

The Honorary Graduand: Dr Bryan Carroll

The Orator: Dr Lucy Meredith

Dr Bryan Carroll is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science.

Bryan Carroll is a zoologist who has spent his career in zoos and wildlife conservation. He has always been passionate about wildlife, which led to a first degree in Zoology, with Honours in Animal Behaviour, from the University of Liverpool.

On leaving university, he started his zoo career as a mammal keeper at the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust (now Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust), which was founded by the author and conservationist, Gerald Durrell. While there, Bryan had the opportunity to make field expeditions to the Indian Ocean islands of Rodrigues and the Comoros to study critically endangered fruit bats. In Jersey, he also undertook his studies on the behaviour and reproduction of Goeldi's monkey, a small South American primate, gaining his PhD in 1992.

Bryan moved to Bristol Zoo Gardens in August 1995, as Operations Manager, later as Deputy Director and in September 2010, he took over as CEO of the Bristol Zoological Society (BZS). BZS is responsible for Bristol Zoo Gardens, the fifth oldest zoo in the world and the Wild Place Project, a new wildlife attraction in South Gloucestershire. The Society also runs a global programme of field conservation projects and academic research. Most recently, it has expanded its education provision to include higher education courses in wildlife conservation and the supervision of students up to PhD level.

Bryan has published extensively on the behaviour and husbandry of a number of primate species, particularly marmosets and tamarins. He has also held a number of European studbooks including Goeldi's monkey and the Rodrigues fruit bat.

Bryan is a member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Conservation Committee. He chairs the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) Conservation Committee, is a member of the EEP Committee (which oversees Europe-wide collaborative breeding programmes) and EAZA Council. He is a Council member of the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums and a Trustee of the Bristol Natural History Consortium. Bryan is also a Defra-appointed zoo licensing inspector, and has sat on various committees advising Defra on matters such as welfare standards for primates in private ownership, and the health and welfare of zoo animals.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Bryan Carroll's contribution to wildlife conservation.