

ICZ Congress 2015 Zoo Leipzig Germany

Theme: "Let's Zoocialize"

Dates: 9 – 13 September 2015



The International Congress of Zookeepers (ICZ) is excited to announce the 5th ICZ congress will be held at Zoo Leipzig, Germany, 9-13 September 2015. With the theme of "Let's Zoocialize" it is hoped that many of the world's zookeeping community will attend to share their experience and connect with others in the profession. The ICZ appreciates the support that is being shown by Zoo Leipzig in sponsoring and hosting this event and we are sure it will be another great congress.

A number of pre- and post-conference tours will be offered. We are also pleased to be able to offer several travel grants through the ICZ Paul Howse Scholarship, which is funded by the Silent Auction of the previous congress and from further sponsorships received. Information on these grants will be posted on the ICZ website closer to the congress.

Please find below some information on Leipzig and its impressive zoo. Enquiries should be sent to congress@iczoo.org and the ICZ website will be updated as new information becomes available. Please visit us at www.iczoo.org

About Leipzig

Welcome to Leipzig, one of the most vibrant and unique cities in Germany! It is a place where tradition meets dynamism, where traditional Saxon Gemütlichkeit blends with high-tech business, and where classic art and culture meet the avant-garde. The magnificent city centre is an area of approximately one square kilometer where city residences and historic arcades, as well as Gothic, Renaissance, Wilhelminian and modern buildings bear elaborate witness to 1,000 years of history.

Visitors from all over the world come to admire the city's wealth of attractions. Whatever you're looking for, everything is just a stone's throw away: Cultural highlights, shopping opportunities, museums, art galleries and the legendary pubs with first class restaurants and trendy bars.

Zoo Leipzig: At the age of 135 on the road to the future

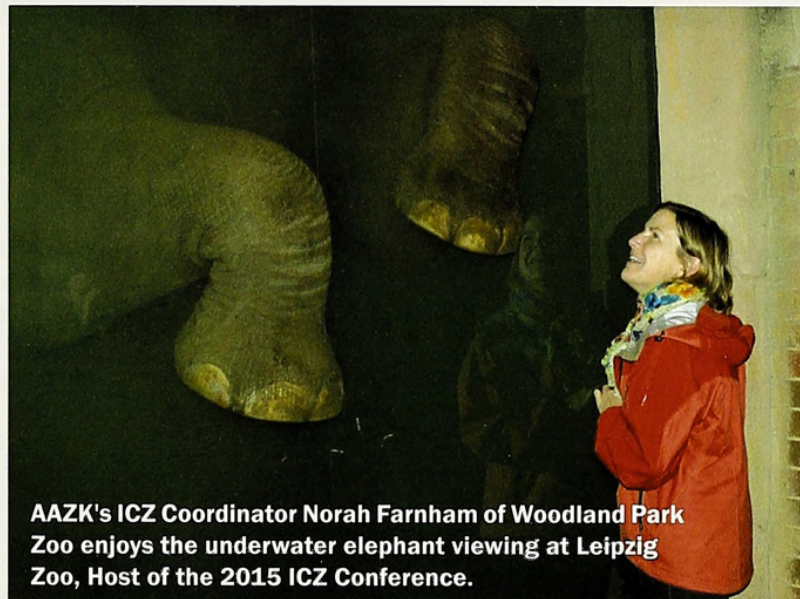
Zoo Leipzig is creating an innovative *Zoo of the Future*, where 850 species inhabit 27 hectares. This inventive concept includes a natural environment for the animals, global commitment to endangered species, educational activities, and an unforgettable experience for the visitors. On its way, Zoo Leipzig is embracing the concept of naturalistic habitats for zoo animals, and redesigning enclosures to reflect this modern trend. Today, spreading grasslands, protective groups of trees and extensive watercourses characterize the site of

the zoo instead of concrete, steel and tiles. The latest highlight in the development of Zoo Leipzig is the tropical experience called Gondwanaland. It is home to more than 24,000 tropical plants, approximately 300 exotic animals, and the kind of virgin rainforest which once characterized the lost continent of Gondwana.

By 2020, the "Zoo of the Future" concept, developed by Zoo Director Prof. Jörg Junhold, will be completed. Though today, zoo visitors can experience a walk around the globe and 160 million years of geology in one day: In the Siberian *Tiger Taiga*, the world's largest cats roam through the wooded enclosure, rest in the

shade or take a refreshing bath in the river. The expanse of the *Kiwara Savanna* is also fascinating for visitors. On 25,000 square metres of natural savanna, Rothschild's giraffes proudly stride through the grass while energetic Grévy's zebras gallop and Sable antelope nibble on fresh twigs. In *Pongoland*, orangutans, gorillas, chimpanzees and bonobos live under one roof. The *Ganesha Mandir* elephant temple is a further highlight at Zoo Leipzig. Here, visitors encounter a fascinating scene as the grey giants can be observed through an underwater window, enabling unprecedented views and rare closeness.

Zoo Leipzig is a destination for everybody – and each visit is an unforgettable adventure.



AAZK's ICZ Coordinator Norah Farnham of Woodland Park Zoo enjoys the underwater elephant viewing at Leipzig Zoo, Host of the 2015 ICZ Conference.



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