managing the three institutions that comprise Zoos Victoria in Australia: Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Open Range Zoo, and Healesville Sanctuary.

Gray will be formally introduced as WAZA President at the 72nd WAZA conference, being held from 15-19 October in Berlin, Germany. Theo Pagel, Director of the Cologne Zoo in Germany, has moved up to assume the role of WAZA President-elect.

Hunt left Perth Zoo to become Chief Executive Officer of Lotterywest, the state lottery for Western Australia that raises funds for hospitals, arts, sports, the environment and community groups.

"I am confident that WAZA is in good hands," said Hunt.

WAZA represents more than 350 regional associations, national organisations and zoo and aquariums in 50 countries.

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