

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Accreditation and Certification Review

### March 2017

Listed below are the institutions to be evaluated for accreditation or certification by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Accreditation Commission when it meets 26-28 March 2017 at the Mid-Year Meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. In most cases, inspections for these institutions and facilities will take place between October and December, culminating in a hearing before the Commission in March.

Anyone wishing to offer comments, positive or negative, should submit them in writing as soon as possible to: Accreditation Programs, AZA, 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 710, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments can also be e-mailed to Accreditation Programs at [azaaccreditation@aza.org](mailto:azaaccreditation@aza.org).

#### Accreditation Applicants

Aquarium of the Bay  
Atlantis, Paradise Island  
Dallas World Aquarium  
Dallas Zoo  
Living Desert Zoo & Gardens  
Los Angeles Zoo  
Monterey Bay Aquarium  
National Aquarium

North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher  
North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores  
North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island  
Palm Beach Zoo  
Phoenix Zoo  
Santa Ana Zoo

Shark Reef Aquarium at Mandalay Bay  
South Carolina Aquarium  
Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center

#### Certification Applicants

B. Bryan Preserve  
International Animal Exchange

## Ron Magill Conservation Heroes Award

Zoo Conservation Outreach Group (ZCOG) and the Zoo Miami Foundation announced the establishment of the Ron Magill Conservation Heroes Award. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to *in situ* wildlife conservation in Latin America and the Caribbean Basin and promotes capacity building by providing professional training and project development opportunities to local field researchers. Preference will be given to conservationists working with emblematic or endangered species and to ZCOG field conservation partners.

Ron Magill, director of communications and media relations at Zoo Miami, remarked that, "having had the privilege of working with researchers in the field over many years, I am always amazed at the dedication and passion these individuals have toward educating people about the wonders of our natural world while inspiring them to protect it for future generations.

I, through the Zoo Miami Foundation, feel privileged to partner with ZCOG to create this annual award in an effort to support the admirable work done by these 'heroes' of conservation. It is especially gratifying to concentrate these efforts in Latin America which is such an important part of my personal heritage and that of the Miami community."

The Ron Magill Conservation Heroes Award allows ZCOG to strengthen existing conservation partnerships in the Americas and provides field researchers with additional opportunities to fulfill their conservation potential. According to ZCOG Executive Director Daniel Hilliard, "the award also serves as a bridge between ZCOG's dual missions to provide direct support for wildlife conservation projects and promote capacity building through professional development."

ZCOG serves as a coordinating, fundraising and financial management agency for wildlife conservation projects in the Americas, supporting



field efforts for species like the jaguar, Andean condor and giant armadillo, among others. The group's Conservation Training Scholarship Program supports wildlife conservation and stewardship by providing Latin American zoo and aquarium professionals with opportunities to obtain the skills necessary to manage and preserve wildlife. Since 2005, ZCOG has awarded nearly 100 training scholarships to individuals representing 45 zoological institutions in 15 different countries.

Information about ZCOG's Conservation Training Scholarship Program, field conservation partnerships and the new Ron Magill Conservation Heroes Award can be found at [www.zcog.org](http://www.zcog.org). For additional details, please contact: [scholarships@zcog.org](mailto:scholarships@zcog.org).



## Calendar

### DECEMBER 2016

**6-7: Caring for Elderly Animals**  
San Francisco Zoo  
San Francisco, Calif.

<http://animalconcepts.eu/calendar/2016/caringforelderlyzooanimals/>

### FEBRUARY 2017

**24-27: Elephant Care Workshop**  
Phoenix Zoo  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Email: [hwright@phoenixzoo.org](mailto:hwright@phoenixzoo.org)



### MARCH 2017

**26-31: 2017 AZA Mid-Year Meeting**  
Albuquerque Biological Park  
Albuquerque, N.M.

[www.aza.org/conferences-meetings](http://www.aza.org/conferences-meetings)

### APRIL 2017

**17-20: African Painted Dog Conference**  
Topeka Zoo  
Topeka, Kan.

[www.topekazoo.org/APDconference](http://www.topekazoo.org/APDconference)

### MAY 2017

**15-19: 13th International Environmental Enrichment Conference (ICEE)**  
Parque Jaime Duque-Bioparque Wakatá  
Bogota, Colombia

[www.parquejaimeduque.com/enriquecimiento.html](http://www.parquejaimeduque.com/enriquecimiento.html)

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