Zoo News

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust

The name of the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust organisation has been changed. On the 40th anniversary of the day Gerald Durrell founded Jersey Zoo to save endangered animals, the Trust became the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. The announcement was made at Jersey Zoo on Friday 26th March 1999, during the opening of 'First Impressions', a new 1.2 million multi-species animal enclosure, by His Excellency, The Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey, General Sri Michael Wilkes. At that time, the Trust's Honorary Director, Lee Durrell, unveiled a larger-than-life size bronze sculpture of Gerry in the landscaped forecourt of the exhibit. Jersey Zoo will continue to serve as the Trust's headquarters. The Dodo, which Gerald Durrell chose to remind us how quickly animal species can be rendered extinct, remains the Trust's symbol in an updated design.

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Switzerland wipes out rabies

Switzerland has become the first country in the world to wipe out rabies without quarantine restrictions, according to the World Health Organisation(WHO) in Geneva. WHO said the news is significant because Switzerland is surrounded by countries where rabies is prevalent. At the height of the problem in 1976, there were 1,738 cases of rabid animals in Switzerland. Britain has been regarded as free of the disease since the 1920s. Submitted by Martin Hugh-Jones e-mail: mehj@mail.vetmed.lsu.edu.

Announcements

Proceedings of the European Association of Zoos conference

Just published ... the EEP Yearbook 1997/98 including the Proceedings of the 1998 EAZA Conference. This 594 page volume offers an extensive account of the actual situation of more than 150 species managed in European zoos as European Endangered Species Programmes (EEPS) or on Studbook level. The EEP Yearbook also presents the annual reports of EEP Taxon Advisory Groups, as well as the proceedings of the 1998 EAZA/EEP Conference in Berlin and general EEP information.

The EEP Yearbook 1997/98 can be ordered for Dfl. 130.- (Dutch guilders) including postage at the above address. The preferred payment is by Eurocheque or International Money Order. Please add Dfl 15 for bank costs if paying by other means.

Directory of Post-Graduate Educational Opportunities in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine

The World Association of Wildlife Veterinarians has recently produced a Directory of Post-Graduate Educational Opportunities in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine. The Directory covers opportunities in over fifty countries and is a must for veterinary students or graduates interested in furthering their career in the field of wildlife medicine. For further information please contact the Secretary of the WAWV at F.Scullion@zoo.co.uk.

Association for Species Conservation in India

A new organization is being founded by Krishnaswamy Jagdish and Anshuman Chandra (email number <jug@duke.edu>). The new organization is calledASCI, Association for Species Conservation in India. It is intended to address many of the concerns raised on this network. This group is designed on the concept of groups such as AID and ASHA. It is exclusively committed to biodiversity conservation in India using a scientific approach and relying on rapid information transfer. This organization will raise financial, material and technical resources from mainly the professional and IT sectors in the US and India for direct field based conservation in protected areas and habitats in India. The organisers urge you to volunteer for ASCI and help raise funds and enlarge the network throughout India and even the US. Please visit the ASCI web site currently at http://www.ee.duke.edu/~achandra/asci.html and give the organisers your much valued feed back. We would be most happy to work with you to improve the web site and welcome ideas to raise resources.
Anshuman Chandra
Jagdish Krishnaswamy
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Wildlife Worldwide Database

Wildlife Worldwide on BiblioLine includes over 410,000 bibliographic records from 1935 & earlier to present. This database anthology features the well known and respected Wildlife Review Abstracts in addition to four other valuable wildlife databases offering a global perspective on all aspects of wildlife and wildlife management. See for yourself the grey literature and other valuable sources of information not covered in other mainstream online databases available. Use our recently implemented thesaurus which provides access to a glossary of indexing terminology. Without a doubt, Wildlife Worldwide is an essential resource for academic institutions, wildlife organizations and societies, natural resources departments, agencies and zoos. For additional information, see the Wildlife Worldwide Product Page at http://www.nisc.com/dbmonth/Wildlife-Worldwide.htm <http://www.nisc.com/dbmonth/Wildlife-Worldwide.htm> Email at sales@nisc.com <mailto:sales@nisc.com> with any questions. National Information Services Corporation, NISC USA

Events

Zoo and Exotic Animal Anaesthesia and Surgery

The British Veterinary Zoological Society presents Zoo and Exotic Animal Anaesthesia and Surgery on 20-21 November 1999 at the Meeting Rooms, Zoological Society of London. This 2 days meeting will concentrate on the modern approach and advances within the field of anaesthesia and surgery in birds, reptiles, small mammals, zoo animals, fish, etc etc etc. You don't have to be an academic high roller, super specialist or all round action packed super hero. Student papers,

reviews, new techniques and procedures, as well as original research are all very welcome.

