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Dear colleagues and friends,

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

Read below about

Abstracts of the Rhino May Day (2008)

Conference of the International Rhino Keeper Association – May 2009

The RRC website

New literature added to the RRC on all subjects

ABSTRACTS OF RHINO MAY DAY

The annual Rhino May Day was held on Wednesday 14 May 2008 organised by the Rhino Resource Center in conjunction with Save the Rhino International and the Zoological Society of London. It was a greatly successful day with over a hundred participants who heard speakers from four continents telling about their rhino conservation projects.

Abstracts of the talks can be viewed here:

<http://www.rhinoresourcecenter.com/about/rhino-may-day-2008.php>

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE AFRICAN RHINOCEROS

A well illustrated 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. 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.

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SUPPORT THE RRC

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. We could do much more to assist research and conservation efforts around the world with an increase in resources. Please consider to aid us in our work.

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

INTERNATIONAL RHINO KEEPER ASSOCIATION

The 2009 Rhino Keeper Workshop is scheduled for May 17th - 21st, 2009 at Busch Gardens in Tampa Florida. More details to come on the association's website.

The IRKA is dedicated to the sharing of knowledge in relation to the five species of rhinoceros. This is a membership based organization that desires to both serve its members to become the best care takers and managers of the rhinos in their care as well as depend on them to participate in the association's interests and growth. There is a strong membership base in North America and Australia, and a growth of interest in other continents will enhance the worldwide interest in rhinos.

Many IRKA members have contributed photographs of rhinos in their care to the RRC, coordinated by Adam Felts. We are still looking for photos of rhinos kept in captivity around the world to achieve a worldwide virtual studbook of all rhinos.

THE RRC WEBSITE

Our website continues to be popular with at least 200 hits every day. We are pleased to say that the number of hits from the range states appear to be increasing. The use of the website is of course entirely free of charge, because we want to contribute to conservation and research by making information available where possible.

The website has a message board where news or queries can be posted. This is a great means of communicating ideas around the world.

We still have many plans, which include:

To compile a comprehensive atlas of rhino distribution and status across Africa and Asia

To add a NEWS ARCHIVE to the website, searchable and indexed

To improve the section of information on the five living species

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NEW LITERATURE

In the past quarter (May to July 2008), I have added 107 new references. This brings the total number of items in the database to 12,397. About a quarter of these are available as full-text. We also display 1686 images of rhinos taken from books of all periods or contributed by photographers around the world/

Below I have listed new entries published since 2000.

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

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