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MESSAGE FROM THE IAAAM PRESIDENT ELECT

Greetings everyone!!! The 43rd IAAAM Conference is scheduled for May 12-16, 2012 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Georgia Aquarium is our gracious host and the conference hotel is the Embassy Suites Atlanta - at Centennial Olympic Park. Tonya Clauss and I are working hard on an enticing schedule so should educational, stimulating, and just plain fun! Lots of planning going on so stay tuned.

Ciao,
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FUN FACTS ABOUT GEORGIA

(in no particular order, taken from <http://www.50states.com/facts/georgia.htm>)

- Okefenokee Swamp encompasses over 400,000 acres of canals; moss draped cypress trees, and lily pad prairies providing sanctuaries for hundreds of species of wildlife including several endangered species.
- Cumberland Island National Seashore contains the ruins of Dungeness, the once magnificent Carnegie estate. In addition, wild horses graze among wind swept dunes.
- The pirate Edward "Blackbeard" Teach made a home on Blackbeard Island. The United States Congress designated the Blackbeard Island Wilderness Area in 1975 and it now has a total of 3,000 acres.
- On January 19, 1861, Georgia joined the Confederacy.
- The official state fish is the largemouth bass.
- Georgia was named for King George II of England.
- Georgia is the nation's number one producer of the three Ps--peanuts, pecans, and peaches.
- Known as the sweetest onion in the world, the Vidalia onion can only be grown in the fields around Vidalia and Glennville
- Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River.
- Georgia is often called the Empire State of the South and is also known as the Peach State and Cracker State.
- Coca-Cola was invented in May 1886 by Dr. John S. Pemberton in Atlanta, Georgia. The name "Coca-Cola" was suggested by Dr. Pemberton's bookkeeper, Frank Robinson. He penned the name Coca-Cola in the flowing script that is famous today. Coca-Cola was first sold at a soda fountain in Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta by Willis Venable.
- The Cherokee rose is the official state flower, the live oak the official tree; and the brown thrasher the official bird.
- The popular theme park - Six Flags Over Georgia, was actually named for six flags that flew over Georgia. England, Spain, Liberty, Georgia, Confederate States of America, and the United States.
- The name of the famous south Georgia swamp, the Okefenokee, is derived from an Indian word meaning the trembling earth.

CALL FOR STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATIONS

The IAAAM Executive Board will again be granting monetary awards to students planning to deliver oral presentations at the annual IAAAM conference in May 2012. The awards are intended to defray the cost of travel to the May 12-16, 2012 conference in Atlanta, Georgia 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:

1. A cover letter that describes the future plans of the applicant with regard to aquatic animal medicine.
2. 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.
3. Curriculum vitae and two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an active member of the IAAAM.
4. 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.
5. 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 judgement 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.

****The deadline for receipt of complete application packets will be February 10, 2012.**** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Recipients will be contacted by March 12, 2012. 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 encouraged, though portions, such as letters of recommendation, may still be submitted by regular mail.****

Emailed applications should be sent to: studenttravel@iaaam.org

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

Katie Colegrove DVM, PhD, Dip ACVP
College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
LUMC, Building 101, Room 0745
2160 South First Avenue
Maywood, IL 60153
Phone: 708-216-1186
Fax: 708-216-5934
Email (for questions not application materials): katie.colegrove@gmail.com

****Regardless of how they are sent, all application materials are due by February 10, 2012.****

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Get ready, get set, speak (or poster)! It is time to start thinking about what you will be presenting at the upcoming conference. Deadline for abstract submission is February 15, 2012! The abstract submission form will be on the website. Please submit as early as possible. Follow formatting instructions to facilitate acceptance of your submission. We will try to ensure that your first choice of either an oral presentation or a poster is granted, but we reserve the right to make recommendations as to the best fit.

