



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020



Programme booklet

EAZA Annual Conference 2020 Online

28 September - 02 October

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EAZA Annual Conference summary of Plenary and Animal Sessions

Following the cancellation of the Leipzig conference, the EAZA Annual Conference will proceed online, with a modified format. This draft programme provides outlines of the sessions; please note that not all the talks are confirmed, and there may be some minor changes to the schedule. There will be **no charge** for attending the online conference, which will take place on the Zoom platform, however, if you would like to attend a session, **you need to register**.

To register for a session, please click on the links marked “Registration” under the session title. Several of the sessions are for Members only – clicking on the registration links will take you to the EAZA Member Area website, where Members can register. All other registrations are open to all, although registrants will only be admitted when including their name, institution, and country; these details will be checked thoroughly prior to the meeting. Please note that all plenaries and sessions are scheduled in Central European Time (CET).

If you are unable to join a meeting, or if you have any urgent questions, please contact us at help@eaza.net

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Monday 28 September 2020

09:00 – 10:30 Veterinary Committee (closed). By invitation only

11:00 – 13:00 TAG Chairs meeting (closed). By invitation only

14:00 – 16:00 EEP Coordinators meeting (closed). By invitation only

14:00 – 16:00 Communications Committee (closed). By invitation only

16:30 – 18:00 Icebreaker

Registration: open to all

This virtual social event is a good opportunity to catch up with colleagues, or meet new people working in the diverse world of zoos, aquariums and conservation. Join a random group or ask to be assigned to one - EAZA Executive Office staff will be on hand to welcome and matchmake.



Tuesday 29 September 2020

9:00 – 10:30: Opening plenary

Registration: Open to all

- Thomas Kauffels, EAZA Chair: **Welcome and introduction**
- Myfanwy Griffith, EAZA Executive Director: **Summary of EAZA Activities**
- Keynote speech (by video): Virginijus Sinkevicius, European Commissioner for the Environment: **EAZA Zoos and Aquariums supporting the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030**

11:00 – 13:00 Plenary 2: The World of Zoos and Aquariums after COVID-19

Registration: EAZA Members only.

Facilitator: David Williams-Mitchell, EAZA Director Communications and Membership

- *Keynote:* Chris Walzer, Director of Global Health (Wildlife Conservation Society): **The wider context and future development of COVID-19 and other zoonotic pandemics**
- Simon Tonge, CEO Wild Planet Trust: **Practical considerations and context of closing a zoo due to the economic crisis caused by COVID-19**
- Joerg Junhold, Director Leipzig Zoo and Volker Homes, Director Duisburg Zoo and VdZ : **Ensuring a broad popular support for zoos and aquariums to build a case for long term support in society**
- Antonieta Costa, Head of Education, Lisbon Zoo: **The opportunity to build public awareness of biodiversity loss provided by COVID-19, and how to maximise it**



14:00 – 16:00 Zoological session 1: Making it happen – approaches to implementing RCP outcomes

Registration: EAZA Members only.

During this session a number of TAGs show a variety of challenges and opportunities identified during RCP workshops/LTMPs, and how they have started with implementing actions and finding solutions in the last year.

- Ben Tapley, ZSL London Zoo: **How the Amphibian TAG is responding to the threat that Bsal poses to European salamanders**
- Luca Morino, Parc Zoologique de Paris: **The Big Brown Challenge**
- Johnpaul Houston: **How to tackle husbandry issues for grebes/seaducks as part of Waterfowl and Pelecaniformes RCP**
- Kirsi Pynnonen-Oudman, Helsinki Zoo: **Future contribution to reintroductions as part of Owl RCP**
- Noam Werner, Jerusalem Zoo / Allan Muir, EAZA Executive Office: **Invasive and endangered; can we make the EU IAS rules work for ex situ conservation?**

16:30 – 18:00 Zoological session 2: Looking for cross-taxa opportunities in a One Plan Approach context

Registration: EAZA Members only.

According to CPSG, the One Plan Approach to species conservation is the development of management strategies and conservation actions by all responsible parties for all populations of a species, whether inside or outside their natural range. So, within that context this session will focus on explaining the need to find links between *in situ* and *ex situ* projects related to different taxa and the positive results that they create.

