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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Announcement of the 2006 Elephant Conservation and Research Funding Awards

#### **Save the Elephants' Listservs on African and Asian Elephants: Enhancing Elephant Conservation and Education**

As elephant management in Africa and Asia confronts the ever-increasing difficulties of maintaining populations in the wild, there is a critical need for access to information on the part of managers and decision makers on all continents. Common problems include loss of habitat, compression of elephants into protected areas, competition and conflict with human beings for resources, poaching for meat and ivory, and lack of resources for conservation. It is difficult for wildlife authorities, concerned NGOs and donors to gain access to all the latest developments through the news. A need exists for an electronic information network, or listserv, that links and informs all persons interested in the management, conservation, and science of elephants worldwide. A service that circulates African as well as Asian elephant news stories, research results, new publications, conference details and other new resources can benefit all subscribers who work with these endangered species. The listservs provide comprehensive, up-to-date news on elephant research and conservation, and alert their audiences to a wide variety of scientific papers, web sites and workshops concerning elephants. This information helps managers, NGOs, and donors to draw up plans and policies for elephant conservation in the light of available knowledge gleaned from the electronic news media. For 2006, tasks will include:

- Daily locate breaking news stories on African elephants and Asian elephants from a variety of worldwide news sources.
- Regularly send around abstracts and citations of all new scientific papers pertaining to elephants; make available in full upon request from listserv members.
- Notify subscribers of upcoming conferences on elephants and new online resources.

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