

# Louis R. DiSabato: Curriculum Vitae

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## **Born**

October 7, 1931, Columbus, OH

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## **Academic credentials**

1949–1952: Ohio State University

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## **Field of specialization**

Wildlife conservation

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## **Military career**

US Army

1952–1954: Active duty

Graduated Officer Candidate School as Second Lieutenant

1953–1954: Served in Korea

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## **Zoo career**

1947–1955: Began as student, part time: Keeper, Columbus Zoo

1947–1961: Served in all phases of Animal Services

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## **Professional credentials**

1961–1963: Zoo Director, Columbus Zoo, Columbus, OH

1963–1968: Zoo Director, Seneca Park Zoo, Rochester, NY

1968–1994: Zoo Director, San Antonio Zoo, San Antonio, TX

1994–present: Retired as Director Emeritus, San Antonio Zoo, San Antonio, TX,  
after twenty-six years



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**Professional affiliations**

1955–present: Member of American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA), now Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)

1969–1983: Board member of AAZPA

1970–present: Member of International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens (IUDZG), now World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)

1971: Charter member of new AAZPA Association

1973–1974: Charter & Bylaws Committee

1975–1976: Ethics Board

1976–1981: Legislative Committee

1979–1980: AAZPA Vice President

1980–1981: AAZPA President-Elect

1981–1982: AAZPA President

1982–1983: Nominating Committee Chairman

1985–1991: Charter & Bylaws Committee Chairman

1985–1986: Special Funds

1985–1987: Central Regional Long Range Planning Subcommittee

1990–1991: Nominating Committee

1997: Host for AAZPA Central Regional Conference