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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Greetings IAAAM members:

I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for winter (at least in the northern hemisphere). By the time you read this, we should have received all of the abstracts for the 2019 annual conference. I look forward to reading them. Thank you for your submissions. We continue to work on the arrangements for IAAAM 2019 Durban South Africa and we are excited about all the possibilities. There are fewer abstracts (as is typical for international conferences vs. domestic) so we have some flexibility to fill the time with other topics and allow for a less hectic schedule. It is going to be a great conference. Please check out the IAAAM email messages and website posts pertaining to South Africa travel.

I hope you all enjoyed the history lesson about the Florida Keys in my previous message. Unfortunately, it may remain simply a history lesson (for those of you who don't ordinarily venture there) because despite our best efforts, we are having difficulty securing a hotel with reasonable rates for our 2020 conference. If any of you just happen to have connections with hotels in the Florida Keys, please let us know. Otherwise we will once again be searching for a 2020 conference venue. If you or your facility are interested in hosting the IAAAM annual conference in 2020, please reach out to a board member.

In most parts of the world the holidays and new year will be upon us soon. I read something that mentioned between November 1 to January 15 there are approximately 29 major holidays observed by 7 of the world's major religions. But once again I am a sucker to the internet and it is very possible one of the 29 listed is actually, Festivus Day. Regardless I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a happy new year.

*As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same – unknown.*

*Last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice – T.S. Elliot*

*Be at war with your vices. At peace with your neighbors. And let every new year find you a better man – Benjamin Franklin.*

Take care everyone.

Regards.

Michael S. Renner DVM  
IAAAM President

## IAAAM CONFERENCE 2019:

On behalf of the **International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine (IAAAM)**, and the **2019 host, uShaka Sea World**, we invite you to save the date for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference. The 2019 event will be held May 18 - 22 at the Tsogo Sun Elangeni Maharani. Below is information to help you plan to attend.

### CONFERENCE LODGING

The 2019 IAAAM Conference will take place at the beautiful Tsogo Sun Elangeni Maharani. The hotel is a modern, full service resort that sits right on the Indian Ocean and is only 23km/15 miles from King Shaka International Airport. It has 6 restaurants, 3 pools, 2 fitness centers, complimentary WIFI and breakfast, and kids stay free! For more information about the hotel, please go to <https://www.tsogosun.com/southern-sun-elangeni-maharani>.

The conference was able to secure the following discounted rates:

- Single 1,705 R / \$120 USD (average)
- Double 2,080 R / \$150 USD (average)

To book your hotel room, please visit the IAAAM website.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

For those who are traveling to South Africa for the first time, the following link to South African Tourism will help you learn about things such as currency, visas, immunizations, weather, getting around, and other important things to know:

<https://www.southafrica.net/gl/en/travel/category/what-you-need-to-know>.

### TOURS & AIRPORT/HOTEL SHUTTLE INFORMATION

The IAAAM 2019 Conference Planning Committee has secured Discover Durban Tours & Transfer to assist with offering shuttle transfers between King Shaka International Airport and the Elangeni Hotel (or vice versa) and are also able to provide you with options for day tour excursions from Durban or pre/post trips around the region.

Airport/hotel shuttle pricing is as follows:

- 1-3 passengers on a sedan = ZAR470.00 per way
- 4-7 passengers on a minivan = ZAR830.00 per way
- 8-13 passengers on a minibus = ZAR1150.00 per way
- 14-22 passengers on a mini coach = ZAR1450.00 per way
- Groups larger than 22 passengers will be quoted on request

Sample full and half day tours and prices (full descriptions of the tours below can also be found at [www.iaaam.org](http://www.iaaam.org)):

- Full Day Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve Tour = R 2,690.00pp / \$190.00 USD
- Full Day Shakaland Tour = R 2,480 / \$175 USD
- Full Day Isandlwana & Rorke's Drift Battlefields Tour = R 3,750 / \$275 USD
- Full Day Drakensberg World Heritage Tour = R 2,690.00 / \$190 USD
- Full Day Sani Pass/Lesotho Tour = contact Discover Durban for pricing
- Half Day Durban City Tour = R 600.00 / \$50 USD
- Half Day Inanda Heritage Route Tour (Township Tour) = \$60 USD
- Half Day Valley of 1000 Hill Cultural Tour = \$75 USD

Extended pre/post tours will be quoted on request.

To reserve an airport shuttle, or book and learn more about tours and excursions, please contact:

Discover Durban Tours & Transfer

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### **AIRFARE DISCOUNT CODE**

A discount code for South African Airways is being developed to help attendees acquire the lowest rate available for travel to/from Durban via SA Airways. More information about this will be sent out when it becomes available. Members should keep in mind that other airlines may offer comparable or less expensive fares and/or more direct flight routes depending on their city of origin.

### **PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP REQUEST**

The Conference Planning Committee is now collecting requests for pre-conference workshops. If you would like to put on a workshop, please download the IAAAM Workshop Request Form from [www.iaaam.org](http://www.iaaam.org) and send to the contact provided no later than **January 2, 2019**. Approved workshops will be announced at the end of January.

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Registration will open in January once pricing has been finalized. New this year: lunch will be included with all registration options!!

### **DONATED AUCTION ITEMS**

The Annual IAAAM Auction Night will be on Tuesday, May 21st and we are seeking donated raffle items. If you have something to donate, please contact the conference planner, Cindy Sherwood at [sherwood@delaneymeetingevent.com](mailto:sherwood@delaneymeetingevent.com), and she will give you the shipping instructions.

**CONFERENCE AGENDA (DRAFT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Saturday, May 18	
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops
9:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Sponsor & Exhibitor Set-up
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Icebreaker Event
Sunday, May 19	
	Breakfast (included with hotel reservation)
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Sponsor & Exhibit Showcase
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Speakers
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (included with Conference Registration)
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	IAAAM Annual Business Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Student Event - Tsogo Sun Elangani Maharani
Monday, May 20	
	Breakfast (included with hotel reservation)
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Sponsor & Exhibitor Showcase
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (included with conference registration)
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Poster Session - Tsogo Sun Elangani Maharani

Tuesday, May 21	
	Breakfast (included with hotel reservation)
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Sponsor & Exhibitor Showcase
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (included with conference registration)
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Afternoon on Own
6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Auction and Dinner – uShaka Sea World
Wednesday, May 22	
	Breakfast (included with hotel reservation)
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Sponsor & Exhibitor Showcase
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (included with conference registration)
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Cocktail Reception
7:00 p.m. – Midnight	Banquet and Awards

The Newsletter of the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine is published four times a year (usually in January, April, August, and November).

An annual conference is held every year in the spring and electronic proceedings from that conference are available on line at [www.iaaam.org](http://www.iaaam.org) to all current members.

The International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the art and science of aquatic animal medicine and health.

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 WORD, without complex formatting.

For submissions contact Michael Briggs, Newsletter Editor, at [mbbriggs@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mbbriggs@ix.netcom.com).

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