

# International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE IAAAM PRESIDENT ELECT

Saludos IAAAM Membership,

Here we go! Abstracts are due, registration is open, workshops are being planned, a plenary session in Spanish (with translation) is being organized, and conference sponsors are being sought (hint, hint). Pam, Leonardo, our friends at Delaney, and your IAAAM board have been busy getting our annual meeting put together. We have an amazing venue thanks to Dolphinaris, and I think this is going to be an absolutely great event. I encourage everyone to take a good look at where you will be in May and make sure you take full advantage of that. Plan some extra vacation days if you are at all able – this place is AWESOME!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in just a few short months. Please let us know if we can help with any questions.

Muchas gracias todo el mundo! Martin Haulena President-elect

#### 2017 IAAAM ANNUAL MEETING

# NEW THIS YEAR!! MACGYVER SESSION: PROMOTING INNOVATION AND IDEAS

Have a time sensitive problem and no solution in the literature or with available technology? Can't afford to buy what you need but have to help, not doing something not an option....? Then you innovate and get it done, or at least try in the limited time you have. Come and share your MacGyver efforts, temporary failures, and successes by submitting a poster on your ideas that have worked and those you want to propose, on those that show promise, and that need more help and support from your colleagues. We are looking for your poster to illustrate how we deal with challenges. It does not have to be medicine or surgery but maybe a new research technique or an improvement in diagnostic approach! This is a chance to share ideas and solutions that are normally just discussed at the bar or on the phone. These posters will be displayed during the Poster Session on Monday, May 23rd. There you will have the opportunity to discuss your problem and solution. We are not looking at competition, but there could be potential categories for medicine, research and students. Step out of your comfort zone and let's have some fun showing students how we do things beyond the books. No ideas will be turned away, so be the first to try this out!

To submit your MacGyver Solution, please email a synopsis of your problem and the details of how you came up with your solution to our conference organizer, Cindy Sherwood, at sherwood@delaneymeetingevent.com no later than April 1st. Your poster should include the synopsis or photos of the problem along with photos or demonstration of your "MacGyvered" solution. If you have any questions regarding this new session, please contact Cindy.

#### 2017 MEDWAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

2017 Medway Scholarship Applications are due April 1, 2017. Links to the instructions on how to apply as well as the application form are on the IAAAM website under Education. For questions on the application process please email Dr. Katie Colegrove: katie.colegrove@gmail.com

#### 2017 IAAAM STUDENT AUCTION

A reminder: It's never too early to start gathering items to donate for the student auction that will be held during the 2017 IAAAM Conference in Cancun. If you have something to donate, please contact either Dr. Katie Colegrove: <a href="mailto:katie.colegrove@gmail.com">katie.colegrove@gmail.com</a>, or Cindy Sherwood: sherwood@delaneymeetingevent.com.

#### SPONSOR THE EVENT

Many exciting and marketable options are available for sponsorship. The Sponsorship Brochure is available on the website. Please consider if you, or your institution, or a partnering business might be willing to support us. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Cindy Sherwood at 802-865-5202 or <a href="mailto:sherwood@delaneymeetingevent.com">sherwood@delaneymeetingevent.com</a>.

#### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Located on the beautiful beach of Cancun, the Marriott CasaMagna also offers 10 restaurants, café's, and lounges along with a fitness center and heated outdoor pool. It is approximately 20 minutes from Cancun International Airport, and shuttle service is provided for a nominal charge. For more information about the hotel and its amenities, please visit http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cunmx-casamagna-marriott-cancun-resort/.

Overnight accommodations are available at a discounted group rate of \$145 USD/night plus local taxes. To make reservations online, please visit the IAAAM website. You can also call 1-800-223-6388 and reference "IAAAM 2017 Annual Conference" to be guaranteed the group rate. The rate is available until April 20, 2017 or until the block is sold out.

#### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE & THINGS TO DO IN CANCUN

We have partnered with a global travel agency, Destination Services, that is available to assist you with making travel arrangements to and from Cancun as well as offer guidance when traveling to Mexico. They can also provide suggestions for tours and excursions while in this beautiful part of the world. There is much more to do in Cancun that extend well beyond the beach, and include such unique experiences as: visiting a turtle farm, taking a jeep tour through the jungle, or touring Mayan ruins and learning about their culture.

An agent will be on site during the conference, but to connect with them to help with your travel arrangements, please email am.groups@destinationservices.com or call (+52) 998 881 7500 extension 1280. To learn more about Destination Services, please visit their website: <a href="https://www.destinationservices.com">www.destinationservices.com</a>.