- Koen Brouwer, Attica Zoological park/ Joost Lammers, Birdpark Avifauna: **Synergy for African hornbill species *in situ* linked to the Hornbill RCP results**
- Anton Weissenbacher, Vienna Zoo / Brian Zimmerman, Bristol Zoo: **Conserving threatened freshwater fishes by linking zoos and aquariums with *in situ* efforts**
- Brice Lefaux, Zoo Mulhouse: **Conservation planning to save Gibbon - EAZA Members in the frontline**



16:30 – 18:00 (Parallel) EAZA Biobanking and ZIMS Sample storage

Registration: EAZA Members only.

Presentations on the EAZA Biobank Working Group and the newly launched ZIMS sample storage module



Wednesday 30 September

9:00 – 10:30 Plenary 3: Conservation: Saving European Species and Biodiversity Together

Registration: Open to all

Facilitator: Danny de Man, EAZA Deputy Executive Director

This session will showcase a number of examples of the work EAZA and its Members contribute to in support of saving European species and biodiversity. It will touch on the importance, needs and relevance of prioritising this work for species conservation and achieving EAZA's new vision and mission.

- **Keynote:** Maurice La Haye, Radboud University Nijmegen: **The Common Hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in the Netherlands; From pest species to icon of a biodiverse agricultural landscape**
- Dijana Beneta, Zagreb Zoo / Ivan Budinski, BIOM: **The Balkan snow vole (*Dinaromys bogdanovi*); an overview of *in situ* and *ex situ* activities**
- Anthony Kohler, Han sur Lesse: **How an European wildlife park can help saving wild populations of European species**
- Elmar Fienieg, EAZA Executive Office: ***Ex situ* conservation needs, planning and action for EU Bird's- and Habitat Directives listed species**
- Questions and Answers

11:00 – 13:00 Zoological session 3: Saving species!

Registration: EAZA Members only.

During this session, TAGs and EEPs will showcase some inspiring examples of *ex situ* populations with direct conservation roles, and more importantly, the lessons learnt along the way to help shape the ongoing development of the programmes.

- Jan Dams, Antwerp Zoo: **Role of the Vietnam pheasant EEP in a wider conservation effort**
 - Janno Weerman, Rotterdam Zoo: **GPS-collaring Red Panda – link between *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation**
 - Jose Dias Ferreira, Lisboa Zoo: **Persian leopard EEP lessons learned from the LTMP – results – positive and complicated results**
 - Luis Neves, Singapore Zoo: **Santa Cruz ground dove EEP (New style)**
 - Klaus Wunnemann, (Zoo Heidelberg) / Marketa Jariabkova, Zoo Hluboka): **Saving your local species, examples for the European Hamster (Germany) and Souslik (Czech Republic)**
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11:00 – 13:00 (Parallel) EU Animal Health Law

Registration: EAZA Members only.

Facilitator: Allan Muir, EAZA EU Policy Coordinator

The new Animal Health Law will come into force in the EU in April 2021, replacing the well-known Balai Directive. This session will introduce the new law and its new rules for zoos and aquariums based in the EU. Special focus will be given to the rules for moving animals between institutions as well as the approval requirements which were previously regulated by Balai.

14:00 – 16:00 Plenary 4: Animal welfare


Registration: Open to all

Facilitator: Sally Binding, EAZA Animal Welfare Coordinator

This plenary will start by introducing the work of the EAZA Animal Welfare Working Group and will then focus on animal welfare assessments, explaining how they can be implemented to help improve animal welfare in many situations. The session will cover the resources available in the animal welfare assessments library, and use case studies to explore the many benefits that welfare assessments can bring to an organisation, such as budget allocation, decisions on animal moves, analysis of husbandry procedures, welfare tracking, facility design, staff training and professional development and prioritising areas of research.

The plenary will aim to break down some of the barriers and myths surrounding the use of assessments to make them more accessible and provide step-by-step guidance in how to get started.

