The European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (EAZWV) is a membership organization representing European veterinarians committed to improving the health, welfare, and conservation of wildlife through advancements in zoo and wildlife medicine. The Association also promotes the full and proper use of specialist wildlife veterinary expertise in the management of both captive and free ranging wildlife. Formed in 1996, the EAZWV has more than 600 members representing 55 countries from a variety of backgrounds, including private practitioners, zoo veterinarians and curators, researchers, university lecturers, field workers, and students.

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Stephanie Sanderson correcting a limb deformity in Asiatic Lion cub whilst working as Director of Science and Education at Chester Zoo.

Stephanie Sanderson has been a practicing member of the EAZWV for 19 years, working as a wildlife clinician, researcher, and zoo director. In January 2016, Dr. Sanderson was named Executive Director of the EAZWV.

In her role, one of Dr. Sanderson’s challenges is to attain and make available quality peer-reviewed information to her members, a familiar issue for many research organizations. “Zoo and wildlife veterinarians are often responsible for the care of hundreds of different species, but only a few individuals of each,” she explained. “We can’t be specialists in all these species, and so we rely heavily on information published by other researchers and practitioners around the world.”

Accessing a wide variety of cost-effective journals

To help advance zoo and wildlife medicine, Dr. Sanderson and EAZWV members rely on an extensive range of timely knowledge and research. The Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine, a BioOne Complete participant, is the official publication of both the EAZWV and the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians. Partnering with BioOne Complete, the association now has access to additional titles including the Journal of Wildlife Diseases, Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery, Journal of Herpetological Medicine and Surgery, Journal of Wildlife Management, and Journal of Wildlife Research. “These journals are all on the reading list for wildlife veterinarians,” she said, but purchasing individual subscriptions would have been unsustainable for
the EAZWV. BioOne Complete’s database of over 200 subscribed and open-access titles in the biological, ecological, and environmental sciences allows EAZWV members to connect with and take advantage of leading-edge content in a cost-effective way.

“Journal access is a key member benefit,” said Dr. Sanderson, “so we had to find an easy way to ensure [that] only current members could access it. Integrating access into our existing member-only website was very straightforward.” The team at BioOne, she explained, has also been “extremely helpful and quick to respond to queries.”

“We would certainly recommend BioOne to other organizations based on the quality of the journals, affordability, and overall service.”

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