

## ZIMS for Studbook Management (R3) FAQs

### What is ZIMS for Studbook Management?

ZIMS for Studbook Management is our third major product release, joining animal husbandry and medical modules. It is a global, integrated, real-time studbook database that will connect institutional and studbook records, making studbooks more robust and up-to-date, making the studbook keeper's job easier, and improving species management. ZIMS for Studbook Management will replace studbook software solutions including SPARKS and PopLink.

### Is there a cost associated with ZIMS for Studbook Management?

Because developing, enhancing and supporting ZIMS for Studbook Management requires a significant investment of time and effort to build, enhance, and support, all users are asked to provide financial support. The cost of using ZIMS for Studbook Management is included in our members' current membership fees. Non-members will have an annual fee associated with maintaining their studbooks in ZIMS for Studbook Management. We are working with the regional associations to determine this cost.

### What does training look like for ZIMS for Studbook Management?

We are developing comprehensive training for ZIMS for Studbook Management. Training will be tailored to each regional association's needs. We will share our strategies as we collaboratively develop our plans for deployment and training. We may also conduct web-based training sessions, provide resources to all studbook keepers, and develop opportunities for in-person trainings at conferences or through regional associations.

We are also beginning to explore online solutions that will walk the user through various ZIMS for Studbook Management tasks, especially the more complex ones. These online help solutions will be rolled out with R3 and continually enhanced thereafter.



### When can I begin maintaining my studbook in ZIMS for Studbook Management?

ZIMS for Studbook Management is tentatively scheduled for release at the end of 2016. The team is currently working with the regional associations, who will determine the order in which studbooks will be migrated and become active in ZIMS. Prioritization may differ between regions. The deployment process could take many months, depending on the prioritization and pace determined by each regional association.

We will work with each individual Studbook Keeper to migrate their studbook data into ZIMS from their current software prior to them becoming active. The ZIMS for Studbook Management team will make sure data is properly transferred into ZIMS.

### Can I add animals to my studbook in ZIMS that are not held by ISIS member institutions?

Yes. The method of adding these animals will probably be similar to the entry system you currently use to add animals to your studbook. However, we are working on ways to improve and expedite this process to minimize the time used in manual data entry.

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### **How will data be shared within ZIMS for Studbook Management? Who gets to see my studbook information?**

We are working in partnership with the studbook-authorizing regional associations to build access and role control features for studbook data. These tools and policies will continue to develop as we move forward.

### **Will Studbook Keepers have access to all institutional data?**

Our default assumption is that Studbook Keepers will have access to the same kinds of institutional data as in the past (taxon and specimen reports). Studbooks will be restricted to displaying the taxon designated within the studbook they are assigned.

### **What if the information I want displayed in my studbook differs from regional studbook or institutional data on certain animals?**

Just as in current studbook software, the data within a studbook may differ from institutional data for many reasons (data conventions, more recent data, etc.). Studbook Keepers will be able to accept, edit, and reject information coming from the institutions holding their species.

However, ZIMS for Studbook Management will provide multiple tools and data quality features to compare regional studbooks to one another as well as institutional data to studbooks. These tools will allow studbooks to provide the best data available for management of the populations.

### **How will the role of a Studbook Keeper change with the deployment of ZIMS for Studbook Management?**

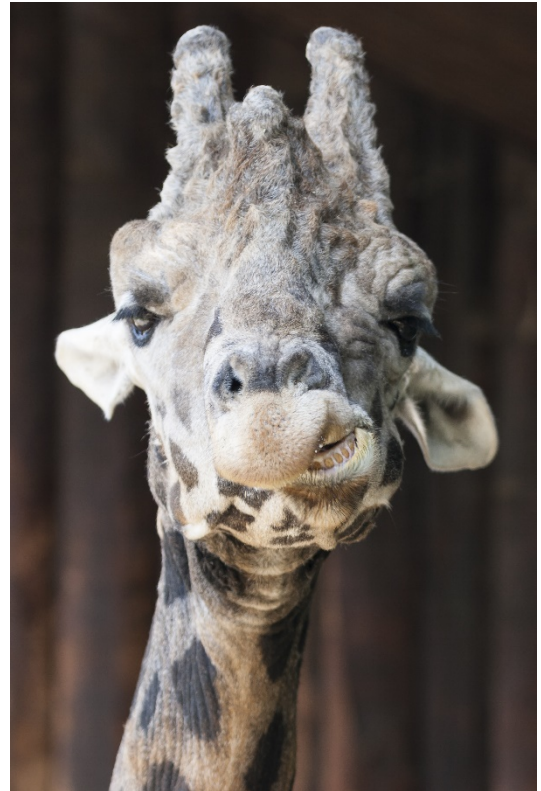
Good news: Studbook Keepers will spend significantly less time entering data! Information from institutional records will be entered automatically. Data entry will remain the same for non-ZIMS institutions, though we are working on ways to improve and expedite this process.

Studbook Keepers will have additional time to focus on managing their populations using the data quality, management tools, and reports that will be provided in R3.

### **Who is assisting in testing and development of ZIMS for Studbook Management?**

We are working with a wide range of experts in animal management to ensure the best possible product. These include representatives from regional associations (EAZA, AZA, ZAA, and WAZA), WAZA Committee for Population Management, CBSG, population biologists, and a group of 20-30 regional and international studbook keepers.

We are also using a much more iterative development process than in the past, demonstrating working software well in advance of the release to ensure that we are building the best solution. These demos will eventually evolve into beta or early-adopter releases to ensure that the solution meets the community's needs.



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