- Holly Farmer, Chair EAZA Animal Welfare Working Group, Wild Planet Trust/Paignton Zoo: **Introducing the Animal Welfare Working Group and animal welfare assessments**
- Xavier Manteca Vilanova, The University of Barcelona: **Fundamentals of animal welfare assessments**
- Claudia Tay, Wildlife Reserves Singapore: **Applying animal welfare assessments to different contents**
- Heather Bacon, The Edinburgh University: **Quality of Life assessments**

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- Thomas Bionda, Apenheul Primate Park: **The role of animal welfare assessments in supporting the pillars of the modern zoo**
 - Sally Sherwen, Zoos Victoria: **Implementing animal welfare assessments - Staff training and culture**
 - Caterina Spiezio, Parco Natura Viva: **Getting started - A step-by-step guide to starting your animal welfare assessment programme**

14:00 – 16:00 (Parallel) EU Updates

Registration: EAZA Members only.

Facilitators: Tomasz Rusek and Allan Muir, EAZA EU Policy Team


An update from the past 12 months of engagement at the European Union about the main topics that concern EAZA zoos and aquariums: the EU Zoos Directive, implementation of the Invasive Alien Species regulation, Brexit planning, the launch of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and more.

16:30 – 18:00: Zoological session 4: Catching up with TAGs: Recent Developments, Updates and Actions

Registration: EAZA Members only.

In population management, as one size does not fit all, this session will provide illustrative examples of the latest updates in population management and collection planning of Taxon Advisory Groups, and will look at the changes that have happened as a result of Regional Collection Plan workshops.

- Hugo Batista, Lisbon Oceanario: **Jellyfish TAG: update and state of affair**
- Mark Bushell, Bristol zoo: **TITAG RCP: latest updates on population management, collection planning, and ongoing developments and activities related to the last RCP workshop**
- Volker Grün: **Iconic MonoMars species: EEP update on koalas and wombats**
- Lydia Kolter: **Conservation relevant ex situ research priorities for sun bears - first steps and results**



Thursday 1 October 2020

9:00 – 10:30 Plenary 5: Conservation Education: Engage or go extinct: Educators at the heart of collaborative conservation

Registration: Open to all

Facilitator: Laura Myers, EAZA Academy Manager

Embracing the One Plan approach means not only integrating in situ and ex situ conservation work, but also integrating community engagement with direct 'hands-on' conservation. This session will address these challenges by raising awareness of the potential for zoo-based educators to make a meaningful contribution to in situ conservation, by bringing together stakeholders from the in situ conservation community and the zoo and aquarium community to discuss examples of successful collaboration and potential opportunities and needs for further cooperation in the future:

- Eddie Bach, Copenhagen Zoo
- Hannah Brooks, Chester Zoo
- Simon Bruslund, Vogelpark Marlow
- Matt Hunt, Free the Bears
- Constanze Mager, Royal Burgers' Zoo
- Molly Maloy, Denver Zoo
- Ian Singleton, Sumatran Orangutan Project
- Michael Tipaai, Big Life Foundation

11:00 – 13:00 Plenary 6: Research

Registration: Open to all

Facilitator: Raymond van der Meer, EAZA Population Management Centre manager

This plenary will showcase the variety of research that can be done in zoos and highlights how zoos can contribute to zoo research by presenting some striking examples

- **Keynote:** Marcus Clauss, University of Zurich: **How zoos contribute to fundamental biological knowledge: the example of reproductive seasonality**
- Philippe Helsen, Antwerp Zoo Society: **When it takes more than two to tango: Combining data mining, conservation breeding and in-situ expertise as another alley to increase breeding success**

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- Geert Janssens, Ghent University: **Dietary fibre for carnivorous vertebrates**
 - Sally Binding, EAZA Animal Welfare Coordinator: **Status of animal welfare research in zoos and aquariums: Where are we, where to next?**


11:00 - 13:00 (Parallel) Funding Workshop - How can EAZA Members maximise funding potential beyond the gate in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic

Registration: EAZA Members only or by invitation. Please contact Dalila Frasson for more details.

Facilitators: Dalila Frasson, EAZA Funding Coordinator and John Regan, Strategic Consultant

This workshop is open to any staff member from EAZA Institutions who would like to better understand how to survive during this lockdown/pandemic situation and to future proof one's organisation by lessening dependence on traditional revenue streams. As it addresses existential and strategic issues, it may be of especial interest to those in the positions of Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer or Financial Director. Previous knowledge about the topic is not required.