IAAAM CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine (IAAAM) was founded in 1969 and is an organization of individuals who are professionally interested in and devote a significant amount of time to the practice of aquatic animal medicine, teaching and research in aquatic animal medicine, or the husbandry and management of aquatic animals. Our Mission is to advance and promote the art and science of aquatic animal medicine and health. We provide opportunities for the free exchange of knowledge between aquatic animal veterinarians, allied professionals, and students. The IAAAM membership includes international professionals engaged in clinical care, research, academics, and husbandry of aquatic animals. Approximately 250 members, representing over 50 different animal parks, zoos, aquariums, universities and other related institutions throughout the United States and abroad will be attending the meeting.

During May 12-16, 2012 IAAAM will hold the 43rd Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Our conference host is the Georgia Aquarium. Chief Clinical Veterinarian for the Georgia Aquarium, Dr. Tonya Clauss, IAAAM President-Elect, Dr. Ilze Berzins, and IAAAM President, Dr. Lisa Mazzaro will be planning the meeting. Sponsorship of the IAAAM Conference is designed to offer corporate partners:

- Visibility, impact, and access to aquatic veterinarians, researchers and students worldwide.
- An association with a professional organization committed to advancing aquatic animal medicine and an opportunity to be an integral part of its continued growth.

If you are unable to be a conference sponsor, please consider a donation of a product or gift certificate for our student auction which raises funds to support student participation at our meeting.

IAAAM is a non-profit organization and all sponsorships (cash and in-kind) are tax deductible.

Benefits for All Sponsors

- Recognition in the meeting program, on the conference website and on signage in the exhibit or event rooms
- Opportunity to submit literature/promo items to be included in conference registration bags
- Free food at breakfasts and breaks

IAAAM Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

Conference T-shirt Sponsor \$5000

Be the primary sponsor of the conference t-shirt and get your company's logo on the shirt!

- Booth space with 1 table and 2 chairs
- 1 full conference registration
- 1 guest conference registration
- 4 conference t-shirts

Conference Registration Bag Sponsor \$5000

Be the primary sponsor for the conference registration bag and get your company's logo on the bag!

- Booth space with 1 table and 2 chairs
- 1 full conference registration
- 1 guest conference registration
- 4 conference t-shirts

Presenting Sponsor \$4,500

- Booth space with 1 table and 2 chairs
- 1 full conference registration
- 1 guest conference registration
- 4 conference t-shirts

VIP Sponsor \$2,500

- Booth space with 1 table and 2 chairs
- 1 full conference registration
- 1 guest icebreaker or banquet ticket
- 2 conference t-shirts

Platinum Sponsor \$1,500

- Booth space with 1 table and 2 chairs
- 2 icebreaker tickets
- 2 lunch tickets
- 2 conference t-shirts

Gold Sponsor \$1,000

- Booth space with 1 table and 2 chairs
- 1 icebreaker ticket
- 1 lunch ticket
- 1 conference t-shirt

Silver Sponsor \$500

- 1 icebreaker ticket
- 1 lunch ticket
- 1 conference t-shirt

Bronze Sponsor \$250

- 1 icebreaker ticket
- 1 conference t-shirt

IAAAM 2012 CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Please return this form by January 31, 2012 to indicate your commitment to sponsorship for the 2012 IAAAM Conference *Checks to be remitted by March 1st, 2012 and made out to the IAAAM

Attention: Dr. Tonya Clauss
Animal Health
Georgia Aquarium
225 Baker St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30313

Indicate Sponsorship Type/Amount

<input type="checkbox"/> T-shirt \$5000 (only 1 available)	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration bag \$5000 (only 1 available)
<input type="checkbox"/> Presenting \$4500	<input type="checkbox"/> VIP \$2500
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum \$1500	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold \$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze \$250

Indicate which days you would like a booth at the conference

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday May 13 th 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday May 14 th 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday May 15 th 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> No booth needed

Products or gift certificates for student auction are appreciated with our without sponsorship

☐ I would like to donate an auction item along with my sponsorship

☐ I am unable to be a conference sponsor but I would like to donate an auction item

☐ Item will be delivered to registration desk at conference

☐ Item will be mailed to Tonya Clauss prior to the conference

Tell us your organizations full name and website address for recognition on conference website:

☐ I am submitting a digital logo for my organization for recognition at the conference
(emailed with form)

☐ I will be mailing items to be included in the conference registration bag (must be received
with check by March 1st)

All sponsors will receive a thank you letter which can be used for tax deduction purposes.

