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Welcome Message by SEAZA

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first ever joint conference between regional zoological associations. The coming together of SEAZA and ARAZPA in this collaborative effort at bringing the zoo community together demonstrates the ever-increasing importance of regional and global cooperation, and how the two associations are rising up to the challenges of our collective future. The theme 'Partners in Conservation' emphasizes synergy at all levels of cooperation, from the macro to the micro. The momentous task of conserving our vanishing natural heritage makes demands that can only be met if we pool our limited resources for concerted action.

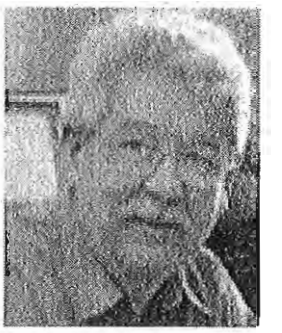
Singapore's strategic position in the Southeast Asian and Australasian regions has made it a suitable host country for this conference. Boasting its world status as a regional hub for conferences, we hope that our unique blend of the East and the West will make all our delegates feel at home. I sincerely wish you an enjoyable and enriching time here, in this most unique of experiences!

Bernard Harrison
President, SEAZA

Welcome Message by ARAZPA

Dear Colleagues,

Those of us involved in zoological parks, aquariums and wildlife sanctuaries in Australasia have become increasingly aware of the need to have partners if we are going to help stop and perhaps even reverse the decline in the amount of wildlife, which surrounds us. We have formed partnerships with universities, other education bodies, research organisations and National Parks and Wildlife agencies as well as strategic partnerships in the private sector.



But this is not enough. As the animals we deal with and wish to conserve, or use as ambassadors for their species, are drawn from all around the World we need to create partnerships with like-minded individuals outside our regions.

It was quite clear that we in Australasia share a common interest with our nearest neighbours in Southeast Asia and we all face similar, if not identical problems. As we in the Australasian region have been becoming more and more focussed on the South - East Asian region it was only a small step to decide to hold a joint conference, the first such conference between two geographically distinct regions. The theme "Partners in Conservation" will engender much discussion and will be challenging and thought provoking. I am confident that from it will come a better understanding of each other's strengths and needs and a strengthened resolve to assist in the conservation of the World's diminishing wildlife. Join us in Singapore and make your contribution to this important topic in June 2002.

Ed McAlister
President, ARAZPA