

WELCOME to the EAZA Nutrition Group Newsletter!

Introducing the EAZA Nutrition Group [ENG]

Since the 1st European Zoo Nutrition Conference hosted by Rotterdam Zoo in 1999, there has been much discussion on how to progress zoo nutrition within EAZA-member zoos, recognising that much of the expertise was to be found outside of those zoos themselves. An email forum, the European Zoo Nutrition Research Group – EZRNG – was initiated in 2001 and did much to continue communication among those interested parties. In 2003 a more formal solution was realised by Joeke Nijboer (Rotterdam Zoo), with the foundation of the EAZA Nutrition Group as working group reporting to the EAZA Research Committee.

The EAZA Nutrition Group considers their task:

“To promote and support nutrition in zoological institutions as an essential component of their conservation mission.”

But what does this mean in practice? The EAZA Nutrition Group and its members aim to provide nutrition advice to zoo-based conservation breeding programmes, by developing guidelines and protocols for general use. More information about the group, its' activities and how you can get involved will come in future editions of the newsletter.

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Current ENG Committee:

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Prof. Geert Janssens, University of Ghent
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Joeke Nijboer, Rotterdam Zoo

Membership of the EAZA Nutrition Group

Membership is open to ALL individuals who support the aims of the EAZA Nutrition Group or want to know how they can improve nutrition in their zoo and is not limited to Europeans. If you're reading this newsletter and want to know more about zoo animal nutrition, it means YOU!

Joining the group is simple. Use the email link at the top of this newsletter [a.fidgett@chesterzoo.org], putting 'Join ENG' in the subject line. You will be sent a form to complete asking for your contact details and also to indicate your interests

and/or expertise. This will help create an enhanced and very useful membership directory.

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Purpose & Aims of the EAZA Nutrition Group Newsletter

- e The purpose of the EAZA Nutrition Group Newsletter is to provide a regular means of circulating current information on zoo animal nutrition. A wide range of material will be considered for publication including announcements, notes, useful links, recent references, news & reviews.
- e The aim is to provide a process with a fast turn around to maintain communication in-between conferences and other meetings. And it's not just dedicated nutritionists who are likely to want or need to know this information (just as well, or we'd be a very small group!). An electronic newsletter keeps everyone up-to-date and will be available in PDF format for printing and displaying in your zoo or department.
- e Your newsletter needs you! We plan to bring this newsletter to you every 2 months and will rely on your feedback about the content - both how useful it is and also to send us ideas about what you want included. The first full version will be sent out later this month and working headings are listed below:

Nutrition News & Announcements /News from the Members

Recent References / Book Reviews /

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