



## The best fairy tales award ceremony took place



Two months ago Yerevan Zoo and Bookinist bookstore announced a remarkable initiative and launched the "Fairy Tale Competition". The terms of the Competition were that the children should write fairy tales about animals.

More than 30 children age 7 to 14 submitted their fairy tales about animals. On October 19th the awaited award ceremony took place in Bookinist.

After the public voting on the Facebook pages of Yerevan Zoo and Bookinist bookstore, the best nine fairy tales were selected by the jury. The selected young authors received books and certificates, and all the participant received the Zoo Kid's magazine as a gift. The best fairy tale was awarded with a bicycle.

Bookinist bookstore's Marketing Manager Ani Ghazaryan was glad that their expectations were justified "It was very pleasant to see the children so excited and interested in fairy tales. There were tales that truly were written independently, without parental interventions".

Nare Stepanyan who wrote a story about a bear won the first prize. "I was very happy and touched that the best tale was mine and I received this nice bike from Yerevan Zoo" she said.

8 years old Lilit Vardanyan also participated in the story writing contest naming her tale "Bold Hedgehog". Lilit's mother Armenuhi Nazaryan was informed about the contest through Facebook, "The children are starting to think. They become passionate about books, make new friends and receive awards".

The author of the fairytale about "Chalo" was 9 years old Vladimir Karoyan whose mother says that Vladimir had written and sent the story independently "I believe that children should be enabled to be kind with animals and to love them. And it's a very welcomed initiative of the Zoo to organize such contests".

The Fairy tale award ceremony took place within the project "Fairytale hour", which is organized by "Bookinist" bookstore over the past few years.

The fairy tale heroes Masha and the bear children also attended the event. Finally there was another surprise for the best young authors: Their fairy tales will be published in Yerevan Zoo magazine's upcoming issues.



## The Yerevan Zoo Director Ruben Khachatryan participated in the EAZA Annual Conference 2013



With the support of ARTIS Royal Zoo Amsterdam and the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC) it's already the second year Yerevan Zoo has been participating in EAZA (European Association of Zoos and Aquaria) Annual Conference.

As in the previous years also in 2013 Yerevan Zoo has reached a number of agreements on the respect of reforms.

At EAZA Annual Conference Yerevan Zoo director presented the achievements of 2012-2013 and reported on completed reconstruction works: Yerevan Zoo has reached an agreement with a number of Zoos on animal donation and exchange.

According to another agreement the deputy director of Polish Zamość Zoo will soon visit Yerevan Zoo to give a professional workshop and advice on animal enclosures and the use of new technologies.

The director of Jerusalem Biblical Zoo has also scheduled to visit Yerevan Zoo along with other professionals.

EAZA has officially warned Yerevan Zoo to install fences around the zoo territory at short notice: without it no EAZA (European Association of Zoos and Aquaria) member can have permit for any activity.



## The 72th anniversary of Yerevan Zoo and 6th Pan-Armenian Painting Contest were celebrated together



On October 6th there was a double celebration at Yerevan Zoo. The Zoo celebrated its 72th anniversary and FPWC organized the Pan-Armenian Painting Day in corporation with VivaCell-MTS.

The Yerevan Zoo made a present for all kids on its anniversary: entrance free of charge for everybody under age 16. As the director of Yerevan Zoo Ruben Khachatryan mentioned in his speech: "It's already the second year, that October is active for the Zoo as some of events organized in the frames of SunChild Festival are combined with the Zoo events".

On October 6th Yerevan Zoo resembled an open-air studio, where next to real heroes, children were painting on three topics: The Zoo of My dreams, I am a Leopard and The Lakes and Rivers of Armenia.

This time as well, FPWC was present with educational games and prizes. The winner of the first prize, 10 years old Arman Sharafyan, received a bicycle. Also a concert and different performances were organized for kids.

"I am very happy that Yerevan Zoo is getting a new breathe, the changes are very vivid, my kid has also participated in Fairy tale hour with great pleasure and now we came to participate in the 6th Pan-Armenian Painting Day", Hasmik Varosyan, the mother of one of the little painters, expressed her opinion.

As a reminder, it should be noted that the 6th Pan-Armenian Painting Contest has launched on August 20th and will end on November 30th. The contest is open to children age 5-16.



## Yerevan Zoo is going to set up a veterinary center matching European Standards



In 2014 Yerevan Zoo will have a newly constructed veterinary center with a research laboratory and clinical intervention departments.

The present poor state of the Zoo's medical facilities remains one of the major problems that the zoo veterinarian and other employees are facing almost every day.

To have a properly equipped medical centre some support and sponsorship is needed: that's why 2 years ago the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC) officially turned to various medical institutions of Armenia with the request to provide any kinds of medical equipment that are already out of use in the hospital. This turned to give no results and all the requests remained ignored and unanswered.

The request has been responded by the private Zoo in Rhenen (Netherlands), ALERTIS Fund for Bear and Nature Conservation as well as ARTIS Royal Zoo Amsterdam. These institutions provided Yerevan Zoo with all the necessary equipment for the research laboratory and clinical intervention center.

The most part of the donation has already been transferred to Armenia; the remaining part will arrive to the Zoo within a year. FPWC Director Ruben Khachatryan said that the reconstruction works of the medical centre have already started and will be completed in the first term of 2014.

