

under). The 2.5 acre, \$8.2 million exhibit features underwater viewing of polar bears, California sea lions, and African penguins, along with naturalistic reindeer and snowy owl habitats. This exhibit opened in April 1997 and helped the zoo's attendance exceed 500,000 for the first time in its history. *T. Butler*

Fort Worth Zoo Receives Honor

In a recent Reader's Choice Awards poll, *Southern Living* magazine readers chose the Fort Worth Zoo, Texas, as one of the top five zoos in the South. Also, recently, *Travel America* magazine, *Los Angeles Times*, *Family Life* magazine and *USA Today* listed the Fort Worth Zoo as a top zoo in the nation. The zoo was also the most visited Fort Worth attraction in 1996 and 1997. *C. Grafa*

AZA Midyear Board of Directors Meeting to be Held at Indianapolis

AZA President Terry Maple has established the dates of 15-16 March 1999 for the next Board of Directors meeting. Members having specific items to bring before the Board are encouraged to contact President Terry Maple, Zoo Atlanta, 800 Cherokee Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA 30315 or Executive Director Sydney Butler, AZA, Executive Office, 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 710, Silver Spring, MD 20910 before 22 February. The letter should include the topic you wish to call to the attention of the Board. *L. Boyd*

Male Black Rhino Translocated to South Africa

As the result of a cooperative program between the White Oak Conservation Center (Yulee, Florida), International Rhino Foundation, Black Rhino SSP, and the National Parks of the Republic of South Africa, a southern black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis minor*)

was recently translocated to Kruger National Park. Analysis of the genetic makeup of the Kruger rhino population has indicated the need for additional genetic enhancement. Potential disease transfer issues complicate the safe translocation of wild rhinos from other regions in Africa.

Born at the Center in 1996 from wild-caught parents of Zimbabwe origin, the young male black rhino made the 56-hour trip to the Kruger National Park under the watchful eye of the Park's Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Douw Grobler, who will also be managing this rhino's transition into Kruger's black rhino population. Kruger protects one of the healthiest black rhino populations on the African continent, and it is anticipated that this young male will eventually contribute healthy, genetic offspring to this valuable cooperative rhino conservation program. *J. Lukas*



Male Black Rhino and Mother at White Oak Conservation Center