

EEHV Advisory Group Structure and Function?



How do we fit with AZA?

The EEHV Advisory Group is a
subcommittee of the
AZA Elephant TAG
Veterinary Advisory Group

The Mission of the EEHV Advisory Group:

To decrease elephant morbidity and mortality due to EEHV while supporting elephant-holding institution programming by:

- Disseminating knowledge of current best practices for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of EEHV;
- Providing private and public elephant-holding facilities with technical assistance; and
- Facilitating research by building international collaborations.

Goals of the EEHV Advisory Group

1. Recommend husbandry and veterinary management protocols as they pertain to EEHV
2. Develop priorities for diagnostic and research goals between the NEHL Consortium and other research labs
3. Coordinate research sample requests
4. Provide media assistance

Goals of the EEHV Advisory Group

5. Assist in the identification of necropsy teams as needed
6. Coordinate EEHV fund-raising
7. Assist with proposal submissions for EEHV research projects
8. Proactively provide elephant-holding institutions and the general public with current EEHV information

EEHV AG Steering Committee

Erin Latimer, *Smithsonian's National Zoo*

Lauren Howard, *San Diego Zoo Safari Park*

Deborah Olson, *International Elephant Foundation*

Harry Peachey, *Conservation Messaging*

Paul Ling, *Baylor College of Medicine*

Gary Hayward, *Johns Hopkins University*

One vacancy: _____

EEHV Advisory Group Members

Veterinary

Dennis Schmitt, Ringling
Michele Miller (Africa)
Ramiro Isaza, UF
Willem Schaftenaar (Netherlands)
Jon Cracknell, (UK)

Elephant Management

Martha Fischer, St. Louis Zoo
Daryl Hoffman, Houston Zoo
Charlie Gray (Canada)
Kari Johnson (HTWT)
Mike McClure, Maryland Zoo

Research

Noha Abou-Madi, Cornell
Arun Zachariah (India)
Imke Lueders, GEOlifes (Germany?)
Akbar Dastjerdi (UK)

Pathology

Michael Garner, Northwest ZooPath
Tim Walsh, National Zoo
Jaime Landolfi, University of Illinois
Daniela Denk (UK)

Public Relations/Education

Gigi Allianic, Woodland Park
Brian Hill
Jill Allread, Public Communications Inc.

Changing EEHV Community

2014

- Formation of EEHV Advisory Group
- Smaller EEHV community
- Included most of the active researchers/DVMs

2018

Many more people on EEHV

- EEHV in Asia Working Group
- Taskforce Thailand
- European EEHV-Advisors: Willem, Fieke and Imke
- Netherlands EEHV group
- IZW
- Updated ele recommendations by European TAG

- Should we re-consider our focus?
 - Focus on N America?
 - North American EEHV Advisory Group?
 - OR Continue to strive to be International
 - How to represent everyone's interests?
 - How to include everyone?

How does www.eehvinfo.org fit into this?

- International resource, not just for N America?
- As much common information as possible
- Also set up region-specific pages
 - European Recommendations
 - EEHV in Asia Working Group
 - Link to Taskforce Thailand information?

Expectations of EEHV AG Members?

- input into recommendation updates Q 2 years
 - monitoring
 - treatment
 - standards of care
- updates for www.eehvinfo.org
- support/advice for EEHV-community members that need it
- attend AG meetings (which ones, how many)
- input into research projects, support for them?
- assistance with fund raising?

Sub-Committees w/Chairpersons?

- **Website / Outreach? Sub-Committee:** keeping www.eehvinfo.org updated, sharing stories, etc.
- **Recommendation Sub-Committee:** keeping documents listed above updated Q 2 years
- **Research Support Sub-Committee:** provide letters of support (with input from SC/whole group?), maintain research priority list and update at meetings
- **Scientific Program Sub-Committee:** assist with selection/planning of Workshops, abstracts, drills/training, etc.

Expectations of EEHV AG Members

- Strive to meet expectations outlined
- Need to demonstrate support from institutions
- If can't meet expectations, will be replaced?

