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## AZA Has a Home Page on the World Wide Web

LIVE... From the World Wide Web....It's the AZA Home Page! On September 15, the AZA formally launched its Web site on the Internet. Designed by AZA and operated and maintained by Creative Communications of Minneapolis, MN, the AZA Home Page currently features selected information on each AZA member institution and related organization, fact sheets on several SSP's, as well as extensive information from the AZA Conservation and Science Department, access to related information resource Web sites, news from the various AZA departments, and access to existing AZA Member Web sites. As you can imagine, the "state" of the AZA Home Page changes continuously with new information and graphics. The site location is: <http://www.ccilink.com/aza.html>. We strongly encourage you to access the AZA site and give it the "once-over." Please send you suggestions to: Dr. Robert Wiese, AZA Conservation and Science Department, AZA, 7970-D Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814; 301-907-7777; or on e-mail: BobWiese@aol.com.

Ultimately, we envision a Web site that will serve AZA members with immediate and important information on SSP's, education programs, what's new in the news department, the latest marketing promotion, what Congressional actions will affect the public display community, how to purchase AZA publications, and much more.

For information on how you can get

greater visibility for your institution and develop your own Home Page, please call Kathleen Losurdo at Creative Communications at 612-851-7111. The AZA Home Page provides access points to AZA institutional members with Web sites. We encourage all institutions which currently have their own Home Page, to provide an access point to the AZA Home Page.

### for your information

## The Rhino Trust

Samia, a ten-year-old rhino and Samuel, her seven-month old son, died on Wednesday, November 23 after being chased over a cliff by a male rhino at the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya. Anna Merz had hand-raised Samia since the rhino was only three-days-old. Through the close relationship that Samia and Anna Merz shared, Merz gathered a tremendous amount of information about rhino behavior, which has been very beneficial to researchers.

Through Merz's dedicated work, she was able to successfully release captive-bred Samia into the wild. The birth of Samuel provided the invaluable opportunity to observe the maternal behavior of a hand-raised rhino. The goal was for Samuel to develop and adapt naturally proving that captive animals can be returned to the wild with success. The unfortunate death of Samia and Samuel is significant because fewer than 2,400 black rhinos exist in the wild due to poaching and habitat loss. With a limited population where the rhinos are isolated from each other, breeding and maintaining genetic diversity pose a serious challenge.

The Rhino Trust supports the operation of *in-situ* rhino reserves and promotes education and awareness of all five species of rhino. For further information about Rhino Trust programs, including member-

ship, or to make a contribution in the names of Samia or Samuel, contact Karen Kane at The Rhino Trust (503) 288-3521.

## Riverbanks Executive Director Elected President of IUDZG-WZO

Palmer "Satch" Krantz III, Executive Director of Riverbanks Zoological Park and Botanical Garden, Columbia, SC, was elected President of the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens —The World Zoo Organization — at its recent 50th Annual Conference in Dublin, Ireland.

Krantz, who will serve a two-year term, is one of only four Americans ever elected to the position. He has served as Riverbank's Executive Director since 1976 and is a past-President of the AZA. Krantz has also served on some of the organization's most influential committees, including the Accreditation Commission and Ethics Board. He has served as Vice-President of the IUDZG-WZO.

## Tulsa Zoo Recognized

The Tulsa Zoo's new Elephant Encounter, which opened in March, 1995, has been recognized by the Oklahoma Museums Association as the Outstanding Interpretive Exhibit for 1995.

## AZA Membership Renewals Past Due

AZA membership renewals for 1996 are now past due. If you have not already responded, please contact AZA OMS so we can continue your membership services.

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