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ELEPHANT SYMPOSIUM AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Elephant Symposium is scheduled to be held on June 20 during the 59th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM) in Corvallis, Oregon, June 17-21, 1979.

In response to several letters sent to the editor, it may help to clarify that the Elephant Symposium is not an independent event, but rather one of several other activities and presentations that will take place during the Annual Meeting of the ASM. Further information and schedules of talks can be obtained from the Local Committee (Chairman B. J. Verts, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331).

Four principal speakers are scheduled:

- Chairman: Jeheskel Shoshani
- 13:30 - Jeheskel Shoshani : Introduction
 - 13:35 - Kenneth C. Wylie : Ivory, Elephants and Man
 - 14:05 - John F. Eisenberg : Ecology and Behavior of the Asian Elephant
 - 14:35 - Irven O. Buss : Management Suggestions for the African Elephant
 - 15:05 - Daniel C. Laughlin: Captive Elephants: Past, Present and Future
 - 15:35-16:15 - Discussion. A 15- minute film entitled "Capturing Baby Elephants" and provided by Jack Adams will be shown, time permitting.

The possibility exists that proceedings from the above symposium will be published. These proceedings will include the above four papers and some or all of the papers dealing with elephants that will be presented at the regular sessions of the ASM Meeting. In addition, some of the papers presented at the Poster Session and/or received in our office may be included.

Another film, "Elephant Behavior", will be shown as part of the EIG meeting (time and place will be posted) either before or after the Elephant Symposium. This film will also be provided for viewing by Jack Adams. The tentative agenda will include the establishment of various EIG committees, an Editorial Board, and the Elephant Fund. Time will be allotted for the latest news and information and other issues members wish to discuss.

T-shirts have been made for the Elephant Symposium and will be sold at the ASM Meeting for \$5.00. A bumper sticker will sell for \$1.00 and a windshield decal for 50¢.

Following the meeting in Corvallis, Friday, June 22, individuals who are interested in visiting the breeding elephant herd and other quarters at the Washington Park Zoo are welcome. This invitation was extended by Warren Iliff, director of the zoo. Transportation will be available.