

## AAZPA 1974 CONFERENCE, PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 29th - OCTOBER 3rd 1974

Call for Conference papers:

Our forthcoming annual conference will be organised in the following format for presentation of papers by both aquarium and zoo personnel at each session.

Session I Mammals: Breeding, husbandry, research

Session II Birds: Breeding, husbandry, research.

Session III Reptiles: Amphibians, Fishes: Breeding, husbandry, research

Session IV Education: Including graphics, documents, programmes, etc.

Session V Architecture: Including exhibits, design, master planning, and special support systems.

Work plans are under way for the Proceeding. Papers should be organised, and films and slides should be fully utilised for the presentation, which should be a maximum of 20 minutes in length. Abstracts of papers for consideration should be submitted by March 15th to Warren J. Iliff, Programme Chairman, c/o National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C. 20009.

*(AAZPA Newsletter)*

## INDIAN RHINOCEROS BORN

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On the afternoon of January 30, 1974, the National Zoological Park, Washington D.C., saw the birth of an Indian rhinoceros. The mother is eleven, the father fifteen years old; the gestation period was 487 days. The calf, a male, is doing extremely well, as is the mother. The calf was weighed on Days 1, 9 and 16, and the recorded weights were 125lbs, 162lbs. and 196lbs. respectively. A great deal of effort was put forth by the staff of the Zoo, both in breeding the pair of rhinos and ensuring the best possible environment for the female and calf. Extensive observations were taken throughout the pregnancy, the birth, and for a week post-partum, and much useful information was gathered during this period for publication later. Re-breeding of these animals will be attempted in late spring or summer of this year.

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## CENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM ON SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

The Zoological Society of Philadelphia is organising a "Centennial Symposium on Science and Research" in Philadelphia on November 12-14, 1974, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Philadelphia Zoological Garden. The theme of the symposium is science and research in the zoological garden. Topics covered will include research in the zoo, contributions of the zoo to comparative medicine, zoo animal medicine, and the developing science of zoo management. For further information, contact Dr. Robert Snyder, Philadelphia Zoological Garden, 34th St. and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa 19104.

*(Robert L. Snyder)*