- Howard Lake: **A fuller exploitation of online fundraising opportunities for EAZA Members**
- Nancy Bikson: **fundraising on an international basis in terms of general feasibility; low cost options; effectiveness in respect of various categories of international funders; tax and legal issues**
- Hannah Crayk: **Lessons from lockdown: the importance of your cause in connecting with audiences and building resilience through membership, fundraising and advocacy**
- Dr Mike Maunder: **Strategic and holistic approaches to surviving Covid-19 and strategic development thereafter**



14:00 – 16:00 Plenary 7: Conservation: The Road to Kunming: Zoo and Aquarium opportunities to engage with the Convention on Biological Diversity

Registration: Open to all

Facilitator: Danny de Man, EAZA Deputy Executive Director

This session will take a closer look at the development of the post-2020 biodiversity framework that is being negotiated by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and to be agreed at the next Conference of the Parties in Kunming, China, in 2021. It aims to contribute to an understanding of the direct relevance to the EAZA community, how it relates to EAZA's advocacy work e.g. in relation to the EU Biodiversity Strategy, and showcase how partner organisations are involved in biodiversity conservation and engaged in the CBD process.

- *Keynote:* Jon Paul Rodriguez, chair IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC): **The call for urgent and effective action to address the unprecedented, unsustainable and growing impacts on wild species from human activities,**
- Micheal O'Briain, Deputy Head of the Nature Protection Unit, Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission: **The EU Zoos Directive; fit for purpose to serve its unique role in the European Union's Biodiversity Framework?**
- Kristin Leus, EAZA Executive Office and CPSG Europe: **The IUCN SSC Ex situ Guidelines and the EAZA Ex situ Programme: state of affairs halfway through the implementation phase of EAZAs new population management structure,**
- Craig Hoover, Executive vice president, Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA): **The Role of Zoos and Aquariums in CITES and Combating Wildlife Trafficking**
- Panel discussion



14:00 – 16:00: (Parallel) Species360 - Question and Answer session

Registration: Open to everyone

Join us to get the latest updates on husbandry, medical, studbook and our science/research team. Each topic will have time to ask questions for those that have them.

- 14.00-14.30 Medical Update
- 14.30-15.00 Husbandry Update
- 15.00-15.30 Studbook Update
- 15.30-16.00 Science/Research Update

16:30 – 18:00 Zoological session 5: Education to the rescue: a multi-focal approach

Registration: EAZA Members only.

The session will look at the integration of Conservation Education planning in the RCP process and beyond, with particular focus on awareness raising for different species and various target audiences, by working on the development of compelling narratives about the animals and their relationship to their ecosystems.


- Stephan Worm (Zoo Hohenhausen): **World Parrot Day as educational tool and resource Callitrichid TAG RCP, follow up on Education roles**
- Nic Dunn(Monkey World): **Raising awareness of conservation education using the RCP as a tool**
- Nina Trontti, Helsinki Zoo / Marco Penello, Valcorba Zoo: **The beauty and the goat: Educational Guidelines and Capricards, raising awareness about how amazing are caprines!**
- Zsuzsa Petró (Sóstó Zoo): **All about bears for kids& Report about the EAZA Bear TAG education and social media activities**

16:30 – 18:00 (Parallel): Fundraising during Covid-19 pandemic and beyond - 1 to 1 consultancy session (FULL)

Registration: FULL

Facilitator: Dalila Frasson, EAZA Funding Coordinator

15 minute one to one meetings to help you to achieve your fundraising goal, whether short term to get over the COVID 19 period or for the longer term. Please book your time slot in advance by emailing dalila.frasson@eaza.net



Friday 2 October

9:00 – 10:30 Zoological session 6: Population management in 2050

Registration: EAZA Members only.

During this session we will consider how technical and cultural developments may change over time, focusing on how we may influence these developments, what they may mean for us in the future and what that means for the decisions we take today in managing our populations.

- Dave Powell - Director of Research, Saint Louis Zoo: **Preparing for Challenges in Reproductive & Population Management**
- Hannah Jenkins – Chair of the EAZA Animals Records, Working Group -Zoological Society of London: **The importance of good record keeping: learn from the past, prepare for the future!**
- Imke Lüders, Allwetterzoo Munster: **Cryopreservation and its role in population management**
- Cock van Oosterhout - **Professor of Evolutionary Genetics - University of East Anglia: How to deal with bad mutations in zoo populations?**

11:00 – 13:00 Zoological session 7: Best Practice showcases

Registration: EAZA Members only.

