



EAZA Zoo



Horticulture
Conference



24-26 June 2025

Icebreaker - Monday, 23 June 2025	
16.00 - 21.00	Icebreaker <i>Rotterdam Zoo, Poort van Azië and Haaienzaal</i>

Day 1 – Tuesday, 24 June 2025 Making zoos greener: Innovative planting, biodiversity, and sustainability	
09.00 - 09.30	Registration
09.30 - 09.45	Welcome <i>Sven Seiffert (Chair EAZA Zoo Horticulture)</i> <i>Rick Put (Senior Horticulturalist, Rotterdam Zoo)</i>
09.45 - 10.15	Rotterdam Zoo Masterplan 2050 <i>(tbc)</i>
10.15 - 10.45	Introduction to Rotterdam Zoo and the activities of the Botanical Department. <i>Louwerens-Jan Nederlof (Curator of Plants, Rotterdam Zoo)</i> <i>Rick Put (Senior Horticulturalist, Rotterdam Zoo)</i>
10.45 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 11.45	Urban biodiversity <i>Dr. Prof. Kees Vink (Erasmus University College)</i>
11.45 - 12.15	Biodiversity in trees <i>Marko Mouwen (Specialist Advisor, Ebben Nurseries)</i>
12.15 – 12.45	Soil and soil improvement <i>Marc Spierings (Business Manager, BVB Landscaping B.V.)</i>
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch break
13.45 – 14.30	News from the zoos
14.30 – 18.00	Tour of Rotterdam Zoo and the botanical nursery. <i>Louwerens-Jan Nederlof (Curator of Plants, Rotterdam Zoo)</i> <i>Rick Put (Senior Horticulturalist, Rotterdam Zoo)</i>
18.00 – 21.00	Conference dinner

Day 2 – Wednesday, 25 June 2025 Making zoos greener: Innovative planting, biodiversity, and sustainability	
09.00 - 09.30	Registration
09.30 - 10.00	The new savannah exhibit at Chester Zoo <i>Phil Esseen (Head of Plants, Chester Zoo)</i>
10.00 - 10.30	Surviving the odds? A systematic approach to scoring plant damage in animal enclosures <i>Sven Seiffert (Curator of Plants, Zoological Society of London)</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Break
11.00 - 11.30	The development of the Himalayan region at the Rotterdam Zoo <i>Rick Put (Senior Horticulturalist, Rotterdam Zoo)</i>
11.30 - 12.00	Eco displays at Burgers' Zoo <i>Stef van Campen (Designer, Burgers' Zoo)</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Creathing immersive experiences using local species <i>Rick Merks (Senior Designer Zoos & Landscape, Libéma)</i>
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 - 14.00	The passive solar greenhouse: an interesting idea to integrate in animal enclosures? <i>Lieven Devreese (Organic farmer and temporary monkey researcher, Het Polderveld)</i>
14.00 - 14.30	Saving the Rwanda warm water lily <i>Louwerens-Jan Nederlof (Curator of Plants, Rotterdam Zoo)</i>
14.30 - 15.00	<i>Guardians of time</i>, The Mammoth Tree <i>Remi Kroon (Senior Horticulturalist, Rotterdam Zoo)</i>
15.00 - 15.30	Break
15.30 - 16.15	News from the zoos
16.15 - 16.30	Closing address <i>Sven Seiffert (Chair EAZA Zoo Horticulture)</i> <i>Rick Put (Senior Horticulturalist, Rotterdam Zoo)</i>

Day 3 – Thursday, 26 June 2025 Excursion to Trompenburg Gardens and Arboretum	
09.00 - 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 10.00	Travel to Trompenburg Gardens and Arboretum
10.00 – 14.30	Guided tour and lunch Trompenburg Gardens and Arboretum
14.30 – 15.00	Travel to Rotterdam Zoo

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