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Monday

February 10th, 2025

Location: Wellington Zoo

15:00 - 17:30 Registration
17:30 - 18:00 Welcome and Kapa Haka
18:00 - 20:00 Ice Breaker

20:00 Buses to Harbourside Function Centre



North Island brown

Tuesday

February 11th, 2025

Location: Harbourside Function Centre

- 08:00 - 08:45 Registration
- 09:00 - 09:30 Opening Ceremony
- 09:30 - 10:00 **Me tiaki, kia ora! Saving wildlife and the planet**
Karen Fifield, Wellington Zoo
- 10:05 - 10:25 **"Just because it always was, doesn't mean it always should be" - introducing training to a socially complex chimpanzee group doesn't have to compromise a long-held management practice**
Laura Fidler and Richard Buzas, Taronga Zoo Sydney
- 10:30 - 10:50 **Volunteering with Red Panda Network: A community based, holistic approach to conservation in Nepal**
Maddy Booth, Wellington Zoo
- 10:55 - 11:30 Break (including poster session)
- 11:30 - 11:50 **Fiordland First - A Significant Step in Taronga Zoo's Breeding Program**
Jo Walker, Taronga Conservation Society
- 11:55 - 12:15 **Advancing Welfare and Strengthening Guest Connections at the San Diego Zoo**
Jenny Izu, San Diego Zoo
- 12:00 - 12:40 **Egg transfer from US to Mexico and hand-rearing of Adelie Penguin**
Daniela Herrera, Zoo Guadalajara
- 12:40 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 13:50 **Saving a Legacy Species - A positive spin on the recovery program for the Regent Honeyeater in the midst of drought and a global pandemic**
Kara Stevens, Taronga Conservation Society
- 13:55 - 14:15 **Sharing insights and experiences about the care of Slow lorises at Endangered Primate Rescue Center (EPRC), Cuc Phuong, Vietnam with a focus on semi wild enclosures**
Wernhard Voldisch, Endangered Primate Rescue Center
- 14:20 - 14:40 **The Cheetah Rescue and Conservation Centre (CRCC) in Somaliland**
Lea Petersen, Cheetah Conservation Fund
- 14:45 - 15:05 **Keepers can be the key to conservation!**
Sonja Murray, Auckland Zoo
- 15:10 - 15:30 **A new Era of Zoo Innovation**
Jacqui Hooper, Auckland Zoo
- 15:50 - 16:00 Break (including poster session)
- 16:00 - 16:45 Global Café
- 16:45 - 17:45 ASZK Annual General Meeting (ASZK Members only)

Wednesday

February 12th, 2025

Location: Harbourside Function Centre

- 09:00 - 09:30 **The return of the kiwi: the story of the re-wilding of our taonga and national icon to the hills of Aotearoa-New Zealand's capital city**
Paul Ward, Capital Kiwi Project
- 09:35 - 09:55 **Welfare Begins with Positive Quarantine Environment" An Overview of the New Mandai Animal Quarantine Facility**
Anil Bisht, Mandai Wildlife Group
- 10:00 - 10:20 **Breed to Release Establishing the first local conservation breeding initiative at Sydney Zoo**
Samantha Seymour, Sydney Zoo
- 10:25 - 10:45 **BIGGER leaps for a little frog, Progress on Kroombit Tinkerfrog "Breed for Release" Program**
Chris Halliwell and Michael Vella, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 10:50 - 11:10 **Emergency recall training for rescue bears that have experienced previous physical and psychological trauma**
Amy Saunders, Animals Asia
- 11:10 - 11:30 Break (including poster session)
- 11:30 - 11:50 **You can lead a squirrel monkey to pellets, but you can't make them eat!**
Matty Reeves, Wellington Zoo
- 11:55 - 12:15 **Beyond the Stage: Exploring the Full Spectrum of Benefits at Zookeeping Conferences**
Jacqui Holmes, Cleland Wildlife Park
- 12:20 - 12:40 **Monitoring the behaviour of Snow Leopards at Te Nukuaio Wellington Zoo: Close Encounters and Enclosure Utilisation**
Phoebe Moss, Massey University
- 12:45 - 13:30 Grab and Go Lunch and buses to Wellington Zoo

Location: Wellington Zoo

- 13:30 - 16:30 Workshops and guided tours (see page 7)
- 16:30 - 22:30 Silent auction event
- 22:30 Buses to Harbourside Function Centre



