2016 Orangutan SSP Husbandry Advisor Report
Inaugural Orangutan SSP Husbandry Course

Outstanding response – maximum student capacity Reached for this session

Generous support for Husbandry Course from Henry Vilas Zoo

Course was done on a shoe-string budget

Continued success of this course will be the ability to hold it on-grounds at the workshop host location. Hotel costs for catering and audio visual would become prohibitive
AZA Animal Care Manual

• Will help define high standards for orangutan care
• Wide Variety of Experts who contributed to standards
• Tough deadlines and strict oversight by Cindy Bossyboon
Orangutan SSP Workshop Advisory Committee

Continued to work with the workshop hosts throughout the year.

Tom Heitz has initiated a complete review of the workshop hosting manual.

Workshop planning into the future continues to go well.
2016 Birth Management Consultations

- Indianapolis Zoo
- Jackson Zoo
- Lowry Park Zoo - two pregnant females
- Memphis Zoo
- Miami Zoo
- National Zoo
Louisville Zoo - Bella and Segundo
Fertility Issues

- Housed together for a long time
- Long term breeding rec with failure to conceive
- Staff beginning to train male for semen collection
Deep Litter Mulch for Use in Orangutan Exhibits

- Used at some European Zoos

- Can be effective if a drainage membrane is present and mulch is deep enough

- At the Zurich Zoo, it is used in their ape habitats and removed periodically with a front loader. Basel Zoo is pictured below
Behavior - Cases of Interest

Erie Zoo - Sudden aggression of an adult male towards his 6.5 year old son. Issue resolved without separation. Adult male thought to be not feeling well and had the flu.

Destructive behavior in a maturing male at the Melbourne Zoo. At the 2015 Sedgwick County Workshop, we discussed this male, “Malu”. Fleur Butcher will give a presentation on “Malu” later this week.
2016 Consultations on Introductions

- Introduction of a pregnant female with her adult male to an unrelated, flanged male
- Re-introduction of the sire to a dam and his new-born infant
- Introduction of a recently-transferred adult female to a resident adult male
- Introduction of a recently-transferred adult male to a resident adult female
Questions on the following topics

- Body temperature of orangutans
- Containment mesh and durability
- Potential Development of a husbandry manual for Chinese Zoos
What's Next???

• Continued refinement of Orangutan SSP Husbandry Course

• Major survey on orangutan husbandry and welfare - results will be presented at the 2017 workshop