# **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Please note that this is still in draft form and is subject to change.

Saturday, May 20	
8:00am - 5:00pm	Conference Registration
8:00am - 5:00pm	Pre-Conference Workshops
9:00pm – 4:00pm	Board Meeting
9:00am – 5:00pm	Sponsor & Exhibitor Set-up
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Icebreaker Event at Dolphinaris
Sunday, May 21	
7:00am - 5:00pm	Sponsor & Exhibit Showcase
7:00am – 7:00pm	Conference Registration
8:00am - 8:30am	Welcome & Introductions
8:30am - 5:30pm	Plenary and Scientific Sessions
10:00am – 10:30am	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
5:30pm - 6:30pm	IAAAM Business Meeting
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Student Event
Monday, May 22	
7:00am – 7:00pm	Conference Registration
7:00am - 5:00pm	Sponsor & Exhibitor Showcase
8:00am - 5:00pm	Conference Sessions
10:00am – 10:30am	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Break
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Conundrum Session - TENTATIVE
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Poster Session & Reception
Tuesday, May 23	
7:00am – 4:00pm	Conference Registration
7:00am – 12:00pm	Sponsor & Exhibitor Showcase
8:00am – 12:00pm	Conference Sessions
10:00am - 10:30am	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Break
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Board Meeting
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Afternoon on Own
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Dinner & Silent Auction
8:00pm	Live Auction

Wednesday, May 24	
8:00am - 6:00pm	Conference Registration
8:00am – 12:00pm	Sponsor & Exhibitor Showcase
8:00am - 5:00pm	Conference Sessions
10:00am - 10:30am	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Break
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Cocktail Reception
7:00pm – Midnight	Banquet and Awards

#### **IAAAM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

To register for this year's conference, please visit the IAAAM website. Your registration fee includes: admission to all scientific sessions and evening events, online access to the full Conference Proceedings starting 1 week before the meeting, snacks during the morning and afternoon breaks, and a conference giveaway.

Based on the feedback after the 2016 event, some significant changes have been made to include meal package options for breakfast and lunch. The breakfast and lunch packages include catered meals during the dates of the conference, and will be provided in the Marriott Conference Center. The Marriott CasaMagna also offers budget conscious priced breakfast and lunch menus in their main restaurant. For more information on what the Marriott has available, please <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> to visit their website.

Guest Registration is also available, and provides access to all evening events and a giveaway. Meal packages and additional tickets for individual evening events can be purchased as well.

2017 Registration Fees			
Registration Option	Member	Non-Member	After May 10
Full Registration	\$425	\$525	+\$100
Student Full Registration	\$175	\$225	+\$100
Vet Tech	\$275	\$350	+\$100
Guest Adult	\$275		
Guest Child (4-13)	\$175		
Guest Child (3 & under)	FREE		
One Day Registration	\$175		
Breakfast Package Adult (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)	\$125		
Breakfast Package Child (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)	\$75		
Lunch Package Adult (Sunday, Monday & Wednesday)	\$125		
Lunch Package Child (Sunday, Monday & Wednesday)	\$75		

Breakfast & Lunch Package Adult	\$250	
Breakfast & Lunch Package Child	\$150	
Meal Packages for Children 3 – under	FREE	
Pre-Conference Workshops	SEE WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION	

If you have any questions or are having difficulty registering, please contact the Conference Office at either <a href="mailto:info@delaneymeetingevent.com">info@delaneymeetingevent.com</a> or 802-865-5202.

#### IAAAM PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Just announced! This year there are four workshops to choose from, and they are sure to sell out quickly. To register for a workshop, please visit the IAAAM website and click on the link that says "Conference Registration". You do not need to register for the full conference and can just register for a workshop if that is all you plan to attend. If you have any questions or are having difficulty registering, please contact the Conference Office at either info@delaneymeetingevent.com or 802-865-5202.

#### 1. Corals, Urchins, Reefs - Oh My!

Join us for an aquatic adventure in Cancun! We are teaming up Dolphinaris to introduce you to some of the key players in tropical reefs and begin to explore some of the challenges facing reefs around the world. The day will begin with a series of morning lectures at Dolphinaris. You will learn about the anatomy, physiology, health and disease of corals and urchins as well as efforts to propagate these organisms for use in restoration efforts. We will review key features of the reefs around Cancun, and discuss ongoing problems and current research. After lunch, we will be visiting some of these reef sites, heading out in boats and snorkeling select areas to highlight some of the issues raised during the morning discussions. You will learn to identify key species and assess state of health or disease of these reef sites. We will end the day with a debriefing at Dolphinaris before heading back to the hotel to get ready for the conference ice-breaker in the evening.

