



## Veterinary care and management in EAZA collections - Prevention is better than cure

**Friday 26 September 2014**  
**14:00 – 16:00**

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Good veterinary practice is relevant to all EAZA collections and an important part of EAZA's professional standards. Prevention is better than cure is the European Union's slogan for its animal health strategy and this session will explore how this motto is applied to veterinary care and management in EAZA collections. As its chairman Jacques Kaandorp will highlight recent developments and the successes of EAZA's Veterinary Committee, its cooperation with the European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, and its vision and mission to address existing challenges in the field of veterinary medicine. Alexis Lecu will follow this presentation and present an update on transmissible diseases of concern such as Tuberculosis. What are the priorities for EAZA in this regard and why and how do we need to work together to maintain healthy animals and populations in EAZA. In the next presentation Stephanie Sanderson will explore the possibilities for population managers and veterinarian to work together to do just that – preventive management of diseases in the context of breeding programmes. The EAZA Group on Zoo Animal Contraception will follow with an update on their recent activities, followed by a talk from Peter Donlon from ISIS who will introduce significant new release of the ZIMS: the Veterinary Module.

Plenary chair: Danny de Man, EAZA Executive Office

- **Opening** by Danny de Man, EAZA Executive Office
- **Good Veterinary Practice and the EAZA Veterinary Committee's mission statement and strategy** by Jacques Kaandorp, Safaripark Beekse Bergen, chairman EAZA Veterinary Committee

*Jacques will introduce the (scope of the) work as well as recent achievements of the EAZA Veterinary Committee. The committee is working closely with EAZWV on developing a mission statement and strategy for the next years. Their presentation will be tailored to the importance of good veterinary practice and what that means for EAZA collections.*

- **Transmissible Diseases; a cause for concern?** by Alexis Lecu, Paris Zoo (MNHN), president European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, and chair of the EAZWV Transmissible Disease Working Group

*Alexis will provide an overview of the Transmissible Diseases that are of (potential) concern for EAZA members, with a focus on Tuberculosis. What do we know, and what do we know we do not know,*



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*what are the best ways to manage these diseases, and what are the stumbling blocks on the road to success in this regard. The presentation will emphasize the importance of data collection and transparency within the zoo community and also point to negative implications of unsuccessful management of the diseases.*

- **Preventative diseases management and breeding programmes; conflict or synergy** by Alexis Lecu, Paris Zoo (MNHN), President European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, and chair of the EAZWV Transmissible Disease Working Group

*Stephanie will explain what preventive medicine means, why it is important, what it takes particularly focusing on who need to work together to be successful and what tools can be used to assist in this process. The presentation touch on the role of zoo-based staff (institutional veterinarian, curators, CEOs) and breeding programme 'staff' (EEP coordinators, ESB keepers, veterinary advisors).*

- **Status of zoo animal contraception in EAZA** by speaker to be confirmed, The European Group on Zoo Animal Contraception (EGZAC)

*This presentation will give an overview of the knowledge we have on Zoo Animal Contraception, what are the myths and truths around contraception, what do we know about positive and negative ramifications in species by showing some case examples. And what is EGZAC's approach towards gathering more information and filling the knowledge gaps.*

- **The newly released Veterinary Module in ZIMS** by Peter Donlon, International Species Information System (ISIS)

*Peter Donlon, will introduce the recently released veterinary module in ZIMS. How to get access, how does it work, what does it do at the institutional level and what are the benefits at the community level if we all use this system. The presentation will promote the use of the tool among the EAZA membership.*

- **Closing** by Danny de Man