



November 2015

Greetings!

Increasing communication and seeing our members more regularly has been one of IWRC's priorities this last year. Not having a symposium has allowed us more time to focus on our courses, as well as participate in conferences and other events. Setting up kiosks at state conferences has allowed both the staff and board to get to know our members better, answer questions, meet new faces, and spread the word about the work we do.

In November, Brenda Harms and I attended the New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference, while Kai and Julissa were at the California Council for Wildlife Rehabilitators conference, Membership Chair Diana was at Ohio's conference, and instructors Halley and Renee taught IWRC courses at the Wisconsin conference. We were welcomed with open arms and the events were a lot of fun! Our hope is that IWRC's team will continue to have a presence at your conferences through setting up kiosks, offering our courses to your attendees, and creating new partnerships.

If you have plans to host a conference or are interested in seeing how your organization and IWRC can work together feel free to contact me at anytime via susan@theiwrc.org.

Sincerely,

Sue

Sue Wylie, IWRC President

Rounding the corner: Progress on 'the big revision'

Rehabilitators from around the world have come

New Opportunity

The Membership Committee is seeking people pleasers! Help guide the IWRC in delivering a great value and desired benefits to its members. Contact dianah@theiwrc.org to get involved.

Recent Publication



Click to read IWRC's Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation Issue [35\(3\)](#)

IWRC Courses

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Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation

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together to write, edit, and illustrate over twenty chapters of our Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation course manual. Our community has supported this endeavor in so many wonderful ways.

If everyone who reads this newsletter donates \$10 we'd exceed our December 31st goal and be fully funded. So let's do it.

Help Now



Species Helping Species

Flagship species are sometimes questioned for the time we put in to their causes and the emphasis the public places on these charismatic megafauna while ignoring threatened reptiles, rodents, or drab little songbirds. [Recent research](#) supports the argument that even if they aren't keystone species, these animals act as umbrellas, protecting an ecosystem and the plants and animals within.

"The researchers concluded that the giant panda's remaining wild habitat overlaps with 70 percent of forest bird species, 70 percent of forest mammals, and 31 percent of forest amphibians found only in China." [Earth Island Journal](#)

There are positive conservation implications for promoting these flagship species; of course, we rehabilitators must monitor that ethical and skilled care is given to all animals coming through our door in accordance with our missions.

Flagship species - animals which are the poster children of the wildlife conservation movement. Often



November

- Johannesburg, ZA
- Edmonton, AB

January

- Houston, TX
- Portland, OR

February

- Saskatoon, SK



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- Houston, TX

More winter classes coming soon including **Kentucky and Colorado** (Rescheduled from November)

We are scheduling Winter/Spring courses now! If you are interested in bringing a class to your area, contact Julissa at julissa@theiwrc.org

[Upcoming Conferences](#)
[Other Upcoming Opportunities](#)

Notes

Register for [Animal Help Now's December 7th webinar](#) on how their app helps you connect with the public. Learn how the app works, make sure your center's information is correct, and provide feedback. (The Animal Help Now program works on all computers, Android devices, and Apple products and is currently available in the US.)

including charismatic megafauna like tigers, rhinos, and condors

Keystone species - loss would 'break' an ecosystem

Umbrella species - protection casts a arch of conservation over other species sharing an ecosystem

The recording of IWRC's 2015 Annual Membership Meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/Od3guPa-xrY>

All IWRC Journals of Wildlife Rehabilitation available to all members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/>

Research Corner

As always, if you are working on a study and need participants, email me at director@theiwrc.org to be featured on our website and in our newsletter.

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