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פרויקטים לקידום רווחת האדם באמצעות בעלי חיים

Rony Rado, Ph.D.

Date & Place of Birth: July 30th, 1956, Israel

Marital Status: Married +3

Military Service: 1975-1978, IDF, Paratroopers

Qualifications

- One of the founders and leaders of the field of Animal assisted therapy, interventions and education in Israel
- An internationally recognized expert in zoology
- Extensive experience in designing, establishment & management of animal-related projects and educational programs in Israel & abroad
- A senior consultant to governmental & private entities

Education

1987-1994 **Ph.D. in Zoology**, Department of Zoology, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

1983-1987 **M.Sc. in Zoology (Cum Laude)**, Department of Zoology, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

1978-1983 **B.Sc. in Biology**, The Open University, Israel

Professional Experience

2015- **Programs coordinator and lecturer**; Animal-assisted therapy program; Animal-assisted interventions; Animal-assisted education program. The Psagot Institute, The Open University, Israel

2009-2014 **Program coordinator and lecturer**; Animal-assisted therapy program; Kibbutzim College, Israel

2007-2014 **Founder & CEO**; Bowlby Center Ltd., a privately owned company specializes in animal-assisted therapy; Israel's leading company in the field.

2010- **Scientific advisor** for breed & maintenance of livestock; Israeli Ministry of Education

2000- **Tour guide** in Africa & Latin America; Another World Ltd.

- 2002-2010 **Scientific advisor**; Israeli Ministry of Education, Livestock Consulting & Education Unit
- 2003-2007 **Founder & General Manager**; The "YAARANA" (tropical world) Project; Arena Mall, Israel
- 2001-2002 **Visiting lecturer**; The Technion, Israel Technological Institution;
- 1999-2009 **Lecturer**; Levinsky College of Education, Israel
- 1998-2001 **Scientific advisor**; HAKFAR HAYAROK Educational Center;
- 1995-1999 **Researcher**; Department of Zoology, Tel-Aviv University, Israel;
- 1995-1999 **Manager of the zoology research garden**, Department of Zoology, Tel-Aviv University, Israel;
- 1994-1995 **CEO**; Telemedia Production Services Ltd.
- 1992-1993 **Coordinator**; the "Mendelson Project", Zoology of Department, Tel-Aviv University, Israel and The Israeli Ministry of Education;
- 1987-1993 **Scientific advisor**; The Center of Breeding & Supply of Livestock, HAKFAR HAYAROK, Israel
- 1992-1993 **Lecturer**; Levinsky College of Education, Israel
- 1983-1993 **Research assistant**; Department of Zoology, Tel-Aviv University, Israel
- 1986-1994 **Research assistant**; The Open University, Israel
- 1978-1982 **Attendant**; Apes Division, The Tel-Aviv Ramat-Gan Zoology Center, Israel

Detailed Professional Experience

Academic Activity

The initiator and coordinator of the Animal-Assisted Therapy program at the Kibbutzim College (80 students; 15 staff members). A lecturer at The Technion - Israel Technological Institute and Israeli colleges in general zoology, animal behavior, the design, establishment & maintenance of petting zoos, educational & therapeutic activities using animals and animals' well-being.

Scientific, Professional & Pedagogic Counselling

- Consulting & establishment of petting zoos in nursing houses, special education centers, schools and municipalities.
- Establishment of the YAARANA tropical park at the Arena Mall in Israel, a unique educational & leisure zone within a shopping mall.
- Design & re-construction of the "Aquatopia" aqua world in Antwerp, Belgium.
- Consulting governmental ministries and municipalities, coordinating educational programs and training course and participating in various committees (ex. preventing cruelty to animals).

Management

- Founder & CEO of **Bowlby Center Ltd.**, Israel's leading and most prominent center of Animal Assisted Therapy, with vast experience in therapy, rehabilitation and education in the field. Bowlby Center offers a professional treatment team (5 employees, 25 freelancers), who is knowledgeable, experienced and devoted. Different members of the team specialize in variety of animal assisted therapy methods.
- Founder & General Manager of The YAARANA aqua-world project at Arena Shopping Mall, Israel (11 employees, 60 freelancers).
- Scientific Manager of Tel-Aviv University zoological garden (11 animal attendants & 12 instructors).
- Coordinator of Tel-Aviv's University "Mendelson Project" (managing & instructing 5 Ph.D. students)
- CEO of Telemedia Production Services Ltd. (10 employees & 100 freelancers)

Selected publications

- Zuri, I. And Rado, R. (2000) Sociality and agonistic behavior in the lesser white-toothed shrew, *Crocidura suaveolens*. Journal of Mammalogy. 81:606-616.
- Wollberg, Z., Rado, R., and Terkel, J. (1997) Seismic communication signals in the blind mole rat processed by the auditory system. Acoustical Signal Processing in Central Auditory System. Plenum Press, New York, (Ed. Syka), pp. 469-476.
- Rado, R., Terkel, J. and Wollberg, Z. (1998) Seismic communication signals in the blind mole rat (*Spalax ehrenbergi*) electrophysiological and behavioral evidence for their processing by the auditory system. Journal of Comparative Physiology A. 183:503-511.
- Rado, R., Shanas, U., Zuri, I. and Terkel J. (1993) Seasonal activity in the blind mole rat (*Spalax ehrenbergi*). Canadian Journal of Zoology. 71:1733-1737.
- Rado, R., Wollberg, Z. and Terkel, J. (1992) Dispersal of young mole rats from the natal burrow. Journal of Mammalogy. 73(4):885-890.
- Rado, R., Bronchti, G., Wollberg, Z. and Terkel, J. (1992) Sensitivity to light of the blind mole rat: behavioural and neuroanatomical study. Israel Journal of Zoology. 38:323-331.

- Rado, R., Wollberg, Z. and Terkel J. (1991) The ontogeny of seismic communication during dispersal in the blind mole rat. Animal Behavior. 42:15-21.
- Rado, R., Gev, H., Goldman, B.D. and Terkel, J. (1991) Light and circadian activity in the blind mole rat. *Photobiology*, Plenum Press, New-York. Ed. E. Riklis. pp. 581-589.
- Rado, R. and Terkel, J.(1989) A radio-tracking system for subterranean rodents. The Journal of Wildlife Management. 53(4):946-949.
- Rado, R. and Terkel J. (1989) Circadian activity of the blind mole rat, *Spalax ehrenbergi*, monitored by radio telemetry, in seminatural and natural conditions. *Environmental Quality and Ecosystem Stability: Vol. IV-B, Environmental Quality*. ISEEQS Pub. Eds.: E. Spanier, Y. Steinberger and M. Luria pp. 391-400.
- Rado, R., Levi, N., Hauser, H., Witcher, J., Adler, N., Intrator, N., Wollberg, Z. and Terkel, J. (1987) Seismic signalling as a means of communication in a subterranean mammal. Animal Behavior. 35:1249-1251.

Participation in scientific meetings – selected Selected publications

1997 25th International Ethological Conference, Vienna, Austria.

1993 23th International Ethological Conference, Torremolinos, Spain.

1991 Tertium Internationalis Colloquium of Rodens & Spatium III. Lyon, France.

1989 2nd International Congress of Neuroethology. Berlin, Germany.

1989 5th International Theriological Congress, Rome, Italy.

1989 21th International Ethological Conference, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

1987 20th International Ethological Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, USA.