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THE ADVANCEMENT OF COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH IN ZOO SETTINGS

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It has become widely acknowledged that zoos need to play a central role in promoting conservation, public education, and scientific research. Whether through collaborations with local universities or by the development of productive in-house research departments, zoological parks around the world are becoming more active in the field of behavioral and cognitive research. In this workshop, a broad range of international speakers will discuss their current and future collaborative research efforts in zoos. Discussion will focus on the future direction of collaborative research efforts between "traditional" research settings and zoological parks. Specifically, the workshop will investigate not only the challenges of conducting research in a zoo setting, but how these research activities can benefit the participating organizations, animal subjects, and attending public.

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