

**RHINO RESOURCE CENTER
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Dear colleagues,

This is the tenth quarterly e-newsletter of the Rhino Resource Center to alert you of recent books and articles about the rhinoceros.

First of all, we were saddened by the announcement of Dr Nico J. van Strien on 10 January 2008 that his health does not allow him to continue his rhino-related functions. Among many other accolades, he also is the Chairman of the charity which runs the Rhino Resource Center. We hope that he has more time to spend now with his family and friends and wish them strength in these difficult times.

**RHINO MAY DAY 2008
FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
14 MAY 2008**

The annual Rhino May Day will be held on Wednesday 14 May 2008 at the Huxley Conference Theatre at the Zoo in Regent's Park, London. There will be an exciting program of talks from 10.30 am to 5.00 pm. The day is organised by the Rhino Resource Center in conjunction with the Zoological Society of London and Save the Rhino International.

The provisional program includes exciting talks by international experts in rhino conservation:

Anna Merz (Experiences at Lewa in Kenya), Nick Lindsay (Global rhino conservation), Susie Ellis (International Rhino Foundation), Nan Schaffer (SOS Rhino programs in Sabah), Abigail Day (Safari Club International), Jane Kennedy (International Rhino Keeper Association), Esmond Bradley Martin (rhino horn trade), Kes Hillman Smith (Last white rhinos in Congo), Maggie Esson (Education at the Mkomazi Rhino Sanctuary in Tanzania), Willem van Strien (websites) and Kees Rookmaaker (What happened in our lifetime).

Tickets (£12 only per person, including coffee) can be obtained in advance by contacting Henry French at SRI, by email henry@savetherhino.org, or telephone 0207 357 7474.

Update your Diary Now.

**CLARA DAY IN ROTTERDAM
19 APRIL 2008**

On 19 April 2008, the Nature Museum in Rotterdam is commemorating the 250th anniversary of the death of Clara, the Dutch rhinoceros. It will be an afternoon of talks. Speakers include Gijs van der Ham, Carl Nix, Rob Visser and Kees Rookmaaker. Further information on www.nmr.nl

**ANNOUNCING
“ENCOUNTERS WITH THE AFRICAN RHINOCEROS”**

Last year, the Royal Society of South Africa included my monograph on the history of the discovery and distribution of rhinos in southern Africa in the period 1790-1875 in their Transactions. This is available online to Fellows and subscribers of the journal. With their permission, a print-edition of the book will be available from the end of February 2008. It is published by Schöling Verlag in Münster. It has 148 pages, 9 maps (2 in colour) and 147 illustrations (68 in colour). The figures include work by Thomas Baines, William Burchell, William Cornwallis Harris, Samuel Daniell, Charles Bell, George Ford – many of which have never been published before.

It will be available for sale at E 59.00 (about \$86 or £45) on www.tiergarten.com, or send an email to me at rhino.rookmaaker.freeserve.co.uk or to the publisher mail@schueling.de.

NEW LITERATURE

In the past quarter I have added 635 new references, which brings the total number of items in the database to 12.064. Below I have listed new entries published since 2000.

These, as well the older items, can be found on the RRC website.

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Many items are also found in PDF format on the website. The RRC website also has well over 1400 images of rhinos in all kinds of environments. Willem van Strien as webmaster keeps an eye on the messageboard. The website changes daily, so be sure to look regularly for any new events. The website now receives over 300 visitors every day, that is an increase of 30% over the last quarter.

Some great new items have appeared this quarter, including a nicely illustrated book.

Thank you,

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**NEW LITERATURE
PUBLISHED AFTER 1999 ADDED TO RRC
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Happy browsing!

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RHINO ART FOR SALE

Finally, for lovers of rhino art and prints:

1. There are available several early 19th century unique watercolour drawings, each depicting a separate species of rhinoceros, made by Charles Hamilton Smith. Prices start at US\$ 12.000.

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