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Dear Mr. Myers:

It is with tremendous pleasure that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and to San Diego Zoo Global in becoming one of the foremost zoos and conservation organizations in the world over the last 100 years. What a remarkable milestone; bravo to you and your staff as you celebrate your Centennial anniversary. From the time of your visionary founder and past President Dr. Harry Wegeforth to today, the San Diego Zoo has worked tirelessly to save the Earth's priceless biological inheritance and to foster a more hopeful and sustainable future for us all.

I would especially like to commend the many outstanding contributions that San Diego Zoo Global has made (and continues to make) to the education of public audiences and conservation professionals. Your world-class facilities touch the lives of millions of people every year, while your extraordinary staff and educational programming provides vital learning opportunities for diverse audiences locally, nationally, and worldwide.

Miami University has a tradition of educational innovation, and so we are particularly proud of our MOU with San Diego Zoo Global and our shared commitment to the Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) and the Global Field Program (GFP). These groundbreaking graduate programs connect students to the increasingly vital conservation work of zoos and aquariums through collaborative inquiry and community action. It is fitting that Project *Dragonfly* and its team in Miami's Department of Biology is working so closely with San Diego Zoo Global on the AIP and GFP. Project *Dragonfly* is a longtime champion of inquiry and has opened new frontiers in participatory science learning since it pioneered *Dragonfly* magazine and the Emmy Award-winning PBS science television series *DragonflyTV*.

I am delighted that together our institutions are fostering inquiry-trained master's students that are making a positive difference at both of our institutions, in their communities, and in their professions. This is exactly the kind of community-engaged learning we need to address the complex social and ecological issues of our time.

On behalf of Miami University and Project *Dragonfly*, we send our best wishes for a memorable observance of your Centennial, and we look forward to our future work together and to every future success for the zoo.

Best regards,



David C. Hodge
President