Best Practice showcases. The objective of this session will be to provide practical examples on how to deal with specific challenges presented in recently published BPGs across diverse taxa.

- Maria Teresa Abello, Zoo Barcelona / Claudia Rudolf von Rohr, Zurich Zoo / Sandra Reichler, Heidelberg Zoo: **Best Practice Guidelines – Improving Great Apes Welfare**
- Anais Tritto, Singapore Zoo: **Keeping Rufous-fronted Laughingthrush: Overview & Challenges**
- Jim Mackie, ZSL London Zoo: **The Multiple Benefits of Animal Training**
- Andrea Dempsey, Broxbourne: **Using the Old World Monkey RCP to facilitate Best Practices, sustainable population management and the One Plan Approach**



11:00 – 13:00 (Parallel): Poster sessions

Registration: Open to all

Posters will be displayed in PDF format on the EAZA Website during the Conference. During this session, poster authors will present their work either in a live presentation, or by recorded video.

14:00 – 16:00: Closing plenary & Lifetime Achievement Awards

Registration: Open to all

This session features the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Awards, as nominated by members of the EAZA community, a summary of the conference by EAZA Chair Thomas Kauffels, and a short presentation of next year's conference host (Helsinki Zoo) and venue.

Monday 28 September 2020

Time (CET)	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
09.00 - 10.30		Veterinary Committee (closed)		
10.30 - 11.00		Break		
11.00 - 13.00	TAG Chairs meeting (closed)			
13.00 - 14.00		Break		
14.00 - 16.00	EEP Coordinators meeting (closed)	Communications Committee (closed)		
16.00 - 16.30		Break		
16.30 - 18.00		Icebreaker		

Tuesday 29 September 2020

Time (CET)	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
09.00 - 10.30	Opening plenary			
10.30 - 11.00	Break			
11.00 - 13.00	Plenary 2: The world of zoos and aquariums after COVID-19			
13.00 - 14.00	Break			
14.00 - 16.00	Zoological session 1: Making it happen – approaches to implementing RCP outcomes	EEP Committee (closed)		
16.00 - 16.30	Break			
16.30 - 18.00	Zoological session 2: Looking for cross-taxa opportunities in a One Plan Approach context	EEP Committee (closed)	EAZA Biobanking and ZIMS Sample storage	Education Committee (closed)

Wednesday 30 September 2020

Time (CET)	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
09.00 - 10.30	Plenary 3: conservation: Saving European species and biodiversity together			
10.30 - 11.00	Break			
11.00 - 13.00	Zoological session 3: Saving species!	Membership and Ethics Committee (closed)	Conservation Committee (closed)	EU Animal Health Law
13.00 - 14.00	Break			
14.00 - 16.00	Plenary 4: Animal welfare	Membership and Ethics Committee (closed)		EU Updates
16.00 - 16.30	Break			
16.30 - 18.00	Zoological session 4: Catching up with TAGs: recent developments, updates and actions		National Associations Committee (closed)	

Thursday 01 October 2020

Time (CET)	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
09.00 - 10.30	Plenary 5: Conservation Education: Engage or go extinct: Educators at the heart of collaborative conservation	Executive Committee (closed)		
10.30 - 11.00	Break			
11.00 - 13.00	Plenary 6: Research	Executive Committee (closed)	Funding Workshop	
13.00 - 14.00	Break			
14.00 - 16.00	Plenary 7: Conservation: The road to Kunming: zoo and aquarium opportunities to engage with the Convention of Biological Diversity		Species360 - Questions and Answer session	
16.00 - 16.30	Break			
16.30 - 18.00	Zoological session 5: Education to the rescue: a multifocal approach	EAZA Council (closed)	Fundraising Consultations (FULL)	

Friday 02 October 2020

Time (CET)	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
09.00 - 10.30	Zoological session 6: Population management in 2050	EAZA Council (closed)		
10.30 - 11.00	Break			
11.00 - 13.00	Zoological session 7: Best Practice showcases	Extraordinary AGM (closed)		EAZA Poster session
13.00 - 14.00	Break			
14.00 - 16.00	Closing plenary & Lifetime Achievement Awards			