For more information, please contact Tonya Clauss (tclauss@georgiaaquarium.org, 404-444-0283); Ilze Berzins (IBerzins@shedd Aquarium.org, 312-520-8217); or Lisa Mazzaro (lmazzaro@mysticaquarium.org, 860-514-7530).

CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

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

Atlanta, Georgia

Tentative Schedule

Saturday, May 12, 2012

07:00 – 09:00	Registration Desk Open
09:00 – 15:00	Board Meeting (at hotel, Breakfast & Lunch Provided)
08:00 – 17:00	Workshops
14:00 – 17:00	Exhibitor Set up
15:00 – 19:00	Registration Desk Open
17:00 – 19:00	Nightly Happy Hour for Embassy Guests
18:30 – 22:30	Icebreaker at Embassy

Sunday, May 13, 2012

07:00 – 09:00	Made to Order Breakfast at Ruth's Chris free to all Embassy guests
07:30 – 17:00	Registration Desk Open
08:00 – 8:30	Opening Remarks
08:30 – 10:00	Plenary Session
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:30	Scientific Sessions
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch on Own
14:00 – 15:30	Scientific Session
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:15	Scientific Session
17:00 – 19:00	Nightly Happy Hour for Embassy Guests
17:15 – 19:30	Dinner on Own
18:00 – 19:30	Student Workshop (Dinner Provided)
19:30 – 21:00	Conundrums Session (w/ cash bar)
19:30 – 21:00	Other workshop? (w/ cash bar)

Monday, May 14, 2012

07:00 – 09:00	Made to Order Breakfast at Ruth's Chris free to all Embassy guests
07:30 – 17:00	Registration Desk Open
08:00 – 12:00	Set up Posters
08:00 – 09:30	Scientific Session
09:30 – 10:00	Break
10:00 – 12:00	Scientific Sessions
12:00 – 14:00	Business Meeting (lunch provided)
14:00 – 15:30	Scientific Session
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:15	Scientific Session
17:00 – 19:00	Nightly Happy Hour for Embassy Guests
18:30 – 20:30	Poster session Happy Hour

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

07:00 – 09:00 Made to Order Breakfast at Ruth's Chris free to all Embassy guests
 07:00 – 12:00 Registration Desk Open
 08:00 – 10:00 Scientific Session
 10:00 – 10:30 Break
 10:30 – 12:30 Scientific Session
 12:30 – 14:00 Second Board Meeting at Embassy (lunch provided)
 12:30 – 19:30 Lunch on Own, Afternoon at the Aquarium, BTSTs, Demo

- Admission to aquarium for all attendees
- Admission to dolphin show for all attendees
- Pre scheduled behind the scenes tours
- Whale shark & manta demo

19:30 – 22:30 Cocktails, Buffet Style Dinner, Silent and Live Auction at Aquarium

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

07:00 – 09:00 Made to Order Breakfast at Ruth's Chris free to all Embassy guests
 07:30 – 12:00 Registration Desk Open
 08:00 – 09:30 Scientific Session
 09:30 – 10:00 Break
 10:00 – 12:00 Scientific Sessions
 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch on Own
 13:30 – 15:00 Scientific Session
 15:00 – 15:30 Break
 15:30 – 17:00 Scientific Session
 17:00 – 19:00 Nightly Happy Hour for Embassy Guests
 18:30 – 19:30 Cocktail Reception at Aquarium Ballroom Pre-function Space
 19:30 – 23:30 Awards Banquet in Aquarium Ballroom

Conference Registration

Registration will open the first week of January. Costs for meetings and workshops to be announced. Keep checking the website.

