



The 18th International Meeting of Collectors of Zoo Literature and Memorabilia

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Third Circular (Final Report)

Zoohistorica 18 in Hamburg was, at least as far as participation and auction earnings were concerned, the most successful European meeting of collectors of items relating to zoos to date. 103 participants from eight countries were registered at Tierpark Hagenbeck. Not everyone was able to stay the whole weekend, unfortunately, but hopefully no-one felt disadvantaged. On Sunday, September 2, approximately 35 participants joined to visit the "Black Hills" Game Park just south of Hamburg; over 40 members had met the previous Friday evening at Mendelssohn's near Hagenbeck.

Receipts from the conference fee amounted to €1,675.00. Expenditures were as follows: €800.00 for the Saturday evening buffet, €311.00 for table hire, €60.15 for postage, €12.00 for envelopes large and small, and €21.15 for the group photographs – altogether €1,204.30, giving us a profit of €470.70. Needless to say, the profit came as a surprise. Carl Hagenbeck Catering, at the end of the day, did not, as originally expected, charge us for the services of, for example, their waiters. We were also spared the costs of picking up and returning the tables for the Saturday morning fair, originally calculated at €70.00 plus VAT; the zoo kindly provided us with a vehicle and driver (an Englishman, by the way) to transport the stands. The profit, of course, was added to the income of the Saturday evening auction devoted to Hagenbeck's conservation project. The auction brought in €1,436.00; we were thus able to donate altogether €1,906.70 to reforest an orang-utan preserve in Sabah, Malaysia.

I hope to speak for all when expressing our thanks again to Tierpark Hagenbeck and Wildpark Schwarze Berge for their generosity as hosts.

Not all of the photographs could be distributed on Saturday evening. If you did not receive your photograph, please let me know; I would be glad to post one to you, at least as long as I still have some left.

The venue and date for next year's Zoohistorica, as most will presumably know, has been set for September 5 through 7, 2008, at Wrocław Zoological Garden. A first circular should be distributed by next spring; inquiries are welcome by next year's meeting secretary, Dr Leszek Solski, at eljotes@poczta.onet.pl.

Auf Wiedersehen in Polen!
Looking forward to seeing you in Poland!
Do zobaczenia w Polsce!

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