

Conferences and Symposia in 2004

International Symposium on Construction and Maintenance in Zoos

Date: Sunday, November 21st to Wednesday, November 24th, 2004
Venue: Zoo Zürich, Zürichbergstrasse 221, 8044 Zürich, Switzerland

Exhibits in zoos: Experiences from planning to facility management

The symposium is intended as a platform for people responsible for construction and maintenance in zoos and to help facilitating the discussions of related questions. A large amount of money has been invested in the construction of new attractive and animal-related enclosures which subsequently have to be maintained. One of them is, for example the Masoala Rainforest at Zoo Zürich, opened in 2003. More exhibits are being planned all over the world.

The symposium is intended to discuss topics of the specific zoo environment and to exchange related experiences:

- What is the procedure of masterplanning, exhibit planning and construction?
- How can we maintain the value of an enclosure over the years?
- Faulty experiences.
- Ecological 'green' constructions and facility management.
- How can we deal with the consistent request to cut costs?
- Construction/technical highlights/recommendations.
- Standards and guidelines.
- Existing and new ideas for future knowledge exchange between zoo staff, concerned with construction and facility management.

The symposium is intended to focus on very practical experiences and use the facilities at Zoo Zürich, especially the Masoala Rainforest as a demonstrating exhibit, with breakout sessions on technical details. Each of the 12 topics will be introduced by three short 10-minute introduction presentations by the participants. These talks should focus on: 'That is how we do it...' to introduce the topic and start the discussion. The Zurich Zoo invites interested zoo personnel to share your experiences with us.

Draft Programme

Sunday, November 21st

Registration at the Restaurant 'Altes Klösterli', Zoo Zürich
Ice Breaker at the Restaurant 'Altes Klösterli', Zoo Zürich

Monday, November 22th

Topic 1: Introduction to the symposium
Topic 2: Visit to the 'Masoala Rainforest'
Lunch at the Restaurant 'Siesta', Zoo Zürich
Topic 3: What is the procedure of masterplanning, exhibit planning and construction?
Topic 4: How can we maintain the value of an enclosure over the years?
Dinner at the Restaurant 'Siesta', Zoo Zürich

Tuesday, November 23rd

Topic 5: Examples of ecological constructions
Topic 6: Ecological 'green' construction and facility management
Lunch at the Restaurant 'Siesta', Zoo Zürich
Topic 7: Faulty experiences
Topic 8: Standards and guidelines
Dinner at the Restaurant 'Siesta', Zoo Zürich

Wednesday, November 24th

Topic 9: How can we deal with the consistent request to cut costs?
Topic 10: Construction/technical highlights/recommendations
Lunch at the Restaurant 'Siesta', Zoo Zürich

Topic 11: Existing and new ideas for future knowledge exchange between construction and facility and management staff in zoos
Topic 12: Visit to the 'Masoala Rainforest', surprise Gala-Dinner at the Masoala Restaurant, Zoo Zürich

Programme, additional information, hotel recommendations, Registration Forms are also available at www.zoo.ch/symposium

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Association of Malaysia Zoos Conference 2004

The Association of Malaysia Zoos Conference 2004 on 3rd to 5th December 2004. The Conference, organized by MAZPA, will be held at the Putra World Trade Center (PWTC) Kuala Lumpur which is part of the ZOOS ALIVE! Project

Being the first conference of its kind in the country, it will give MAZPA members, associates and relevant counterparts, the opportunity to hear from a panel of experts on how global and local changes shaping tomorrow's captive wildlife management practices. This event will bring together more than 300 participants from inside and outside of Malaysia which comprises of MAZPA members, professors and lecturers from universities, wildlife organizations, NGO's, representatives from many countries.

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International zookeeper conference

The first international zookeeper conference was held at Avifauna in the Netherlands and was an overwhelming success, with some 300 keepers from about 27 countries attending.

Most of the original members have remained on board to assist in working towards the 2006 meeting, and to further develop ICZ as an International Keeper Association.

Work has been going on behind the scenes, with the ASZK Committee working towards hosting the second congress in May of 2006. The venue will soon be selected, but it will be on the Gold Coast in Queensland, on the north eastern coast of Australia. There will be visits to the likes of Australia Zoo, Currumbin Sanctuary, Seaworld, Fleays Fauna Park and Dreamworld.

Organisers are trying to keep registration costs to a minimum and making sure that the registration price is "all inclusive". They will also try for discounted airfares to minimise the costs associated with this conference.

"ZooNews Digest" I will carry major developments through this list serve, and details will be updated at the ICZ website which can be found by visiting <http://www.iczoo.org>.
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SAZARC Annual Conference. South Asian Zoo Association for Regional Cooperation. 1-5 December 2004. Lahore Zoo, Pakistan. Watch this page.