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INFORMATION FROM THE ELEPHANT INTEREST GROUP QUESTIONNAIRE

This listing is a continuation of that presented in previous issues of Elephant. It includes members who are known to be involved or who have been involved with some type of elephant-related activity. Their activities or requests as given in the questionnaires or by recent communications are included. Our major source for this section was the Elephant Interest Group Questionnaire. Therefore, members whose names are not included or who wish to update information are asked to fill in and return the questionnaire at the back of this issue. Publications which were included in the questionnaires are listed in the appropriate sections in the Elephant Bibliography. (Please contact the individuals listed here directly rather than writing to the EIG office).

ACTIVITIES

Audubon Park Zoo and Wayne State University: See Wells, Susan and Jeheskel Shoshani.

Butynski, Thomas (World Wildlife Fund): Directs WWF's project to protect mountain gorillas and their habitat in the Impenetrable Forest, Uganda. Funds are used for financing the training of guards, equipment and supplies, conservation education programs, and biological surveys. [Note: The Impenetrable Forest is also the home of about 30 elephants, see Elephant 2 (2):42-43.]

Frost, John: Has compiled a 1987 survey of elephants in the British Isles; in addition to numbers of elephants it includes photographs and other valuable information/data. (See also under ELEPHANTS NOTES AND NEWS).

Marchant, Gary: Has been volunteering his talents (together with Carol A. Diehl and Delphine Miller) to drawing and painting a mural whose focal point is a life-size painting of "Iki" the elephant. The mural includes a scene from Sri-Lanka the birthplace of the elephant. Iki's skeleton will be mounted in front of her image (see also under ELEPHANTS NOTES AND NEWS).

McManamon, Rita (Zoo Atlanta): Has been doing clinical zoological medicine including elephants.

Neff, Miriam Ruth: In 1980 purchased the world's largest collection of "Miniature Elephants" containing 12,480 pieces and has since added at least another thousand. Literature and several books are included in the collection, as well as post cards, pictures and other materials.

Patton, Kevin Thomas: Has been doing research in general area of captive wild animal biology, including elephants and has cared for, trained and presented performing elephants and consults with circus acts involving elephants.

Port Lympne Wildlife Park: See Smith, Martin J.

Sanford, James Earl (Washington Park Zoo): Has been active in Asian elephant breeding program.

Smith, Martin J. (Port Lympne Wildlife Park): Section head of Britain's only breeding group of Asian elephants (2-4). One female calf born (and killed by dam) August 1984. 1 calf expected March 1988. Takes blood and urine from cows weekly to detect and plot pregnancy and stages of estrus cycle.

Steber, Robert: Has been visiting Burma on occasions and as a result became exposed to the employment of elephants as beasts of burden simultaneously with respect and affection.

von Solodkoff, Michael: Working on pathological ivory, but also interested in doing other research work on elephants. Is interested in ivory from all aspects, including artistic use, and also as the key-role item to protecting elephants. Has written an article on pathological ivory in a German Veterinarian Journal.

Washington Park Zoo: See Sanford, James Earl.

Wells, Susan, and Jeheskel Shoshani (Audubon Park Zoo, and Wayne State University): Are compiling a protocol for dissecting an elephant, part of the activities of the Species Survival Commission of the Asian Elephant Species Survival Program (chaired by C. D. Tuttle). The Protocol will be distributed to zoos and institutions holding elephants in the USA.

World Wildlife Fund: See Butynski, Thomas.

Zoo Atlanta: See McManamon, Rita.

REQUESTS

Cring, F. Daniel: Is seeking molar tooth fragments from extinct and extant Proboscidea.

Forrest, Heidi S: Is seeking information on deaths and illnesses of young elephants, birth and stillborn up to 9 years symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, necropsy reports). Also desires data on captive African bulls in musth (yearly cycles and behavioral changes).

Port Lymene Wildlife Park: See Smith, Martin J.

Shoshani, Jeheskel (Wayne State University): Interested in obtaining individual specimens (bones, teeth or parts of them) of the extinct American mastodon (*Mammot americanum*) and any mammoth (*Mammuthus*) that were discovered anywhere in North America. The data is part of a survey on these species found in the USA and Canada and will be used to calculate ratios and be incorporated in a study for better understanding their paleoecology.

Shoshani, Jeheskel and Sandra: Interested in a list of large items that were swallowed and passed through an elephant digestive system. Kindly give dimensions, weights and description of objects, and, if known, the span of time from swallowing to finding the items in the feces.

Smith, Martin J. (Port Lymene Wildlife Park): Is seeking details of progesterone levels during oestrus cycle, also records of any long term oestrus cycle surveys, i.e., how regular/irregular the oestrus cycle is in other cows.

von Solodkoff, Michael: Is seeking temporal gland, gaster, trunk, brain (medulla oblongata), pulp, uterus, cervix, salpinx and ovaries.

Wayne State University: See Shoshani, Jeheskel.

AVAILABLE

Port Lymene Wildlife Park: See Smith, Martin J.

Smith, Martin J. (Port Lymene Wildlife Park): Has accurate details of births/deaths of African and Asian elephants in Europe and the U.S.A. and will soon have similar data concerning collections in the U.S.S.R. Also has history of bull elephants kept by the zoological society of London, England.