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BIAZA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

6 - 8 June I West Midland Safari Park I Investing in People, Places and Planet

6 June

18:00 - 21:30 Icebreaker at Spring Grove House

Sponsored by Timberplay

Coaches will pick up from the Stourport Manor hotel at 17:30 then the Travelodge and depart to hotels at 21:30

7 June

Coaches will pick up from the Stourport Manor hotel at 9:15 then the Travelodge.

09:45 - 10:00	Registration at Treetops Pavillion	

Session 1: Places

10:00 - 10:10	Conference Welcome	*BIAZA Chair*
10:10 - 10:20	Welcome	*Mayor of Bewdley*
10:20 - 10:30	Welcome	*Lord Benyon*
10:30 - 10:50	Investing in West Midland Safari Park	*West Midland Safari Park*
10:50 - 11:10	Tea and Coffee Break Sponsored by Waterhouse Feeds	

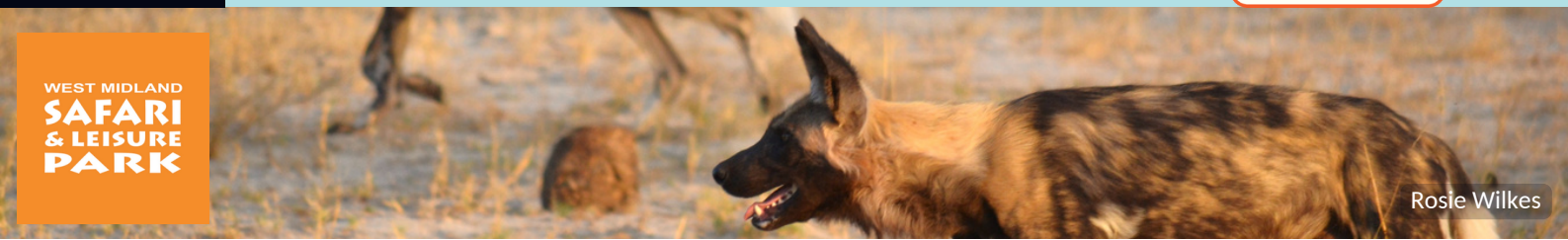
Session 2: Places and AGM

11:10 - 11:30	The value of zoos for species and society: The need for a new model	*Dr Sarah Spooner, Chester Zoo*
11:30 - 11:50	Preparing for notifiable disease outbreaks	*Sarah Jayne Smith & Jessica Hawe*
11:50 - 12:10	It's all well and good...	*AWWG (Lisa Clifforde, ZSL, Deana Stephens, Fenn Bell Conservation Project, Lisa Holmes, Chester Zoo)*
12:10 - 12:30	Continuous animal welfare monitoring	*Will Justice, Marwell Zoo*
12:30 - 13:30	BIAZA update and AGM	*Dr Jo Judge, BIAZA*
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Sponsored by Safe4	

Session 3: People - DEAI

14:30 - 15:10	DEAI Panel	*Frankie Lawrence-Thompson, BIAZA and DEAI WG*
15:10 - 15:30	Bristol Zoological Society - saving wildlife together	*Rio Whittaker, Bristol Zoo Gardens/Wild Place Project*
15:30 - 15:50	Tea and Coffee Break Sponsored by Waterhouse Feeds	

WEST MIDLAND SAFARI & LEISURE PARK



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Session 4: People - Staff

15:50 - 16:10	The Best Job in the World?	*Yvonne Morrin, Shepreth Wildlife Park* *Hamish Morrin, Writtle University College*
16:10 - 16:30	Animal Keeper Mental Wellbeing: What Can Zoos Learn from the Vet Profession?	*Sarah Jayne Smith*
16:30 - 16:35	KEEP and its benefits for keepers and animals	*Alice Vassallo and James Star*
16:35 - 16:40	UK Animal Care Technicians - creating a professional organisation for staff working in animal care colleges	*Joe Cooke, Halesowen College*
16:40 - 16:45	Why you should encourage your staff to be members of ABWAK	*James Cork*
16:45 - 17:00	Lessons learned from the apprenticeship and DMZAA	*Shelby Brereton, Sparsholt College*
17:00 - 17:20	Animal Trainer Courses	*Jim Mackie, ZSL*
17:20 - 17:30	Sum up	*Dr Jo Judge*

17:30 – 22:30 Zoo Tours & Rides, BBQ Night

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Session 5: Planet – International conservation

10:00 - 10:40	The Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre and Paradise Wildlife Park - the Lion Conservation Education Program & animal rescue ambulance	*Dr James Musinguzi, Chair of the Pan African Association of Zoos and Aquaria (PAAZA)*
10:40 - 11:00	Operation Save Our Civets - how BIAZA zoos are collaborating to contribute to a global conservation action plan	*Zak Showell, Shaldon Wildlife Trust*
11:00 - 11:20	Vulture conservation in South Asia	*Jemima Parry-Jones, ICBP*
11:20 - 11:40	Tea and Coffee Break Sponsored by Waterhouse Feeds	WATERHOUSE FEEDS

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Session 6: Planet – Rivers, Seas & Forests

11:40 - 12:00	Forest Risk Commodities in the UK: What do I need to know?	*Cat Barton, Chester Zoo*
12:00 - 12:20	Sea grass & wind farms	*Katy Duke, The Deep*
12:20 - 12:40	West Mids and WildCats	*Esther Conway, WildCats Conservation Alliance and Katie McDonald, West Midland Safari Park*
12:40 - 13:00	Project Piaba Expedition. 'Buy a fish, save a tree!'	*Chris Brown, SEALIFE UK*
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Sponsored by Saint Laurent	St Laurent Food and equipment for wild and domestic animals

Session 7: People - Politics

14:00 - 14:30	Outlining approaches to UK animal law	*Paula Sparks – Chair of the Centre for Animal law*
14:30 - 14:50	Engaging politicians at Merlin	*David Pugh and Sarah Brown, Merlin*
14:50 - 15:10	The elephant in the room	*Andy Hall, BIAZA*
15:10 - 15:30	Tea & Coffee break Sponsored by Waterhouse Feeds	WATERHOUSE FEEDS

Session 8: Places

15:30 -15:50	The Evolution of Noah's Ark Zoo Farm	*Chris Wilkinson and Larry Bush, Noah's Ark Zoo Farm*
15:50 - 16:20	Sustainability	*EISWG*
16:20 - 16:30	Nature's SAFE – The Living Biobank	*Sue Walker, Chester Zoo*
16:30 - 16:45	Sum up	*Dr Jo Judge, BIAZA*

Coaches will depart to hotels at 17:00
For those attending the Gala Dinner coaches will pick up from the Stourport Manor hotel at 18:30 then the Travelodge

19:00 – late - Gala Dinner at Spring Grove House

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