

## MAIN EVENTS OF 2020

### **Rearing of chimpanzee**

Caila was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> January and became our first offspring of 2020 and another born chimpanzee after long 17 years. Her parents were Bask and a female Zedonja, for whom it was the first birth. The name Caila was chosen by her keepers and she was christened by the Pilsen Town Mayor, Mgr. Martin Baxa on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The name comes from Swahili, meaning “clean, clear, natural” and it also corresponds with the alphabetic order.

### **The “White Elephant” award for echidna and Southern American bushmaster**

Two unique offspring from Zoo Pilsen born in 2019 gained an award! It was a deserved recognition for keepers of these animals. Fourteen Czech and Slovak zoological gardens took part in the 26<sup>th</sup> annual of this “top breeding” contest and registered 44 reared animals. “White Elephant” is organized by the Association of Czech Zoos along with the Union of Czech and Slovak Zoological Gardens. The mammals’ category had 22 nominees, birds 12 and others 10. Zoo Pilsen won mammals category with short-nosed echidna and we got also the second place in “others” category with Southern American bushmaster. In previous years, we were awarded for Indian rhino or the Czech River exhibit.

### **“After Footprints of Panda” - a fundraising run for our conservation projects**

Go after Nepal! About 200 runners decided to support our conservation projects on Saturday evening, 13<sup>th</sup> June and they raised amazing CZK 41 050. This activity was under the patronage of the Pilsen Town First Mayor Deputy, Mgr. Roman Zarzycký. Mgr. Miroslav Brabec (the Pilsen Town Part 1 Deputy Mayor), came on behalf the second patron of the run, the mayoress Ing. Helena Řežábová. The first runner came to the finish after mere six minutes and the five-kilometre phase’s fastest time was 24 minutes! According to our participants, the track was demanding, but also interesting and nice. Most difficult were the first hilly kilometres in the zoo.

### **Barbary lions’ cubs**

Tamika, the six years old lioness gave birth to another two cubs on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020. They were later christened Fazan and Farida. Tamika is also the mother of Amira and triplets born in 2018.

### **Bohemian Bogeys Exhibit**

One of the Lüftnerka farm cellars became a stable home for Bohemian bogeys: the Devil, Morana, Mokoš, Leshy and Noonday Witch. It was opened by Mgr. Roman Zarzycký, the Pilsen Town Mayor’s First Deputy and Zdeněk Zajíček, the author of the bogeys and the director of the Pilsen Museum of Ghosts and Fairy Tales.

### **Greenhouse became the “Drylands” exhibit**

It will newly show our visitors arid zones of the world and their botany. The exhibit was opened on the 4<sup>th</sup> September by Mgr. Martin Baxa, the Pilsen Town Mayor, Ing. Jiří Trávníček and the author of Drylands, Ing. Tomáš Peš.

### **Golden Fish Pavilion is a new dominant**

The new pavilion is a very decorative building, built in a traditional Chinese style. It can be seen in the north-east part of the zoo. The building took six months and it stands in the former grounds of the original Kodet family summerhouse built in the first third of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The total cost of CZK 12 million includes not only the pavilion itself, but a massive terrain correction and new paths that will mean an easier access to the upper part of the zoo for visitors with moving disability or women with prams.

Visitors can newly admire a few traditional golden fish breeds kept in nine, beautifully decorated, massive Chinese ceramic vases. The basement of the building shows a new exhibit of Chinese crocodile lizards, which are displayed for visitors for the first time as they had been kept in the breeding background so far. The pavilion surrounding was enriched by oriental plants and decorations. The main contractor of the building was Pohl cz, a.s. The new exhibit was opened by Mgr. Roman Zarzycký, the Pilsen Mayor's First Deputy, designers, contractors, botanists and guests.