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North American EEHV Advisory Group: Call for New Members

The North American EEHV (Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus) Advisory Group has vacancies in its roster and is now recruiting new members. The NA EEHV Advisory Group is a group of about 30 subject matter experts united in a common mission to reduce elephant deaths due to EEHV, through updating and dissemination of current best practices, providing technical assistance, and advocating for and facilitating research to better understand, diagnose, manage and treat EEHV.

The Call for New Members is open from 1/5/23 until 1/26/23. Interested applicants should submit the following to Erin Latimer (latimerE@SI.edu): letter of intent (outlining current experience, reason for joining, and what you can contribute to the Advisory Group), current CV, and letter of support from direct supervisor. Invitations to successful candidates will be offered around mid February, and final decisions on joining requested by mid-March. Those candidates selected to join the NA EEHV Advisory Group will need to provide a letter supporting their involvement from their Institution's Executive Director/CEO (this letter recognizes the successful candidate's participation in the NA EEHV Advisory Group and the institutional commitment to support the associated expenses and time incurred by that participation).

Requirements of New EEHV Advisory Group Members:

1. At least two years of experience caring for elephants (medical, husbandry, conservation) and/or in virology, and/or in communications/public outreach/relations
2. Ability to attend an in-person EEHV Advisory Group meeting about every 2 years, including late July/early August 2023 in Columbus, OH.

Preference will be given to applicants with the following experience:

1. More than two years of experience caring for elephants (medical, husbandry, conservation), researching viruses, and/or in communications/public outreach/relations.
2. Familiarity with EEHV monitoring, treatment and epidemiology
3. 1+ years of experience managing preventive EEHV monitoring and/or EEHV HD treatment
4. Previous attendance to an EEHV workshop, training event, or online webinar/symposium
5. Actively working with or for elephants or on viruses in current role

Expectations of NA EEHV Advisory Group Members:

1. Membership on the NA EEHV AG is a 3 year commitment, with option to continue for a second 3 year appointment.

2. Committee members typically commit up to 8 hours/month in support of EEHV related activities, including attending two NA EEHV Advisory Group Meetings/year. Most meetings are remote and are 2-3 hours long, with one in-person meeting scheduled every other year.
3. Committee Chairs typically commit 16 hours/month in support of EEHV related activities, including specific committee projects, and attending additional NA EEHV Advisory Group board meetings, participating in member selection, etc.
4. The NA EEHV Advisory Group is comprised of the below Committees. New Advisory Group members will have the opportunity to express a preference of which Committee they are assigned to. Committee Assignments, and Chair/Vice-Chair positions are re-visited every 3 years:
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Scientific Program Committee
 - c. Research Committee
 - d. Outreach Committee
 - e. Recommendations and Resources Committee

Thank you for your interest!! Questions?

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