



IZE Newsletter

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Dear Fellow Conservation Educators:

A new year is always a chance to think about new ideas. We hope to continue to inspire all our members with great activities and information that benefits wildlife and wild places. For great ideas, scroll down and read more!

We wish you a very successful and happy 2011 . . . your IZE Board.

News

- **IZE Journal Call for Papers** – The IZE Journal Editor has posted a call for papers on the IZE website. If you are interested in writing an article and being published in this professional journal visit, www.izea.net/education/publications.htm, to learn more about the Journal article guidelines.
- WAZA is an official partner of the Year of the Bat (2011-2012), which is announced by CMS and EUROBATS. So if you're looking for information and ideas about bats, check out the following homepage. Not all sections are full of material yet, but more will come to make it a great resource: <http://www.yearofthebat.org/>
- U.S. zoos support an interesting campaign called "No Child Left Inside." This initiative began with the book, "Last Child in the Woods" by the author Richard Louv. To learn more about this initiative that connects children with nature, visit the links below. The first link is to an article by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) describing this campaign's connection to zoos and aquariums. The second is to the Children and Nature Network that reaches researchers and individuals, educators and organizations on an international level and is dedicated to connecting children and nature. The third link, Nature Rocks, provides parents and educators with nature activities, plus tools to help guide and plan easy outdoor adventures.
- <http://www.aza.org/Membership/detail.aspx?id=15311>
- <http://www.childrenandnature.org/>
- <http://www.naturerocks.org/>

Membership

- **IZE Membership** – Visit www.izea.net/membership/become.htm to become a new member or renew your membership to the International Zoo Educators Association and learn more about our lively 2012 conference hosted by the Chester Zoo in the United Kingdom.
- We're happy to announce that three positions on the IZE Board have been filled through appointments by the President. We heartily welcome **Loran Wlodarski**, our new Journal Editor from Sea World Orlando, **Sandra Gomez**, our new Latin America Representative from the Santa Cruz Zoo in Colombia and **Sean Coleman**, our new Australia/New Zealand Representative from the Melbourne Zoo, as new members to the board. Very sadly we say good-bye to **Natasha Silva** from Artis Zoo (Netherlands) who brought our Journal to such a high degree of professionalism!
- Please find out about our new Board Members on our Board Member page: <http://www.izea.net/membership/board.htm>

Conservation Education

- This year we are celebrating the UN-Year of the Forest campaign. At the **end of March** we will post forest wildlife lesson plans from around the world on our homepage. If you wish to share your region's fabulous forest wildlife with our worldwide members, please submit lesson plans to wdw.ize@disney.com
- Until then, we found you some nice websites with information and educational material about **rainforests**:
 - http://kids.mongabay.com/lesson_plans/
 - <http://www.rainforestalliance.org/work/education>
 - <http://www.rainforesteducation.com/>
 - http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/science/biology/rain/

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- Any comment or suggestion on our homepage, please mail to Anne.Warner@oregonzoo.org
 - Any comment or suggestion on our newsletter, please mail to stephanie.heinzelmann@tierpark.ch





IZE Resources

- IZE is pleased to announce the exciting venues for upcoming IZE Conferences. In 2012, Stephen McKeown, the past president of IZE, will host the conference in Chester, **United Kingdom**. In 2014, our host will be Meena Narashawar from the Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, Gujarat in **India**. In 2016, our host will be the Temaiken Zoo in Buenos Aires, **Argentina**. These wonderful locations will provide great insight into the conservation education programming conducted around the world. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars and talk with your directors about attending and presenting a paper.
- World Wetlands Day is being celebrated on February 2nd. If you are looking for an environment with cool animals to share with your visitors, this is a great theme. To find more information about wetlands visit, (<http://www.izea.net/index.htm>).

World Zoos

Check out the websites of the three upcoming IZE-Conference hosts. Very nice!

- <http://www.chesterzoo.org/>
- <http://www.ceeindia.org/cee/material.html>
- <http://www.temaiken.org.ar/en/>

A recent Conservation Education Network meeting was held on October 2010 in India. Click the link to read the summary of this excellent meeting. <http://www.izea.net/world/South%20Asia%20Conservation%20Education%20Network%20Retreat-October%202010.pdf>

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