



## VACANCY – EAZA EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Dr Sarah Thomas, the current EAZA Education Committee Chair will be stepping down from this position after the EAZA Education Conference at Skansen in March 2019, so there is an upcoming vacancy for this position.

We would encourage applications from any individuals working in, or with a strong interest in conservation education at an EAZA zoo or aquarium at the level of department head or director. The EAZA Education Committee has been in place since 1995. It is one of EAZA's Specialist Committees and is primarily responsible for helping to deliver EAZA's objective "maximising the conservation impact of EAZA and our Members".

### Committee Goals

The committee has the following goals:

1. Supporting EAZA Members in meeting the EAZA Conservation Education Standards
2. Supporting the integration of conservation education within the zoo and aquarium community;
3. Improving the professional knowledge of staff responsible for education within the zoo and aquarium community;
4. Promoting of educational opportunities within other EAZA committees and specialist groups, for example within the Taxon Advisory Groups.

Further information about the structure and roles of the committee can be found in the [Terms of Reference](#) document.

### Responsibilities of the Chair

The Chair is expected to chair two committee meetings per year, one at the EAZA Annual Conference and a mid-year meeting in spring, as well as holding a voting seat on the EAZA Council and representing the Education Committee as requested in council meetings ( at the EAZA Annual Conference and EAZA Directors Days) The Chair will be expected to stay in contact with the EAZA Executive Office liaison for the Education Committee through the year, and to provide leadership to the committee in action planning and delivering agreed actions, especially those related to the overall EAZA strategy. The Chair will also take a leadership role in planning and delivering the biennial EAZA Education Conference.

Further information about the Chair role can be found in the [Chair Roles and Responsibilities](#) document. If you have any questions regarding the roles and responsibilities of this position, please contact the current Chair, [Dr Sarah Thomas](#).

### Applying for the vacancy

If you would like to be considered for the position of Chair for the EAZA Education Committee, please send a letter expressing your interest and suitability for the role to committee liaison Laura Myers ([laura.myers@eaza.net](mailto:laura.myers@eaza.net)) by 15 February 2019 with the following information:

- Highlights from your CV and a brief summary of your current job role (no more than two pages)
- A letter of support from the Director of your institution (committee roles are voluntary, therefore your institution must confirm they will support you by allocating the time and financial resources you need to carry out the role)

The prospective candidate will be invited to attend the next EAZA Education Committee meeting on 24 March in Skansen as part of the handover process, EAZA Council will be requested to approve the appointment at their meeting in April.