Obituary

It is with the deepest sadness and sorrow that we announce that Elżbieta Anna Bieńkowska-Handschiuh, the Head of the Animal Keeping and Technical Department at the ACCB, died unexpectedly from heart failure during the night to Christmas Day (25/12/2011). Ela was only 32 years old. The funeral took place on the 16/01/2012 in her homeland in Poland.

Ela was an exceptionally talented animal keeper and an extraordinary personality. Together with Project Manager Markus Handschiuh with whom she got married only three months ago, Ela contributed significantly to the outstanding keeping and breeding successes at the ACCB.

Ela dedicated her life to wildlife and conservation. Her dedication and her life's work remain a legacy for us.

Ela will be most deeply missed by all the people who ever knew her.