

The American Association of Zoo Veterinarians' (AAZV) annual conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, from 10-15 October. Special sessions will include government regulations, zoo veterinarian's role in conservation programs, medicine of Australasian species, and group medicine and herd health. Other sessions will include pathology, parasitology, clinical pathology, reproductive technology and contraception, immobilization/anesthesia and monitoring, case reports, and more. There will be a veterinary and graduate student manuscript competition, workshops, and a poster session. To submit a manuscript, contact Donald Janssen, DVM, San Diego Zoo, P.O. Box 551, San Diego, CA 92112 (619) 557-3933, fax 557-3959. Deadline for the selection of speakers and topics is 20 March. After the deadline or for other conference information, contact Wilbur Amand, VMD, AAZV Executive Director, 3400 Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104-1196 (215) 387-9094, fax 387-8733.

CUTOFF DATES ESTABLISHED

Individuals wishing to join the AAZPA in time to take advantage of member registration rates at the Annual Conference should apply prior to the deadline of 1 July 1993.

The processing of facility/company applications for membership may take up to two months to complete. Only those completed applications, including all supporting materials, received at the AAZPA Wheeling Office prior to 1 June can be processed in time to accord member registration rates at the Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, from 12-16 September.

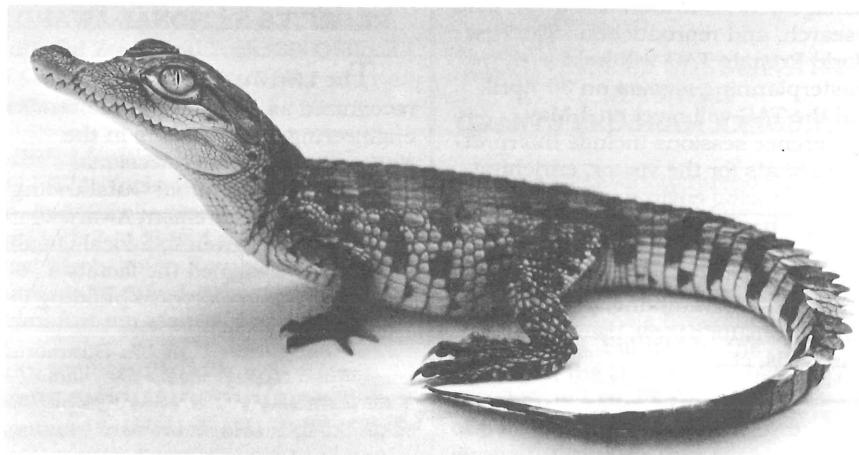
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CONSERVATION

BREEDING FACILITY RECEIVES PHILIPPINE CROCODILES

Five young Philippine crocodiles (*C. mindorensis*) were sent from the Gladys Porter Zoo on 13 January to the Sillman University Crocodile Breeding Facility in Manila as part of a cooperative conservation project. The project is designed to return U.S. head-started captive progeny to Sillman on an annual basis and exchange adult breeding animals to maintain genetic diversity in the captive population. The crocodiles, considered to be the rarest species in the world, hatched in 1989 and will be used to increase the gene pool for further conservation efforts. The return of these juvenile crocodiles is part of the zoo's long-term conservation program for these rare animals.

(D. Davidson)



(Photo by B. Doherty)

WHITE RHINO BIRTH REPORTED BY FOSSIL RIM WILDLIFE CENTER

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Glen Rose, Texas, recently announced the birth of a 110-pound female southern white rhino on 6 December 1992. The rhino is the first surviving birth at the Center since the captive breeding program began in 1989. Another pregnancy resulted in a stillborn rhino in December 1991. The offspring of 29-year-old parents, this birth is notable as very few are recorded annually in the North American White Rhino SSP, which was established in 1982. Of three pregnancies, the mother has produced two surviving offspring. The Center has 9 of 133 white rhinos involved in the cooperative management of this species in 46 North American zoological parks.

(G. Rankin)

SAN DIEGO ZOO REPORTS A FIRST RHINO BIRTH

The first rhinoceros birth at the San Diego Zoo in its 76-year history occurred on 15 November 1992. The baby weighed 65 pounds at birth. The mother of the male black rhino baby is a 20-year-old female born at the Oklahoma City Zoological Park and the father, a 25-year-old rhino from the National Zoological Park. The parents have been together for four years. The baby is named Werikhe after Kenya's rhino man, Michael Werikhe, who walked across Africa, Europe, and the United States to raise funds for black rhino preservation efforts in Africa. (See cover photo.)

(J. Jouett)