

**RHINO RESOURCE CENTER
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Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the eleventh quarterly e-newsletter of the Rhino Resource Center to alert you of recent books and articles about the rhinoceros. Edited by Dr Kees Rookmaaker.

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The Rhino May Day in London on 14 May 2008
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Nico van Strien, 1941 -2008

Nicolaas Jan van Strien, the Chairman of the Rhino Resource Center, passed away after a painful battle with cancer on 7 February 2008, just 61 years old. The world lost a hero of rhino conservation, a dedicated worker, a great leader who was an inspiration to many. He spent much of his life fighting to save the rhinos in Sumatra and other countries of South-East Asia, lately as the co-chair of the SSC Asian Rhino Specialist Group. He is survived by his wife Tineke and his sons Maarten and Willem.

Nico van Strien believed in the activities of the RRC, because he understood the value of old and new published research to current conservation policy and practice. He knew that there were many valuable passages in the books that he loved.

Read the tribute to Nico on the website of the [International Rhino Foundation](#).

Nico will be sorely missed by us at the Rhino Resource Center.

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**RHINO MAY DAY
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 - starting at 10.30 am. Tickets available from Save the Rhino, email info@savetherhino.org, telephone 0207 357 7474 (or at the door when you forgot to order).

The day is open to all !!

The programme includes talks on all major areas of current rhino conservation. Speakers are Anna Merz (Lewa Wildlife Conservancy), Abigail Day (Safari Club International Foundation), Susie Ellis (International Rhino Foundation), Maggie Esson (Chester Zoo), Kes Hillman Smith (Selous Rhino Trust), Jane Kennedy (International Rhino Keeper Association), Isabelle & Jean-François Lagrot (Symbiose), Nick Lindsay (Zoological Society of London), Esmond Bradley Martin (Rhino trade expert), Nan Schaffer, Cindy Salopek, M.S.Thayaparan (SOS Rhino), Willem van Strien (Rhino Resource Center) and Kees Rookmaaker.

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www.rhinosourcecenter.com or www.savetherhino.org

**NEW BOOK FOR RHINO ENTHUSIASTS:
*ENCOUNTERS WITH THE AFRICAN RHINOCEROS***

A new book by Kees Rookmaaker on the historical distribution, taxonomy and iconography of the rhinoceros in Africa from 1790 to 1875. It includes detailed records of localities, biographies of explorers and hunters, lists of museum specimens, and illustrations of all known art-work produced during the period. There are maps of all known rhino sightings. Published for the Rhino Resource Center in 2008.

Just 100 copies of the book have been printed, but further editions may follow. It is now available at E 59.00 (about \$85 or £45) on www.tiergarten.com. Alternatively, send an email to mail@schueling.de or contact me.

The production of Encounters with the African Rhinoceros was sponsored by the Oppenheimer Memorial Trust, Care for the Wild International, Henri A. Carpentier of Carino – RRC, Jane Kennedy of the International Rhino Keeper Association, David Lacey, Anna Merz of Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, San Diego chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers, SAVE Foundation of Australia, Library of the World Conservation Society and the Zoological Society of San Diego.

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CLARA THE RHINOCEROS IN SCHWERIN

The painter Jean Baptiste Oudry saw Clara, the Dutch rhinoceros, in Paris in 1749. His life-size painting was restored by the Getty Museum and can now be seen at a major exhibition in Schwerin, Northern Germany. There are also other artworks of the rhinoceros, brought together for the first time.

For more information about the exhibition in the Staatliches Museum Schwerin, contact them by phone (0385.5958-0) or visit www.museum-schwerin.de.

THE RRC WEBSITE

www.rhinoreourcecenter.com

The website of the Rhino Resource Center is updated constantly. You can find details on over 12.000 references which have information about the five living species of rhinoceros - in all periods, in all disciplines, in all areas, in all languages.

The reference section includes many items in full text or as a PDF in order not to lose any information. These can be downloaded and printed. It includes reports issued by the African Rhino and Asian Rhino Specialist Groups, by the SADC Regional Programme for Rhino Conservation, and by the International Rhino Keeper Association, often not available anywhere else.

There is an Image Gallery with plates from old books, and pictures of animals in the wild and in zoological gardens. There is a message board for general information, queries and answers, open to all registered users. There is a section of about a hundred links to other organisations and groups dealing with the rhinoceros.

The RRC website now receives over 500 hits every day from users around the world. We hope to increase this number especially by encourage use in the range states.

The RRC operates as a charity with a small board. It is a part-time commitment of the editor, Kees Rookmaaker, assisted by the webmaster, Willem van Strien.

Donations and Sponsorship are encouraged to broaden the scope of our activities.

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NEW LITERATURE

In the past quarter (February to April 2008), I have added 226 new references. This brings the total number of items in the database to 12.290.

Below I have listed new entries published since 2000.

Here is the list of new references, divided in four sections: Books, African Rhinos, Asian Rhinos, General and Fossil Rhinos. Happy browsing!

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