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MESSAGE FROM THE IAAAM PRESIDENT ELECT

Workshops, Abstracts, and Sponsorships – Oh My!!

Greetings esteemed IAAAM members! This is your humble (!) President-Elect reaching out to you to help make the upcoming annual meeting in Atlanta the **BEST** ever in the history of IAAAM. Well, the 2001 Aquatic Odyssey meeting in Tampa was pretty good (organized by yours truly with the help of my little brother, Roy Yanong), so we have a huge challenge in front of us. But, with Tonya Clauss, veterinarian extraordinaire from the Georgia Aquarium, at the hosting helm, we will have a blast!

Now to business!

Workshops: Workshops will be held on Saturday, May 12th, before the meeting, and evenings throughout the meeting. There will be no meetings held after the close of the meeting. If you are interested in organizing a workshop, please submit a workshop proposal form (Page 8 and on the IAAAM website) to me by October 1st. Please return the form by email to IBerzins@Sheddaquarium.org or by fax at (312) 939-8069. We will determine which ones will be possible to offer by November 1st. If there are special space and labs needs as well as costs associated with holding these workshops, you will need to determine these by the time the meeting registration form becomes available by the first of the year.

Abstracts: Even though it is early, start thinking about what you will be presenting at the annual meeting. Is it a talk, a poster? Or maybe an interpretive dance? The forms for submission will be available in the next newsletter (Nov 2011) and online. The due date is February 10th, 2012.

Sponsorships: Show me the money! Or, show Lisa the money! Lisa Mazzaro, our most excellent President, has graciously offered to continue with helping secure sponsorships. She helped establish new connections and strengthen existing ones, and is interesting in helping the conference committee this year exceed all expectations! So, Please start inquiring whether your institution, business, or you yourself can sponsor an event or to the meeting in general. A menu of sponsorship options will be made available on the website in the coming months, Here's your chance to be part of this great event and to help support this fantastic organization!

As Shakespeare writes in Romeo and Juliet - *"parting is such sweet sorrow"* - so, until the next newsletter,

Ciao,
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CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

43rd Annual IAAAM Meeting and Conference: May 12-16, 2012

Atlanta, Georgia

The first call for abstracts and workshop proposals will be sent via email. If you are interested in hosting a workshop, please fill out the workshop proposal form in this newsletter (page 8) or on the IAAAM website by October 1, 2011 (available soon). Please return the form by email at IBerzins@Sheddaquarium.org or by fax at (312) 939-8069. The abstract due date will be on or before February 10, 2011 and the instructions for authors and a sample abstract will be available on the IAAAM website.

10th Marine Mammal Medical Workshop: November 12-15, 2011

Nausicaa, Bologne-sur-mer, France

Guest Speaker: Dr. Carmen Colitz

A pro-active workshop focusing on veterinary medical ophthalmology in marine mammals. Next to presentations on anatomy, pathologies, treatments, surgeries and case presentations, there will be a amphitheatre cataract surgery. View <http://mmvs.webs.com/mmmv2011.htm> for the latest update or for further information contact vetassist.mmvs@ymail.com

2nd International Congress of Veterinary Pharmacology (ICVP): December 13 - 14, 2011

Tehran-Iran

Veterinary Council, I.R.Iran, with support of Iran Veterinary Organization and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tehran.

You and your distinguished colleagues are kindly invited to send the abstract of paper(s) utmost to June 20, 2011 to secretariat, to be submitted to congress scientific committee.

The abstract should include: title, author(s), affiliation(s), corresponding author e-mail, abstract (not more than 400 words) and 5-7 keywords.

For receiving more detailed information you are kindly invited to refer to our website (http://icvp.ir/call_for_paper.php) and if you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the congress secretariat.

IAAAM Workshop Request Form

If you would like to run a workshop at the 2012 IAAAM conference please return this form via email (iberzins@sheddaquarium.org) or fax (312-939-8069) to Ilze Berzins **no later than October 1st**. Returning this form does not guarantee that we will be able to accommodate your request. There are no facilities on-site at the conference hotel for “wet labs” so if you are proposing a wet lab you will need to find an alternate location and include travel costs to that location when calculating your workshop cost.

Name of workshop:

Name of person running workshop:

Contact information (phone and email):

Date:

Time:

Type of room (classroom or wetlab):

Equipment needs:

Location (conference hotel vs. offsite and if offsite, where? If offsite, how will participants get there?) :

Is this an IAAAM workshop or sponsored/run by an outside group?

OTHER NEWS

A Reminder about Transitioning from Student Member to Full Member

This is just a reminder from the IAAAM Board that student members who are eligible for a full membership need to complete a new member form and apply for a full membership with a current full IAAAM member as a sponsor. You cannot simply upgrade your membership status. For more information, please contact the IAAAM Membership Chair, Cindy Driscoll (membership@iaaam.org).

Becoming a New Student Member or Full Member

Prospective new full members need to email a CV and also provide an IAAAM sponsor. Prospective new students need to send an email from an advisor stating that they are indeed students. For more information, please contact the IAAAM Membership Chair, Cindy Driscoll (membership@iaaam.org).

Student Presentation Award Winners – Congratulations!

Congratulations to the winners of the student presentation awards at the 42nd Annual IAAAM Conference: Benjamin Neely, Medical University of South Carolina, Jennifer Flower, Mystic Aquarium, Laura Thompson, University of Connecticut, Kathryn Seeley, Cornell University and Catherine Gunther-Murphy, UC Davis.