Tuatara

Thursday

February 13th, 2025

Location: Harbourside Function Centre

- 09:00 - 09:30 **The Five Domains - Why and how should we use it in our zoo**
Ngaio Beausoleil , Massey University
- 09:35 - 09:55 **Finding our groove - The Pros and Cons of carcass feeding for large felids**
Louise Ginman, Taronga Conservation Society Australia
- 10:00 - 10:20 **Where have all the birds gone? The loss of species diversity in Australian Zoo's**
Jordan Mountney, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 10:25 - 10:45 **Feeding of Mantled guerezas (Colobus guereza) with respect to summer and winter season in Central Europe**
Marc Tetzlaff, Zoo Dresden
- 10:50 - 11:10 **Animal keepers helping animal keepers: SOS Primates, a team effort**
Raúl Cabrera and Aurora Pazos, SOS Primates
- 11:10 - 11:30 Break (including poster session)
- 11:30 - 11:50 **Management of Giraffe Calf, Nia: implementing co-rearing within a herd environment**
Ashleigh Vinicombe, Wellington Zoo
- 11:55 - 12:15 **A 'Mesi' Approach**
Grace Humphery and Hayley Brooks, Taronga Western Plains Zoo
- 12:20 - 12:40 **Becoming better every day: What else do we need to provide excellence in animal care and wellbeing?**
Sabrina Brando, Animal Concepts
- 12:40 - 13:30 Grab and Go Lunch and buses to Wellington Zoo

Location: Wellington Zoo

- 13:30 - 16:30 Workshops and guided tours (see page 7)
- 16:30 Buses to Harbourside Function Centre

Location: Pipitea Marae

- 18:00 - 23:00 Gala dinner (including live auction)



Friday

February 14th, 2025

Location: Harbourside Function Centre

- 10:00 - 10:30 **From small beginnings to National Advocacy: Protecting New Zealand's threatened Sea Birds**
Inger Perkins, West Coast Penguin Trust
- 10:35 - 10:55 **Benefits of hand-rearing flamingos at the Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance**
Anton Morrison, Denver Zoo
- 11:00 - 11:30 Break
- 11:30 - 11:50 **Arranging Antecedents for Successful and Continuous Voluntary Injections Across a Variety of Species**
Abbie Walsh, Thea Crook and Kayla Bennett, National Zoo and Aquarium
- 11:55 - 12:15 **Ulani, the wellness Dog**
Chema Baredo, Werribee Open Range Zoo
- 12:20 - 12:40 **The ICZ video library**
Sabrina Brando and Melinda Schlegel, International Congress of Zookeepers
- 12:40 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 13:50 **Bellinger River Turtle conservation/recovery at Taronga zoo**
Adam Skidmore, Taronga Zoo
- 13:55 - 14:15 **The captive enhancement of the endangered Uganda national bird (the great grey crane) population**
Bulemu Hannington, Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre
- 14:20 - 14:40 **Advancing Tuatara Care: Innovative Approaches and Facility Design at Te Nukuaio Wellington Zoo**
Ben Volpicelli, Wellington Zoo
- 14:45 - 15:10 **Whitaker's Skink Recovery Program**
Joel Knight, Wellington Zoo
- 15:15 - 15:35 **The importance of choice in Orangutan introductions**
Melanie Mirville, Perth Zoo
- 15:40 - 16:10 Break
- 16:10 - 16:30 **Barking up the right tree**
Samantha Robertson, Auckland Zoo
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Congress close**

WORKSHOPS AND GUIDED TOURS

The workshops and guide tours will be conducted over 2 days. You will be able to choose a workshop one day and a guided tour the other. Sign-up sheets will be available during breaks on Tuesday.

Workshops

- **Sustainability at Zoos and Aquariums**
Amy Hughes, Wellington Zoo
- **Bridging the gap: habitat restoration in the neighbourhood**
Ox Lennon & Corrin Imlach, Wellington Zoo
- **Pest management**
Tarn Gillman & Sian Buley, Auckland zoo
- **Turning Sound into Discovery**
Kyle Sheridan, Faunatech

Guided tours

- **Nutrition Centre and Te Kōhanga The Nest (veterinary hospital)**
- **Tiger, sun bear and chimpanzee**
- **Snow leopard and giraffe**
- **Te Piringa Iti (native reptile facility) and Te Hononga (Tuatara holding facility)**
- **He Tuku Aroha (walk-through precinct with native animals) and Twilight Te Ao Mahina (twilight house)**



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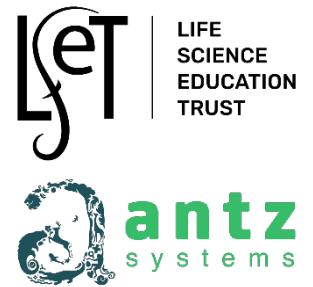
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