

## Editorial

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In this issue of *Gajah* 49 you can find three research articles and two short communications. The studies involved wild elephants in Nepal and India and captive elephants in Australia, Sri Lanka and USA.

The first *Research Article* by D.M.N.J. Dissanayake *et al.* studied the reproductive status of females in two captive populations utilizing progesterone antibodies. More females were found to be reproductively active if kept in a herd vs. alone. The country (Sri Lanka or USA) made no difference. Y. Liefting *et al.* present a new design for electric fencing. They first tested it with a captive elephant and have now a fence in the field in Nepal, which is working well so far. Clair Holland has trained a male at Perth Zoo to react to various commands given through the radio, providing the elephant with new challenges, and it is rewarded with food if solved successfully.

In *Short Communications* we learn of two medical reports. V.P. Govindan *et al.* describe how they found *Cobboldia* parasites in a carcass of a wild elephant. The larvae lived in the stomach and could be identified under the microscope. T.P.J. Athapattu and co-authors successfully treated a captive elephant infected by *Anoplocephala* tapeworms.



In *News and Briefs* E. Latimer *et al.* brief us on a workshop held in Thailand organized by the EEHV Asia Working Group. The goal was to build capacity on EEHV testing in Asian countries. H.M. Irfanullah gives us an update on the current situation at Cox's Bazar, where within a short period of time more than 700,000 refugees have set up camp in the middle of the forest, coming into conflict with the resident elephant population.

Abstracts from 49 publications can be read in "Recent Publications on Asian Elephants" and in "News Briefs" glimpses of 36 newspaper articles on Asian elephants across the range are provided.

The chair of the Asian Elephant Specialist Group, Vivek Menon, gives a summary of what is happening in the group. He has attended various meetings on the group's behalf and also updates us on the progress of all the working groups.

I thank the editorial board for their efforts in putting this *Gajah* together. Ahimsa Campos-Arceiz has resigned from the editorial board. I am most grateful for the efforts he put into *Gajah* in the last 4 years. I would like to welcome our new editorial board member Benoit Goossens, who has kindly agreed to help us with *Gajah*.

A big thanks is going out to all the authors for sharing their work with the readership of *Gajah*. I would like to encourage others working on Asian elephant conservation or doing research on Asian elephants to share their knowledge through an article for *Gajah*.

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