

Background: 2022 Assessment Panel

- **Dr. Frank Goeritz**, head veterinarian of the [Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research](#).
Dr. Goeritz is also the senior scientist in the department of Reproduction Management at Leibniz. He is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS) in London, UK, and a European Veterinary Specialist in Zoological Medicine (Zoo Health Management). Among other things, he specialises in wildlife anaesthesia and wildlife reproduction. Dr. Goeritz consults and provides veterinary care for many international wild animal welfare projects.
- **Dr. Thomas Hildebrandt**, head of the Reproduction Management department at [Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research](#).
Dr. Hildebrandt heads the department of Reproduction Management at Leibniz-IZW and is full Professor of Wildlife Reproduction Medicine at Freie Universität Berlin. He is certified as a zoo, wildlife and game veterinarian, and has served on numerous advisory bodies in Europe and elsewhere. Dr. Hildebrandt has published 153 papers, written 24 book chapters, given more than 212 presentations and has 5 patents.
- **Dr. Patricia London**, founder of the [Asian Elephant Wellness Project](#) and consulting veterinarian at the [Global Sanctuary for Elephants](#).
Dr. London began working with elephants 24 years ago as an intern at the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee before becoming an elephant veterinarian. She has been the consulting veterinarian with Global Sanctuary for Elephants in Brazil since 2019. She founded the Asian Elephant Wellness Project in 2020 to create collaborations between organisations and facilities that work with Asian Elephants.
- **Ingo Schmidinger**, Director of Operations of the [Global Sanctuary for Elephants](#).
Mr. Schmidinger oversees operations at the Global Sanctuary for Elephants, which was founded in 2013 and currently houses six female Asian elephants. Mr. Schmidinger is known as an expert in elephant management and husbandry, which involves caring for elephants, ensuring proper nutrition, health, environment, and enrichment.