

**Practical Implementation of the Balai Directive
WWT Slimbridge
5th & 6th September 2018**

Day 1

9.30 – Arrivals and coffee

10.00 – Introductions

10.15 – The Legislation – what is it and why ?

What is Directive 92/65 EC known as the Balai Directive ? What does it control ? Why does it cause so much confusion ? What is registration and why is that different from approval ?

11.00 – Coffee Break

11.30 – Implementation of the Balai Directive in UK Zoos

How is the Balai Directive implemented in the UK ? How do other European Countries implement it ?

12.30 – Lunch

1.30 – Biosecurity

Biosecurity programmes are a key requirement of Balai Approval. This session focuses on disease risks your zoo may be exposed to and how to manage them.

2.00 – Small Group Exercise 1 – Disease risks and biosecurity

Out in the zoo looking at the challenges of designing biosecurity programmes for modern zoo exhibits.

3.00 – Tea

3.30 - Disease detection, surveillance and control and the role of the Approved Vet

The zoo's vet has a key role in the Balai Directive and a legal responsibility to ensure appropriate implementation of the requirements. This session will enable you to make sure your vet is delivering the service you require.

4.00 Small Group Exercise – designing a veterinary programme

5.00 - Discussion Session – challenges and confusions

There are numerous misunderstandings and myths about Balai – this is your opportunity to deal with challenges and confusions that exist.

5.30 – Finish

Day 2

9.30 – Imports and Exports, Added Animals and Movements

Perhaps the most important aspect of Balai – this session will explain how Balai affects animal movements within the UK, Europe and further afield.

10.00 – Small Group Exercise – Added Animals

A scenario based exercise each group will be given different animals to import and export from the zoo – all you have to do is explain how you would do it if you are the zoos curator.

11.00 – Coffee

11.30 – Isolation or Quarantine ?

What is the difference between isolation and quarantine / when do you have to do which and what impact does this have on animal welfare ?

12.00 – Small Group Exercise in the Zoo – Isolation

You will be provided with further import scenarios – how would you manage the required isolation or quarantine period if you were the Zoo's curator ?

1.00 – Lunch

1.45 – When Things go Wrong !

What happens if you have a disease outbreak in your zoo ? How do you manage it and how do you get your Balai Approval status back ? How else could you lose your Balai status ?

2.30 – Small Group Exercise – Unusual Situations

There are a number of unusual situations that cause confusion and need dealing with on an individual basis – this session focuses on these scenarios and how they might be addressed will include confiscations, rescues, third country imports and education animals which leave the zoo

3.30 – Putting the pieces together – the Balai Jigsaw

Final presentation session bringing together all we have covered over the last two days and will include details of new third country import rules for ungulates.

4.00- Working Tea with final discussion session