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**Nominations for the 2010 Indianapolis Prize  
Open from June 1 – December 1, 2008**

INDIANAPOLIS --- Nominations for the 2010 Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation, will be accepted from June 1 – December 1, 2008. The \$100,000 biennial award is given to an individual animal conservationist who has made significant achievements in advancing sustainability of an animal species or group of species. It represents the largest individual monetary award for animal conservation in the world and is given as an unrestricted gift to the chosen recipient.

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Anyone can nominate a candidate for the Indianapolis Prize. To be accepted as Nominees, individuals must have accomplished a personal achievement or series of achievements that have resulted in a demonstrable positive impact on a species or group of species that is likely to improve the species' likelihood of long-term survival.

For complete guidelines and to learn more about the nominating process, send an e-mail to [nomination@indianapolisprize.org](mailto:nomination@indianapolisprize.org).

The winner of the 2008 Indianapolis Prize is George Schaller, Ph.D., senior conservationist for the Wildlife Conservation Society and Vice President of the Panthera Foundation, who is the world's pre-eminent field biologist. For more than 50 years, George Schaller has set the standard for working with endangered animals in the field and in working with native populations to create efficient ways for those animals and humans to co-exist.

The 2006 winner was Dr. George Archibald, co-founder of the International Crane Foundation, who has dedicated more than 30 years to trying to save the 15 remaining species of these magnificent and increasingly endangered birds.

Past nominees and finalists for the Indianapolis Prize are representative of the most significant conservationists throughout the world. Among them have been: renowned whale and ocean researcher Roger Payne; Iain Douglas-Hamilton, considered the world's leading elephant researcher; and, two heroes to big cats – Cheetah Conservation Society founder Dr. Laurie Marker and Snow Leopard Conservancy founder Dr. Rodney Jackson.

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*The Indianapolis Prize was initiated in 2004 by the Indianapolis Zoo as a significant component of its mission to inspire local and global communities to celebrate, protect and preserve our natural world through conservation, education and research. The Eli Lilly & Company Foundation provided funding for the 2006 and 2008 Indianapolis Prizes.*

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