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## Elephant Library

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| <u>Continent/Country</u> | <u>Number of Elephants</u> | <u>Number of Institutions</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Africa                   |                            |                               |
| Egypt                    | 2                          | 1                             |
| South Africa             | 1                          | 1                             |
| Asia                     |                            |                               |
| India                    | 7                          | 2                             |
| Japan                    | 17                         | 1                             |
| Sri Lanka                | 5                          | 1                             |
| Australia                |                            |                               |
| Adelaide                 | 3                          | 1                             |
| Melbourne                | 2                          | 1                             |
| Sydney                   | 3                          | 1                             |
| Europe                   |                            |                               |
| Anonymous                | 3                          | 2                             |
| Austria                  | 4                          | 1                             |
| Bulgaria                 | 3                          | 1                             |
| Denmark                  | 10                         | 1                             |
| England                  | 10                         | 4                             |
| France                   | 7                          | 3                             |
| Germany                  | 89                         | 13                            |
| Holland                  | 25                         | 4                             |
| Hungary                  | 9                          | 1                             |
| Ireland                  | 2                          | 1                             |
| Poland                   | 3                          | 1                             |
| Switzerland              | 8                          | 3                             |
| USSR                     | 10                         | 4                             |
| Yugoslavia               | 3                          | 1                             |
| South America            |                            |                               |
| Argentina                | 1                          | 1                             |
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| Total                    | 227                        | 50                            |

Many elephants in Jones' paper were designated as "died", "killed" or "destroyed" so that the figure of 227 includes only those Asian elephants (Elephas maximus) that were living or that their fate is/was unknown, and that were held in fifty various zoos and circuses around the world, excluding North America, as of June 26, 1974.

In order to keep the above survey up-to-date, readers are requested to send to the editor any information regarding the number of elephants held in captivity, either in zoos, circuses, private or any other collections in North America or in any part of the world.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### ELEPHANT LIBRARY

The idea of establishing an Elephant Library was brought up and discussed with several members on Wayne State University's campus. It is introduced here so that other members can suggest or express their ideas in writing.

The basic objective is to establish an Elephant Library which can serve Elephant Interest Group (EIG) members as well as non-members. For this purpose I am trying to acquire books that deal with any aspects of the natural history of elephants. A letter was dispatched to various publishers in the United States and abroad requesting a list of books and their prices. It was suggested that readers having in their possession any books that they wish to donate to the Elephant Library be encouraged to do so.

It is hoped that once the collection is organized and catalogued, EIG members and non-members (members have first priority) will borrow books. The main problem, of course, is finding a space to house the library and enlisting the aid of a person to care for the collection on a part-time basis.

#### ERRATUM

In Elephant Newsletter, no. 1, an error appeared on page 6. The Elephant Symposium is planned to take place during the 59th Annual Meeting of the ASM at Corvallis, Oregon and not at Portland, Oregon as was stated in the first printing of the previous issue. This error was corrected in subsequent printings.

#### POTPOURRI

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Ahmed: The following is additional information about Ahmed the elephant (see also back front cover) as was sent to the editor on October 14, 1977, by Alison K. K. Hillman. She writes: "Ahmed preservation at the National Museum of Nairobi, Kenya, is in the form of:

- 1) a life-size (and very life-like) epoxy version cast, since the skin was not preserved in time to be stuffed, and
- 2) the complete real skeleton (erected by my husband Chris, with help from me) which will shortly bear the real tusks."

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