**Presented by:** Ilze K. Berzins, Ruth Francis-Floyd, and Leonardo Ibarra Vargas

**When**: Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Shuttles will pick up at the Marriott at 7:30am.

**Where**: Lectures and boat launch/return at Dolphinaris.

Cost: \$150

**Includes**: Shuttle from and return to Marriott, insurance, lunch, fins, mask and snorkel (though participants can bring their own).

Participants should plan to bring: reef safe sun lotion and long sleeve rash guards.

**Minimum / Maximum Number of Participants:** 8 / 16

**Questions**: Please contact Ilze Berzins with any questions pertaining this workshop.

Ilze.K.Berzins@gmail.com

#### 2. Advanced Dolphin Ultrasonography Workshop

Participants will be provided 2 - 2.5 hours of lecture presenting acoustic windows, descriptions of the ultrasonographic anatomy of dolphins, and the appearance of the most common pathologies detectable with ultrasonography. Protocols of examination of the digestive system, the urinary tract, the reproductive system, the pancreas, the spleen, and many lymph nodes will be represented along with examination of the thorax and the eye. Hands-on practical examinations of the animals by participants under guidance by the instructors will follow the lectures. All equipment will be provided.

Presented by: Marina Ivančić, DVM, DACVR and Pietro Saviano DVM PhD

When: Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 7:30am to 3:30pm

Where: Dolphinaris Cancun

**Cost**: \$200

**Includes**: Shuttle from and return to Marriott, light breakfast and lunch Participants should plan to bring: Swimsuit, rash guard, cap, sunscreen

Minimum / Maximum Number of Participants: 6 / 8

### 2017 Student Travel Awards

The IAAAM Executive Board will again be granting monetary awards to students planning to deliver ORAL presentations at the annual IAAAM conference in May 2017. The awards are intended to defray the cost of travel to the May 20-24 conference in Cancun, Mexico in order to promote student participation in the professional program and to further the commitment of the IAAAM to its students. Moneys will be awarded on a competitive basis, with the goal of supporting as many students as possible. Undergraduate students, Masters and PhD students, veterinary students, veterinary interns/residents, and postdocs are eligible. The requirements for all applicants include the following:

- A cover letter that describes the future plans of the applicant with regard to aquatic animal medicine.
- An abstract of the paper to be presented. This abstract must not exceed 500 words in length. Only abstracts will be considered. Abstracts must follow guidelines available on the IAAAM website: www.iaaam.org.
- Curriculum vitae and two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an active member of the IAAAM.
- An itemized budget that details the travel expenditures (i.e. airfare, lodging, meals, etc.) and indicates the funds available from student stipends and personal resources.
- Student presenters must be an active member (with dues paid up-to-date) of the IAAAM, OR the student must provide a third, separate letter from the student's institution verifying student, inter/resident, or postdoc status. Students are highly encouraged to become active members of the IAAAM prior to submitting application. Student members are entitled to a lower conference registration rate than non-members.

The Education Member of the IAAAM Executive Board and the Student Liaison Committee will review the applications. Applicants will be ranked according to judgment criteria that will include: the quality of the written abstract (500 words or less), the justification/significance of the work, the complexity of the work relative to the student's academic achievements, and the commitment of the student to aquatic animal medicine. The intent of the Student Liaison Committee and the Executive Board is to fund as many students as possible, beginning with the

highest ranked and continuing through the list of ranked applicants until the appropriated funds have been exhausted. No awards will exceed \$500.00. The rankings will be determined from the entire pool of applicants; separate awards for different academic classes of applicants (i.e. undergraduate, graduate, veterinary residents) will not be offered. As the IAAAM wishes to support international involvement in the annual conference, IAAAM may elect to designate an additional travel award for a student international to the country of the conference.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Recipients will be contacted by February 17, 2017. Students submitting abstracts for the travel award competition must still separately submit their presentation abstract for acceptance into the conference proceedings. The IAAAM Treasurer will be notified and will send checks to the successful applicants.

\*\*Emailed applications will be accepted and are highly encouraged, though portions, such as letters of recommendation, may still be submitted by regular mail.\*\*

Emailed applications should be sent to: <a href="mailed-applications-should-be-sent-to:studenttravel@iaaam.org">studenttravel@iaaam.org</a>

Mailed travel award application materials should be sent to the following address:

Allison D. Tuttle, DVM, Diplomate ACZM

Mystic Aquarium, a division of Sea Research Foundation, Inc.