Proposed IAAAM Membership and Fiscal Year Change

At the Executive Board Meeting in last May, the board members agreed to propose an amendment to the IAAAM By-Laws to change the dates for the Association fiscal year to a calendar year format. The current July through the following June fiscal year creates much confusion over membership renewal and expiration dates. In addition, filing of our annual tax return has been increasingly difficult with the creation of our Medway Endowment Fund investments which only prepare the appropriate tax reports on a calendar year end basis. This has resulted in increased tax preparation fees for our accountant to research and document the IAAAM investment earnings on a semiannual basis.

The following document shows a very simple wording change to the By-Laws that is all that would be needed to change to a calendar based fiscal year end. If this proposed amendment is accepted by an appropriate electronic vote of the membership, we would make the transition on January 1, 2012. All current members in good standing on that date would have their membership extended to expire on December 31, 2012 instead of June 30, 2012 (18 months for the price of 12!). Dues for the January 1 to December 31, 2013 membership year would be set at the 2012 Annual Board Meeting.

The current tradition of offering a discounted early membership fee could be continued by offering the lower rate for six weeks prior to the end of each calendar year. A dues reminder notice will go out to all active members by email and in the fall newsletter. Payment of

membership fees between November 15, 2012 and March 1, 2013 would entitle active members to receive the member registration rate at the 2013 Conference, a CD copy of the Annual Conference Proceedings and a full year's access to the member options on the IAAAM website.

A March 1 deadline is necessary to plan for the Annual Conference and this date will not change. Members who have not renewed by March 1, 2013 would be designated as inactive and would not be eligible for any further member benefits until they submit a new member application and the applicable membership fee.

Please take the time to read the proposed amendment now (following page) and communicate any questions or concerns to your IAAAM Board within the next 30 days. After this notice period, you will receive an electronic ballot and you will need to return your electronic vote within 20 days for your vote to be counted.

Proposed Amendment to By-laws

BY-LAWS

Article IX

Amendments

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws initially shall be considered by the Executive Committee. Upon a unanimous vote by the Executive Committee to formally consider the amendment(s), the proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to the full membership for their action by one of the following mechanisms, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Proposed amendment(s) shall be considered by the Association members in good standing utilizing an electronic balloting system by which votes shall be cast electronically within a twenty (20) day period immediately following termination of the thirty (30) day notification period as defined in Article IX, Paragraph A above. Amendments shall be adopted upon a 2/3rds majority vote in favor of the amendment(s) of those votes cast electronically providing at least 51% of the Association members in good standing cast an electronic ballot within the twenty (20) day voting period. Failure to receive votes from at least 51% of the members eligible to vote shall constitute a failure of the motion to amend.

Article I

Membership

Section 3 Membership in this Association shall be terminated by the Executive Board for the following reasons

b. For nonpayment of dues by March 1

Article II

Dues and Finances

Section 1 The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on ~~July 1 and end on June 30~~ **January 1 and end on December 31**. Members shall pay annual dues for the next fiscal year in an amount specified by the Executive Board of the Association at the Annual Meeting of the current fiscal year in accordance with Article IV, Section 1. All dues shall become payable by March 1 of the current fiscal year.

IAAAM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Complete membership information is available <http://www.iaaam.org> under the membership link. You can pay on line with a credit card or use the online or downloadable new membership/renewal forms to accompany payment.

Membership is available in the following categories:

FULL MEMBER – Persons contributing to the advancement of, or devoting a portion of their professional activities to, aquatic animal medicine practice, research, teaching or management. \$50.00/year, discounted to 40.00/year if paid by 1 July.

STUDENT MEMBER – Students having an interest in veterinary practice, research, husbandry, management or conservation of aquatic animals. Student membership is open to all full-time undergraduate, graduate, veterinary and postdoctoral students enrolled in formal programs at academic and comparable institutions as well as individuals enrolled in full time internships and residencies.

\$30.00/year, discounted to 25.00/year if paid by 1 July.

SUSTAINING MEMBER/ ASSOCIATION – Individuals, institutions or associations which make significant financial contributions (\$250 or more) to sustain the IAAAM. (Contact Treasurer for additional information).

LIBRARY/INSTITUTION SUBSCRIPTION - Libraries and institutions wishing to receive our meeting proceedings.

\$70.00/year, discounted to 60.00/year if paid by 1 July.

LIFE MEMBER - Upon professional retirement, full members in good standing for a minimum of 10 consecutive years of active membership may be afforded life membership by the Executive Committee upon petition by the member.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER - Individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of aquatic animal medical science and the objectives of the Association.

Payment is due by July 1st, each year. March 1st is the last day to pay and still get the member conference registration rate. If paying by check, be sure to make your check payable to "IAAAM".

Please sign up on line or send your completed membership form and payment to:

IAAAM/ Pam Tuomi, DVM
c/o Alaska SeaLife Center
P.O. Box 1329
Seward, AK 99664

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Newsletter submissions are welcomed, although the newsletter editor and the IAAAM board reserve the right to edit and/or refuse the publication of any submissions. The deadlines for submissions are December 1, March 1, July 1, and October 1. Submissions should be made in RTF (Rich Text Format), or WORD, without complex formatting. For submissions contact Stephanie Venn-Watson, Newsletter Editor, at admin@iaaam.org.

For membership information, including address changes, contact Cindy Driscoll at cdiscoll@dnr.state.md.us.

For dues information, contact Pam Tuomi, pamt@alaskasealife.org

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