



## EAZA DIRECTORS' DAYS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

### THEME

In this edition of EAZA Directors' Days and Annual General Meeting (AGM), hosted by Beekse Bergen Safari Park, we turn our attention to the shared purpose and values that unite the EAZA community and will help drive forward the upcoming Strategy. We will examine how our collective work in animal care, population management, welfare, and conservation can strengthen both individual institutions and the Association as a whole.

Through focused discussions and interactive workshops, Directors will contribute to defining what a healthy, forward-looking EAZA community looks like: one that is cohesive, resilient, and positioned to respond to future challenges. These inputs will support EAZA Council and the Executive Committee to synthesize the outcomes of this meeting and consider how to incorporate them into the next phase of strategic planning.

We invite all participants to take part in shaping how EAZA evolves as a community: how we support one another, uphold shared standards, and represent ourselves as modern zoos and aquariums.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Event dates:** 13-17 April 2026

**Host:** Beekse Bergen Safari Park, The Netherlands

**Venue:** Hogon House at Safaripark Beekse Bergen, located at G499+FJ, Tilburgseweg 41, 5081 NG Hilvarenbeek, Netherlands.

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The final conference programme will be made available in the Whova Conference app. All registered delegates will receive an invitation to download and access the app. Programme updates and information will be announced via Whova.

## PROGRAMME

**\*\*\*Programme in development. Times and Topics may change\*\*\***

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### MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026: COMMITTEE MEETING

13:00 Lunch

**14:00 Membership and Ethics Committee meeting (closed)**

*Location: Toguna 2*

16:00 Coffee and Tea Break

**18:00 End of Meeting**

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### TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026: COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

**08:30 EAZA Executive Committee meeting (closed)**

*Location: Toguna 2*

10:00 Coffee and Tea break

**10:30 National Associations Committee meeting (closed)**

*Location: Toguna 1*

**and**

**Technical Assistance Committee meeting (closed)**

*Location: Toguna 2*

12:00 Lunch – Executive Committee, National Associations Committee, Technical Assistance Committee, and Council

**13:00 EAZA Council (closed) – Strategy discussions: Purpose and Values**

*Location: Nommos*

15:30 Coffee and Tea Break – Council

**16:00 EAZA Council (closed) – Meeting: Approvals and administrative content**

*Location: Nommos*

**18:00 Registration desk open**

*Location: Foyer Hogon House*

**19:00–19:30 Executive Committee welcome to new Directors/CEOs and first timers**

*Location: Mugunda (shuttle service offered)*

**19:30-21:30 Icebreaker for all**

*Location: Mugunda (shuttle service offered)*

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**WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026: DIRECTORS' DAY 1**

LOCATION: AMMA | REGISTRATION DESK OPEN FROM 08.00

**08:30**            **Opening Session and Welcome from Beekse Bergen**

**08:55**            **Facilitator Introduction and Ground Rules**

**09:10**            **Session 1: Presentations and Workshop**

Specific topics and focus of each of the sessions will be determined based on results of a survey that will be sent to all Directors/CEOs. Please complete the survey so that we can spend time on the strategic topics that matter most to you.

10:30    Coffee and Tea Break

**11:00**            **Session 2: Presentations and Workshop**

13:00    Lunch

**14:00**            **Session 3: Presentations and Workshop**

16:00    Coffee and Tea Break

**16:30**            **Session 4: Presentations and Workshop**

**18:30-19:30**    **Happy Hour with Exhibitors at Foyer Hogon House**

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**THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2026: DIRECTORS' DAY 2**

LOCATION: AMMA | REGISTRATION DESK OPEN FROM 08.30

**08:30**            **Session 5: Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

10:30    Coffee and Tea Break

**11:00**            **Session 6: Presentations and Workshop**

13:00    Lunch

**14:00**            **Session 7: Presentations and Workshop**

16:00    Coffee and Tea Break

**16:30**            **Session 8: Conclusions and next steps**

**18:30**            **End of Day Two**

**19:30 – 00:00**    **Gala Dinner**

*Location: Moto (shuttle service offered)*

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**FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2024: AFTER CONFERENCE COUNCIL MEETING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**10:00**            **EAZA Council (closed): Synthesis of conclusions and next steps**

*Location: Toguna 1 + 2*

12:00-13:00    Lunch – Council

**10:00-16:30**    Zoo visit and guided tours at Beekse Bergen. Exact details to follow