Workshop Information (Saturday, May 12)

09:00 – 16:00 Elasmobranch Husbandry and Medicine Workshop (Ruth Francis-Floyd, Aimee Berliner and Shane Boylan) - The workshop will be a combination of lecture based material complemented by demonstrations and limited wet lab clinical training. Speakers will discuss common health concerns of captive elasmobranchs. Detailed discussion of selected environmental and infectious disease problems will be covered, as well as the use of husbandry techniques (including behavioral manipulations) to improve management of elasmobranch collections. An interactive presentation of clinical findings and reports of specific cases will complete the day. Demonstrations of husbandry behaviors using animals from the Ocean Voyager exhibit will be conducted by Georgia Aquarium staff. Clinicians will demonstrate common diagnostic procedures in the hospital area and discuss application of some of these

techniques to specific clinical cases they have been involved with. A box lunch will be provided. (Limited to 20 participants).

09:00 – 16:00

Design Characteristics of Effective and Healthy Marine Mammal Filtration and Life Support Systems: Past, Present and Future Issues and Needs for Veterinarians (Mike Walsh, Andy Stamper, Ed Felatson) – This workshop will consist of lectures on water quality problems, filtration challenges, monitoring, oxidizing agents, therapy, prevention, current solutions, retrofitting, and design of the ultimate life support system.

09:00 – 5:00 Behavior and Training (Two different topic areas, may be taken separately, or may be taken together)

- Morning session 9-1

The Science Behind All That Training: Applied Behavior Analysis for the Aquatic Animal Veterinarian (Susan G. Friedman and Leigh Ann Clayton) - This workshop will introduce veterinarians to the science of behavior change through the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. The universal principles that govern individual learning will be presented and related to areas such as problem behavior management and positive reinforcement training. Greater understanding of how animals learn, and the science that describes this natural process, will improve the veterinarians' ability to evaluate behavior beyond the medical or zoological paradigm, assist in developing humane behavior change programs, and liaison with other professionals such as trainers and aquarists.

- Afternoon session 14:00-16:00

Husbandry Behavior at the Georgia Aquarium (Georgia Aquarium's Animal Training Management Team) - This IMATA/IAAAM Workshop will be a live demonstration of the vet/trainer co-operation needed to gather the diagnostic information and materials required for optimal animal care. Participants will be escorted to various sites at the Georgia Aquarium utilizing several of the many species of animals on display at this world renowned facility. This session will provide opportunities to interface with animal behavioral professionals and discuss specifics regarding the challenges of shaping and maintaining husbandry behaviors. Space limited to 35.

13:00 – 17:00 Marine Mammal Intraoral Radiology Workshop (Steven E. Holmstrom) – This workshop will be 25% lecture and 75% hands on. It is an opportunity to learn efficient positioning techniques to get consistent diagnostic images in a variety of marine mammals. The lecture will discuss equipment necessary to take intraoral radiographs in marine mammals, radiographic positioning and diagnosis of intraoral disease. The hands-on portion will be positioning skulls and taking radiographs using dental radiographic units with digital sensor and/or CR digital plates and software. The Wet lab will be geared to meet the needs of the participants with multiple stations. Participants will also learn more about using the various software enhancements, image orientation and film processing troubleshooting as well as interpretation of findings and how that translates to treatment options for common dental and oral pathology.

09:00 – 17:00 7th Annual CL Davis Marine Species Histopathology Workshop (Judy St. Leger) – This workshop will include a didactic lecture and a series of case presentations. The morning starts with a lecture related to pathology in general and as applied to aquatic species. The rest of

the day includes interactive presentations of clinical cases with pathology including histology. Workshop participants are encouraged to submit a case for presentation – but presentation is not required. All participants receive DVDs of the scanned histology slides and the case write up materials. Come and discuss some of the important questions in aquatic animal pathology. We welcome cases related to invertebrates, fishes, aquatic birds, and marine mammals. Workshop registration includes materials and morning and afternoon breaks. All IAAAM members are invited to attend. Registration is limited to 50 participants.

