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AAZK Soliciting Articles for Monthly Journal

The American Association of Zoo Keepers is soliciting aquarists to submit articles for the *Animal Keepers' Forum*, the association's monthly journal. If response is good, the AAZK plans to add a permanent section in the publication where aquarists can share information with the membership. In turn, the AAZK hopes to see an increase in papers on aquatic husbandry given at its annual conference. As an introduction to the aquarists section, feature articles on filtration systems, from standard undergravel systems to more complex biofiltration systems, are requested. However, articles on other topics will be accepted. For more information, contact Managing Editor Susan Chan at (800) 242-4519. *D. Callaway*

Applications Being Accepted for Zoo Conservation Fund

The Pittsburgh Zoo has announced the establishment of the Pittsburgh Zoo Conservation Foundation, dedicated to the preservation of wildlife and wild habitat. Annual grants of \$1,000-\$3,000 will be awarded. A wide variety of projects will be considered, but field studies and cross-disciplinary approaches to conservation are especially encouraged. Visitor surveys, travel and training (except to bring foreign researchers or field workers to meetings), and seed money for technique

development are not appropriate for this fund. Application deadline is 1 September and award notification will be on or before 1 November. Recipients must submit a progress report one year after awarding of funds. For application forms or more information, contact Dr. William Langbauer Jr., Research Director, Pittsburgh Zoo, One Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, e-mail: drbill@zoo.pgh.pa.us. *B. Baker*

Monterey Bay Aquarium Wins Awards

A destination marketing campaign co-sponsored by the Monterey Bay Aquarium, California, has received six awards for tourism promotion, and the aquarium's redesigned press kit and collateral won first place in the American Association of Museum's 1996 publications award competition.

The "Time to Coast" promotion received the State of California Travel and Tourism Award for best cooperative marketing campaign and best radio advertisement; Hotel Sales and Marketing Industry Association Adrian Bell Awards, a silver for direct mail and bronze for complete campaign; and Northern California Addy Awards, silver for direct mail and bronze for radio.

The aquarium was also honored for its new stationery, press kit covers, and marketing brochures. The aquarium's entry was selected as the best among all entries by museums throughout the country. *K. Peterson*

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center Receives Grant

The Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Glen Rose, Texas, is the recipient of a \$30,000 grant from the International Rhino Foundation. The research project, entitled "Serial Ultrasonic Monitoring of the Reproductive Events in the Female White (*Ceratotherium simum*) and Black (*Diceros bicornis*) Rhinoceros," was initiated by principal investigator Robin Radcliffe, DVM, in 1994 to help elucidate the normal reproductive biology of these large mammals. Part of this research will be highlighted in ABC's World of Discovery documentary, *The Last Charge of the Rhino*, to be aired at 8 p.m. ET on 27 June. *R. Radcliffe*

Shedd Aquarium Offers Grants

John G. Shedd Aquarium, Chicago, is offering a limited number of support grants for research in Wetland Science and Conservation, Marine Mammalogy, and Coral Reef Science and Conservation. Typical grant sizes will be \$2,000-\$3,000. Applications must be received by 26 July. Submit requests for application materials in writing to Research Committee Chairman, John G. Shedd Aquarium, 1200 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605. *M. Benaroya*

Serrell & Associates Receives NSF Award

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded Serrell & Associates of

Chicago \$48,000 to conduct a one-year research project called "A Meta-analysis of Visitor Time/Use in Museum Exhibitions." The research will examine questions revolving around visitors' expenditure of time in science museum exhibitions, including zoos and aquariums. More than 45 institutions have cooperated so far. Findings from the study's baseline data will help answer some of the fundamental questions about visitors' use of exhibits and will have important implications for the design of informal educational experiences. For information about participating in the study, contact Beverly Serrell, Serrell & Associates, 5429 S. Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615 (312) 643-5922.

Living Shores Aquarium Receives National Award

The John Ball Zoological Garden's Living Shores Aquarium received a first-place national award for Excellence in Construction by the Associated Builders and Contractors. The category was Institutional, \$2-5 million building cost. The complexity of the filtration and life-support systems, the curved viewing panels, roof system, and other building details required a structure with almost zero tolerance for error. *B. Stringer*

Mystic Marinelife Aquarium Planning Expansion Program

Sea Research Foundation Inc., the non-profit governing authority for Mystic Marinelife Aquarium in Connecticut, is in the final stages of planning a \$15 million fund-raising campaign to make the aquarium's \$45 million expansion

program a reality by the year 2000. The state has awarded a \$15 million grant and authorized a minimum \$15 million self-sustaining bond. *D. Adamson*

AZVT Conference Announced

The Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians will hold its 16th Annual Conference from 29 October-2 November in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The conference will include sessions on reptile, avian, primate, exotic hoofstock, and aquatic medicine; immobilization; hematology; clinical pathology; hospital techniques; and case reports. There will also be a wet-lab. For further information, contact Jenni Jenkins, LVT, National Aquarium in Baltimore, Pier 3, 501 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 659-4256, fax 576-1080. *L. Kolbach*

Zoo License Plate Unveiled

The Governor of Pennsylvania recently released for purchase the newest (full-color) specialty vehicle license plate in Pennsylvania, entitled "Save Wild Animals," which was created by the Pennsylvania Zoological Council. The council consists of the Erie Zoo, Pittsburgh Zoo, Philadelphia Zoo, and National Aviary in Pittsburgh, a cooperative that works to find various means to generate statewide funding for these institutions. *J. Rhea, B. Baker, P. Hoskins, D. Baker*

Los Angeles Zoo Magazine Honored

Zoo View, the Los Angeles Zoo quarterly magazine, was recently honored by the Western Publications Association (WPA) with a "Maggie." The spring 1995 issue focused on the Los Angeles Zoo's research program and won acclaim in the Corporate or In-House category. This is the second year in a row that the publication has received this honor. *L. LaMarca*

Zoo Wins Governor's Award

The Cape May County Park and Zoo, New Jersey, recently received the 1996 Governor's Conference on Tourism Not-for-Profit award for the second time in three years. *P. Judyski*

