



Hello ZRA members,

The ZRA Annual Conference Committee is pleased to announce the 2024 ZRA Annual Conference will be hosted by the Kansas City Zoo. We wish to thank Natalie Johnson, Registrar and Sean Putney, Chief Zoological Officer for this exciting opportunity to visit the Heart of America and largest city in Missouri!

Kansas City Zoo is a 202-acre facility founded in 1909. They have over 3500 animals and are located in the beautiful Swope Park. With many hands-on experiences, daily shows, rides and transportation options guest experience is at the forefront in Kansas City.

Known for their large exhibits, the chimpanzee exhibit has been rated one of the finest in North America by Jane Goodall , the Kansas City Zoo is definitely a must see! Polar Bear Passage, Outback Kangaroo, Helzber Penguin Plaza and the Orangutan Canopy are waiting for you to explore. A new 650,000-gallon aquarium that will bring the ocean to the Midwest is opening this year. Exhibits will take you from the shoreline to the depths of the ocean. Additionally, the zoo participates in many conservation projects from Africa to Peru to their own back yard. Kansas City Zoo is ready to provide you with a unique experience both at the zoo and in their warm, welcoming city!

2024 Conference Dates: 30 September – 5 October 2024

The City of Fountains has been recognized as one of the best destinations for travel with its world-class barbecue, jazz clubs, imaginative adventures, 100-plus galleries, well known sports teams and of course the countless fountains. Visit this hidden gem as there is something for everyone!

So mark your calendars and don't miss what is sure to be a fabulous conference where you are not only taking part in sessions and collaborating with colleagues but you are enjoying all that Kansas City has to offer! Get ready for an all-new experience in the City of Fountains and come see why the Heart of America is quickly becoming the center of attention!

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