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**The Saint Louis Zoo and the Missouri History Museum  
Mark the Zoo's Centennial with Zoo Conversations**

**What:** Throughout 2010, the **Saint Louis Zoo** will celebrate a century of conserving animals and their habitats through animal management, research, recreation, and educational programs. To mark its "Zootennial," the Zoo and the **Missouri History Museum** are presenting a **series of conversations exploring the Zoo's past, present and future.**

**When/Where:** **Zoo Conversations with Charlie Hoessle**  
**Thursday, April 1, 2010, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.**  
Missouri History Museum at Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park  
**Hoessle**, director emeritus of the Zoo, will share some of his favorite memories from his 38-year tenure. From 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., **Hoessle** will sign copies of the book "Animals Always—100 Years at the Saint Louis Zoo."

**Zoo Conversations with Zoo Staff**  
**Thursday, May 20, 2010, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.**  
The Living World at the Saint Louis Zoo  
A panel of current Zoo staff will offer an insider's view of one of the nation's top zoos. From 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., author **Mary Delach Leonard** will sign copies of the book "Animals Always—100 Years at the Saint Louis Zoo."

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**Zoo Conversations with Jeffrey P. Bonner, Ph.D.**

**Thursday, June 10, 2010, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.**

Missouri History Museum at Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park

**Bonner**, director and CEO of the Zoo since 2002, will discuss future plans for the Saint Louis Zoo and how zoos around the country have to adapt to a changing world for both animals and visitors. From 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., **Bonner** will sign copies of the book “Animals Always—100 Years at the Saint Louis Zoo.” Bonner authored the book’s chapter entitled “The Future of Zoos.”

**Dr. Robert R. Archibald**, president of the **Missouri History Museum**, will lead the **Zoo Conversations with Charlie Hoessle** and **Zoo Conversations with Jeffrey P. Bonner, Ph.D.**

**Jody Sowell**, **Missouri History Museum** oral historian and curator of the Zoo’s centennial exhibition, will facilitate the **Zoo Conversations with Zoo Staff**.

**Who:** The Saint Louis Zoo and the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park.

**Cost:** FREE

**More:** Zootennial celebrations include activities, lectures and public events throughout the year. The **Missouri History Museum** and the **Saint Louis Zoo** also collaborated on a **special Zootennial exhibition**. Tracing the 100-year history of the Saint Louis Zoo, the exhibition reveals to visitors a history they never knew and reconnects them to the history they lived. Visitors will learn surprising details about the creation of the Zoo as well as hear stories from Zoo staff about what goes on behind the scenes. Stories, photos and artifacts will encourage visitors to recollect some of their favorite memories. The Zootennial exhibition **opens May 15, 2010**, at the **Saint Louis Zoo’s historic 1917 Elephant House**.

Zootennial celebrations are presented by **First Bank**. The Zootennial exhibition is presented by First Bank and developed in partnership with the Missouri History Museum

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