For registration details please contact Derek Lyon (DGLyon9@aol.com). Brackenwood, 67 Wynnstay Lane, Marford, Wrexham LL12 8LH, UK. Fax: 44 (0)1978 852065 Anyone wishing to present a paper should contact Steve Divers (SteveDVet@aol.com). Exotic Animal Centre, 12 Fitzilian Avenue, Harold Wood, Romford, Essex RM3 0QS, UK. Fax: 44 (0)1708 344318. Stephen J. Divers BSc(Hons) BVetMed CertZooMed CBiol MIBiol MRCVS RCVS Certificate in Zoological Medicine, Exotic Animal Centre, 12 Fitzilian Avenue, Harold Wood, Romford, Essex RM3 0QS, England. Tel: 44 (0)1708 384444 Fax:44 (0)1708 344318

Symposium on the Conservation of Exploited Species
Announcing a Symposium on Conservation of Exploited Species. The Meeting Rooms, The Zoological Society of London, Regents Park, London, UK. 9-10 December 1999 Scientists from a wide variety of backgrounds have been invited to discuss the interface between exploitation and conservation. This will include biological features of species that render them vulnerable to over-exploitation, implications of exploitation for ecological interactions and human communities, and the importance of exploitation as a threat or saviour of populations.

The conference is being hosted jointly by the Zoological Society of London and the Wildlife Conservation Society (New York), and organised by JD Reynolds, GM Mace, KH Redford, and JG Robinson. For further details please see www.bio.uea.ac.uk/conserve.html or contact linda.davolls@zsl.org or write to Publications and Meetings, The Zoological Society of London, Regent s Park, London NW1 4RY, UK.
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Ecology and Management of Ungulates: Integrating across spatial scales
Ecology and Management of Ungulates: Integrating across spatial scales conference to be held at Prestige Lodge Resort - Nelson, British Columbia, 25-27 August 1999. In a 3-day conference, biologists and managers will share information on the challenges of integrating information on the ecology and management of ungulates across spatial scales. The conference will focus on topics related to foraging at the scale of the individual, ungulate use of heterogeneous landscapes, linking populations to landscape management, and the role of ungulates in ecosystems. Selected papers will be peer reviewed and published in book format. Registration deadlines15 June 1999. To register visit our website (http://wildlife1.uwsp.edu/ungul99) or contact Dr. Evelyn Merrill. College of Natural Resources , University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI 54481; 715/346-4112; emerrill@uwsp.edu.

Animal and Zoonotic Diseases International Symposium
Lessons Learned and Strategies for Meeting Current and Future Threats. June 20-23, 1999. Monona Terrace, Madison, WI USA. University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine, For more information: Fax: +1 608 265 5622. Email : kawaokay@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu

Opportunities

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VETERINARIAN
Home of the world's largest parrot collection (300 different species) is looking for an enthusiastic, highly qualified veterinary doctor. Apart from the usual qualifications, you should be specialized and have experience in medical examinations, diagnosis and therapies as well as surgery on parrots and penguins. The position also requires supervision of sea and zoo mammals and aquarium fish. We expect dynamic, willingness to work in a team and interest in science. Languages: English, Spanish and German. We offer good teamwork along with our permanent stationed veterinary as well as international experts, our own bird clinic and laboratory. Company accomodation available. Salary according to qualifications. Please send your application to Loro Parque, Mr. Wolfgang Kiessling Crtr. Punta Brava, 38400 Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain. Fax 00334 922 37 50 21 e-mail: loroparque@jet.es

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MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICIAN/RESEARCHER
The Pathology Division of the Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species, Zoological Society of San Diego, has an opening in its new Molecular Diagnostics and Research Laboratory. Qualifications include a DVM or equivalent degree from an accredited institution and experience in application of molecular techniques to disease investigations. A PhD in molecular biology or a related field and advanced training in a discipline such as veterinary pathology, epidemiology, clinical pathology or microbiology are preferred. The successful applicant will function as a co-investigator in an applied infectious disease research program, with an emphasis on development and application of new diagnostic tests for disease surveillance and control programs. Anticipated start date will be in the Fall of 1999. Competitive salary and benefits package. The deadline for applications is June 15, 1999. Interested candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names of 3 professional references to Human Resources Department, Attn: Molecular Researcher Position # 173018, Zoological Society of San Diego, PO Box 120551, San Diego, CA 92112-0551. Questions regarding this position can be directed to: Bruce A. Rideout, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVP , Director of Pathology, Zoological Society of San Diego, P.O. Box 120551 San Diego, CA 92112-0551. Fax (619) 230-1256; e-mail: brideout@sandiegozoo.org

THE SCIENTIFIC CENTER, KUWAIT

is looking for suitably qualified candidates to take up short term (2 year) resident appointments. The work involves starting up and operating a new world-class institution containing a large Desert/Aquarium facility that focuses on the regional ecosystem and cultural heritage of Kuwait. The following hands-on positions include collecting activities, developing animal husbandry programmes, and training of the local staff. Excellent salary and benefits.