55 Coogan Blvd, Mystic, CT 06355

(860) 572-5955 X 101 for telephone inquiries related to travel awards

Email (for questions not application materials): atuttle@mysticaquarium.org

The following judgment criteria will be used to evaluate applications submitted for the IAAAM student awards:

Category	Points	
Abstract (500 words or less)		50
Quality of the written abstrac	t	20
Definition of hypothesis and	objectives	5
Justification		5
Design		5
Results or observations		5
Conclusions		5
Complexity and academic acl	nievement	5
Cover Letter		15
Definition of long term goals		15
Curriculum Vitae		15
Commitment to aquatic anim	ıal medicine	15
Letters of Recommendation		15
Budget		5
Realistic and justified		5
TOTAL POINTS		100

The Student Liaison Committee and the IAAAM Executive Board welcome this opportunity to assist deserving students.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The deadline for receipt of complete application packets will be January 31, 2017. \*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>Regardless of how they are sent, all application materials are due by January 31, 2017.\*\*

# CALL FOR 2017 IAAAM MEDWAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

The International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine (IAAAM) recognizes a continuing need for the funding of research projects focused on aquatic animal medicine. IAAAM also recognizes the value and importance for students to gain solid scientific research training. To help fill these needs and to further promote involvement of students in aquatic animal medicine, the IAAAM has established the Medway Scholarship Program designed to support research experiences for students interested in pursuing careers in aquatic animal medicine. The program is primarily intended for undergraduate, veterinary, and graduate students without stipends or other sources of funding. The purpose of the scholarship is to partially support the student for research experiences beyond that which they might experience with normal undergraduate classwork or a graduate/veterinary curriculum.

#### **Objectives**

- Provide students with exposure to sound research practices in the field of aquatic animal medicine beyond what is normally included as part of the undergraduate or graduate/veterinary curriculum.
- Encourage students to pursue post-graduate careers incorporating research in aquatic animal medicine.
- Encourage student participation in the IAAAM.

#### **Program Description:**

The IAAAM Medway Scholarship Program provides scholarships of up to \$3,000 each to students who have been accepted to participate in a research project organized and funded by government, academic, or private entities. The sponsoring entity must provide the student with at least a 10 to 12-week working exposure to research focused on aquatic animal medicine and must involve direct interaction with a current IAAAM member in good standing. Funding for the research activity must be provided by the sponsoring entity. Scholarship awards are intended to support the student's personal expenses while participating in the funded research. Scholarship recipients will be required to present their research findings at a future IAAAM conference, and will still be eligible for other IAAAM student awards.

Factors that are considered in selecting the scholarship recipient are briefly described below. They are not listed in any particular order of importance but are included to assist the applicant in preparing the application form and letter.

- Commitment of the applicant to a career in aquatic animal medicine as reflected in the applicant's letter of intent and curriculum vitae (CV).
- Applicant's grade point average/class rank.
- Quality, scientific merit, and duration of intended research. Applicants are encouraged to select research projects with established funding sources, clearly defined aims, and project timelines that will enable the student to complete the research during the allotted time period. Applicants are encouraged to pursue research activities at institutions with proven or established aquatic animal research programs. Project summaries detailing the planned research, aims, importance, methods, and funding sources will be judged for each applicant. Projects for which the budgeted work has already been completed are not eligible for consideration.
- Two (2) current letters of recommendation, one of which must come from a member in good standing of IAAAM.

• Financial needs of the student in addition to other available funding such as that provided by the institution providing the research opportunity.

 Previous recipients of the award are encouraged to apply, however priority will be given to those who have not previously received the scholarship.

Application Submission Deadline: April 1, 2017. Please submit completed applications to:

Dr. Kathleen Colegrove, IAAAM Education Board Member

c/o Chicago Zoological Society

3300 Golf Road Brookfield IL, 60513

Email: katie.colegrove@gmail.com

Submissions can be sent either by mail or electronically, though electronic is preferred. Electronic submissions should be in pdf format. All materials must be received by April 1, 2017. Winners will be notified in early May and recognized during the 2017 IAAAM Conference in Cancun.

#### **Application requirements:**

- 1. Application form (download from IAAAM website: www.iaaam.org)
- 2. Letter of intent detailing applicant's career goals and goals for the research activity.
- 3. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must come from a member in good standing of IAAAM
- 4. Student's curriculum vitae (should include any other research experience with citations)
- 5. Official school transcripts for currently enrolled institution only
- 6. Letter of agreement from the principle investigator at the sponsoring institution, identifying the location and duration of the research project and its expected funding source(s)
- 7. Student budget of estimated expenses (e.g. transportation, rent, meals) separate from direct research related expenses.
- 8. Project Summary completed by student applicant: (3-page limit; single spaced; <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch margins; 11-point Times, Times New Roman or Arial font).

Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disqualification.

Project Summary should include:

- Brief project abstract/overview
- Project aims/hypotheses
- Justification and literature review
- Materials and methods
- Significance to the field of aquatic animal medicine/health
- Research budget including direct and indirect funding sources
- Research time table
- Student's role in the project
- Mentor's qualifications

If live animals (including client/privately-owned animals) are used in any way in the project, the mentoring researcher must provide assurance that the planned research project has or will obtain full Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval.



# Get to Know an IAAAM- Affiliated Veterinary Student Club

The University of Florida's Aquatic Animal Health Club is an IAAAM affiliated student organization that plans many student meetings, programs, and activities throughout the year. Meetings often include guest speakers discussing topics such as research on clownfish picornavirus, cetacean morbilivirus and sea otter poxvirus. They also have implemented a Fish Buddy program where the current officers, who regularly take care of the 5 school fish tanks, partner with a trained club member interested in assisting with tank maintenance and feeding. This provides real-life and hands-on experience to the students in fish husbandry. The club partners with Eckerd College on the Rainbow River Turtle Runs providing members experience in the water collecting turtles for research. The club will also be hosting its first Aquatic Symposium this Spring. For information on how to make your student organization officially affiliated with IAAAM, contact Dr. Katie Colegrove: katie.colegrove@gmail.com

## 2017 IAAAM Conference Auction:

It's time to start gathering items to donate for the student auction that will be held during the 2017 IAAAM Conference in Cancun. All auction proceeds directly benefit student IAAAM members.

#### 2017 IAAAM MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. All 2016 memberships expired December 31, 2016 and must be renewed prior to March 1, 2017 to qualify for member discounted registration at the 2017 Annual Conference.

Complete membership information is available http://www.iaaam.org under the membership link, including online or downloadable new membership/renewal forms to accompany payment.

You can now check your membership status if you are not sure when you renewed last. Go to the Membership Directory in the Members Only link (password "2017koi&crab") and check the date of the last payment next to your name. While you are there, please verify that we have your contact information listed correctly in the Directory as this is how we can reach you for newsletter notifications, announcements, polls and other IAAAM business. (If you do not see your name, contact the Treasurer or send an email to <a href="mailto:iaaam.main@gmail.com">iaaam.main@gmail.com</a>.

FULL MEMBER – \$75.00/year - Persons contributing to the advancement of, or devoting a portion of their professional activities to, aquatic animal medicine practice, research, teaching or management. New Full Member applications must have an IAAAM member sponsor.

STUDENT MEMBER – \$40.00/year - 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. (Contact Membership Board member for additional information.)

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

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 (awarded by the Board upon nomination of the member).

The LIBRARY / INSTITUTION SUBSCRIPTION has been discontinued. Due to the prohibitive expense of printing Conference Proceedings, IAAAM has moved to an electronic format and will no longer be providing printed Proceedings and Newsletters. Institutions are encouraged to gain access to these communications by enrolling an eligible individual as a Full Member.

Dues payment may be made anytime by credit card at the "Join IAAAM" or "Renew Membership" links on the website at <a href="http://www.iaaam.org">http://www.iaaam.org</a>. If paying by check, be sure to make your check payable to "IAAAM" and mail your completed membership form and payment to:

IAAAM/ Tonya Clauss 75 MAIN ST STE 1085 NORWALK, CT 06851-4736

Questions? Email <u>tclauss@georgiaaquarium.org</u> (Treasurer) or <u>hendrik.nollens@seaworld.com</u> (Membership Board Member)

#### **OTHER NEWS**

The IAAAM Board has decided to extend the deadline for Abstract Submission and Student Travel Award Applications until February 15, 2017. Instructions for preparing abstracts and submitting Student Travel Award materials can be found on the <u>IAAAM Website</u>.

The Newsletter of the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine is published four times a year. An annual conference is held every year in the spring and electronic proceedings from that conference are available on line at <a href="https://www.iaaam.org">www.iaaam.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:mbbriggs@ix.netcom.com">mbbriggs@ix.netcom.com</a>.

For membership information, including address changes, contact Hendrik Nollens at

Hendrik.Nollens@SeaWorld.com

For dues information, contact Tonya Clauss at tclauss@georgiaaquarium.org

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