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Standouts of Conservation Support Indianapolis Prize Committees Attract the World's Most Distinguished Scientists

INDIANAPOLIS --- The names are well known and their contributions to the welfare of the wild things and wild places of the Earth are legendary. They are among the world's most distinguished scientists and conservationists who have lent their support to the 2010 Indianapolis Prize as members of the Prize Nominating Committee and the Prize Jury. The third biennial \$100,000 Indianapolis Prize will be awarded in September 2010 and represents the largest individual monetary award for animal conservation in the world. The Nominating Committee will select six finalists for the Prize from among all the nominees, and the Jury will then pick the Prize honoree from among the finalists.

"We're honored for the continuing support of this important program by the worldwide scientific community," said Myrta Pulliam, Indianapolis Prize Chair. "The Indianapolis Prize strives to inspire local and global communities to appreciate conservation, education and research, and the prominence of these committee members gives weight to that message."

Representatives from organizations worldwide will serve on the Indianapolis Prize Jury, which has the difficult, but rewarding, responsibility of selecting the winner of the 2010 Prize from among six finalists. The distinguished members of the **Jury** include:

- **David Ehrenfeld, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of biology at Rutgers Cook College; one of the most learned men in the field of biology; founding editor of *Conservation Biology*; and author of a number of well-received books.
- **John Flicker, Ph.D.**, president of the National Audubon Society, one of the nation's pre-eminent environmental organizations with a priority of connecting people with nature. Flicker has overseen the addition of more than two dozen Audubon Centers, including 10 in urban areas.
- **David W. Macdonald**, a true icon of conservation who heads the wildlife conservation research unit at Oxford University, where he oversees the first Fellowship in any British university dedicated to biological conservation.
- **Carter S. Roberts**, president of the World Wildlife Fund, one of the premier international conservation groups, which conserves the world's greatest ecosystems while working with government and businesses to influence market forces across the globe.
- **John W. Terborgh, Ph.D.**, research professor and co-director of the Center for Tropical Conservation at Duke University, where he has been actively involved in tropical ecology and conservation issues as an authority on avian and mammalian ecology in neotropical forests.
- **Jeff Trandahl**, executive director of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, a nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1984 and dedicated to the conservation of fish, wildlife and plants, and the habitats on which they depend by strategically investing in the sustainable use of natural resources.

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Nominating Committee

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Georgina M. Mace, Ph.D.
James Murtaugh
Myrta Pulliam
George B. Rabb, Ph.D.
Jan Ramer, DVM
George B. Schaller, Ph.D.
Denise L. Solso

Jury

William W. Chin, M.D.
Christel DeHaan
David Ehrenfeld, M.D., Ph.D.
John Flicker, Ph.D.
Paul Grayson
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The **Nominating Committee** also includes an exceptional group of individuals who will apply their years of experience, advanced skills and collective wisdom in selecting the finalists. The Committee includes:

- **Devra G. Kleiman, Ph.D.**, noted zoologist and consultant on conservation projects worldwide who serves as Adjunct Professor for the Department of Biology at the University of Maryland and as Senior Scientist Emeritus for the Smithsonian Institution.
- **Robert Lacy, Ph.D.**, population geneticist in the Conservation Biology department of the Chicago Zoological Society and faculty member on the Committee on Evolutionary Biology at the University of Chicago.
- **Georgina Mace, Ph.D.**, director of the National Environment Research Council Centre for Population (Imperial College London); Fellow of the Royal Society; and former director of Science at the Zoological Society of London.
- **James Murtaugh**, program director of The Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation since 1991 and former curator at two of the Wildlife Conservation Society's facilities - the Central Park Zoo and the Wildlife Survival Center on St. Catherine's Island in Georgia.
- **George Rabb, Ph.D.**, president emeritus of the Chicago Zoological Society; a respected spokesman on wildlife conservation issues worldwide; and former director (1976-2003) of the Brookfield Zoo, where his pioneering work led the zoo toward its current position as a conservation center.
- **George B. Schaller, Ph.D.**, senior conservationist of the Wildlife Conservation Society and recipient of the 2008 Indianapolis Prize; recognized by many as the world's pre-eminent field biologist, studying wildlife throughout Africa, Asia and South America.

The **local community** is also lending significant leadership and perspective to both the Nominating Committee and Jury. **Jury** members include:

- **William W. Chin, M.D.**, vice president of discovery research and clinical investigation at Eli Lilly and Company; a world-renowned molecular endocrinologist who pioneered the understanding of the mechanisms of nuclear receptor action; and author/co-author of more than 270 original papers, invited chapters or books.
- **Christel DeHaan**, philanthropist and founder of Christel House International and the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation; President and CEO of CD Enterprises, a pioneer in the provision of international exchange and travel services; and a global business leader who has contributed to a wide range of charitable causes.
- **Paul Grayson**, deputy director and senior vice president of science and conservation programs at the Indianapolis Zoo, where he is responsible for the overall management of the collections, conservation, veterinary and education departments, including the Polly H. Hix Conservation and Research Institute.
- **Myrta J. Pulliam**, director of special projects for the *Indianapolis Star*; past president of the Board of Trustees for the Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc.; chair of the Indianapolis Prize; and a seasoned writer, reporter and editor in newspapers who also pursues many civic and corporate activities.

Local **Nominating Committee** members include:

- **Beth Cate**, distinguished associate general counsel of Indiana University, where she also serves as adjunct member of the faculty in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and a long-time member of the Indianapolis Zoo Board of Trustees.

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- **Myrta Pulliam**, the director of special projects for the *Indianapolis Star*. (See Jury Members.)
- **Jan C. Ramer, DVM**, associate veterinarian at the Indianapolis Zoo and affiliated with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), American Association of Zoo Veterinarians (AAZV), International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine, Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians, and the Association of Avian Veterinarians.
- **Denise L. Solso**, Community Activist and leader, active in community affairs, including the Indianapolis Zoo and Eiteljorg Museum, where she is committed to serving the needs of youth and the cause of conservation.

The Indianapolis Prize was initiated by the Indianapolis Zoo as a significant component of its mission to empower people and communities, both locally and globally, to advance animal conservation. This award brings the world's attention to the cause of animal conservation and the brave, talented and dedicated men and women who spend their lives saving the Earth's endangered animal species. It was first awarded in 2006 to Dr. George Archibald, the co-founder of the International Crane Foundation and one of the world's great field biologists. In 2008, the Indianapolis Prize went to Dr. George Schaller, the world's pre-eminent field biologist and vice president of science and exploration for the Wildlife Conservation Society.

The Eli Lilly and Company Foundation has provided funding for the Indianapolis Prize since 2006.