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INFORMATION FROM ELEPHANT RESEARCH FOUNDATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Only information on current members is included in this section. If their addresses are not listed in this issue of Elephant, they appear in previous issues. A blank form is located at the end of this issue.

Current activities of ERF members:

ALEXANDER, Shana — Has been writing a popular book: working title: “Seeing the elephant” or “The astonishing elephant”, incorporating anecdotes and most up-to-date information; due early 2000, from Random House.

BASAPPANAVAR, Chandrasekar H. — Doing research on interaction between elephant and vegetation, and conflict between elephant and man with special reference to Bandipur and Nagarhole National Parks, India.

CHIGER, Richard A. — Studying inheritance of tusks in Asian elephants (see article in this issue).

ERNST, Dieter — Has been teaching in Khartoum, Sudan. In 1998 visited Sri Lanka where he "...saw herds of wild elephants in Yala National Park for the first time; a really exciting occurrence indeed!!!"

HEFFNER, Rickye S. — Analyzing retinal morphology and comparing auditory and visual acuity; cf. Reference nos. 871, 1984-7.

JACHMANN, Hugo — Conducted mostly ecological and population dynamic studies on African elephants; cf. Reference nos. 3804-3815.

JACKSON, Peter F. R. — Member, IUCN/SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group ; cf. Reference nos. 3819-3820.

KALB, Jon Ervin — Studying systematics of Middle Awash elephantoid proboscideans from Ethiopia; cf. Reference nos. 3892-6.

KENT, E. M. — Interested in background to authenticate "Betty" as the first elephant to reach America; cf. "Old Bet" under Individual Elephants in ENN.

KOEHL, Dan Albert — Established the Elephant Listserver on the Internet (see "Organization" under ENN).

KUMAR, Ashok — Wrote a management plan for a proposed wildlife sanctuary at Dalma Hill, Bihar, India, and worked with aboriginal tribes of this region. Continued field study of wild elephants in western part of Uttar Pradesh where the Gujjars and their livestock compete with elephants in the forest.

MIKOTA, Susan and SHOSHANI, Jeheskel — Developed the Elephant Necropsy Protocol, Reference no. 4388.

MOSS, Cynthia and CROZE, Harvey — Writing a massive edited tome on results of 25 years of research on the Amboseli elephants, with contributions from everyone who has worked on the project; cf. Reference nos. 43, 1498, 2340, 4490, 5814.

RIESTERER, Elke — has been using a therapeutic technique called TTOUCH on elephants, horses, rhinos, other mammals (including humans), birds, and reptiles. A TTOUCH, stands for Telling TOUCH and is performed by clockwise circular movements with hands/fingers all over the body. It is said to promote healing, training, and communication; cf. Reference no. 4053, and article in the Santa Cruz County Sentinel, November 28, 1999, pages C1, C7.

SHYAN, Melissa R. — Studying estrous and social behavior, spatial memory, cognition, and herd dynamics in captive African and Asian elephants; cf. Reference nos. 5174-5178.

TASSY, Pascal Emile — Interested in evolution of Proboscidea; cf. Reference nos. 157, 2170-76, 2831-4, 3460, 5021, 5152-55, 5358-78, 5437.

Requests from current ERF members:

(See also requests in Reference no. 4388.)

KENT, E. M. — Information on "Little Bett" ("Betty"); cf. "Old Bet" under Individual Elephants in ENN.

MIKOTA, Susan and SHOSHANI, Jeheskel — Inform us (especially Susan) in the event an elephant is to be euthanized; cf. Elephant Necropsy Protocol, Reference no. 4388.

SHOSHANI, Jeheskel and GRAHAM, Russell — Preserved, as complete as possible, elephant brains; well preserved elephant fetuses [JS]. Data on distribution of mammoths and mastodons in North America (any information, e.g., newspaper or published report) [JS and RG].

SHYAN, Melissa R. — Information on vision, cognition and memory.

TASSY, Pascal Emile — A skeleton of *Loxodonta africana*. ■