09:00 – 17:00 Second Latin American Marine Mammal and Aquatic Animal Veterinarians Workshop (hosted by Enrique Yarto)- The second Latin American Marine Mammal and Aquatic Animal Veterinarians Workshop has been organized as initiative of the Spanish-speaking IAAAM members to be held as a part of the 43rd IAAAM conference. The first Latin American Marine Mammal Veterinarians Workshop brought together several Latin American (including colleagues from Spain) veterinarians and researchers for a great event and information exchange as well as research project proposals in conjunction with professionals that have not met before. This year's workshop intends to expand the participation of Latin American marine mammal veterinarians and others interested in the field, as well as increase the range of subjects covered in the scientific agenda with the addition of professionals working with other aquatic animals. The main focus of our program this year will be research projects developed in Mexico, Spain and other countries concerning pharmacology, nutrition topics, assisted and natural reproduction, education and training programs for students and veterinarians and conservation medicine.

Segundo Taller Latinoamericano de veterinarios de mamíferos marinos y animales acuáticos - El segundo taller latinoamericano de veterinarios de mamíferos marinos y animales acuáticos es parte de la iniciativa de los miembros hispano-parlantes de la IAAAM, el cual se llevará a cabo durante la 43ava conferencia de la IAAAM. El primer taller latinoamericano de veterinarios de mamíferos marinos conjuntó varios médicos e investigadores latinoamericanos y españoles, en un evento excepcional con un importante intercambio de información, así como propuestas de investigación de colaboración con algunos profesionales que no habían tenido contacto anteriormente. El propósito del taller de este año es expandir la participación de veterinarios latinos y otros colegas interesados; de la misma manera, se intenta incrementar la gama de temas que serán cubiertos por el programa científico, incluyendo también médicos e investigadores que trabajan con otros animales acuáticos. El enfoque de nuestro programa este año serán los proyectos de investigación desarrollados en México, España y otros países, referentes a farmacología, tópicos de nutrición, reproducción natural y asistida, programas de educación continua y entrenamiento para estudiantes y veterinarios y medicina de la conservación.

Student Auction

Start sending your goodies so you won't have to pack them. Please mail your items anytime to the address below up until April 30, 2012.

Tonya Clauss
Georgia Aquarium
225 Baker Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30313

404-581-4361

Conference Sponsors/Exhibitors

Please ask your institution to be a sponsor from \$250 to \$5000. The sponsor form is on page 7 and will also be on the website. Please contact Tonya Clauss (tclauss@georgiaaquarium.org), Lisa Mazzaro (lmazzaro@seareach.org), or Ilze Berzins (Iberzins@sheddaquarium.org) for questions or more information. Every little bit helps (especially with bringing down registration costs)!!

Hotel Reservations

Embassy Suites Atlanta - at Centennial Olympic Park 267 Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia
30313
PH: 678.686.0705

\$154 + 15% tax per night – king or 2 double bed suites w/ sleeper sofas.

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/ATLESES-IAA-20120511/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Airport Information

Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, 12.3 miles from the Embassy Suites and Georgia Aquarium. Transportation via taxi, shuttle or MARTA (public transit). More details to follow on rates.

Conference Cancellation Policy

All cancellations and request for refunds need to be submitted in writing to Ilze Berzins (Iberzins@sheddaquarium.org) and Pam Tuomi (pamt@alaskasealife.org) by:

90 days prior to the start of the conference for a 100% refund

60 days prior to the start of the conference for a 75% refund

30 days prior to the start of the conference for a 50% refund

No refunds will be granted for cancellations after 30 days prior to the start of the conference.

Requests for refunds will be processed by six weeks after the conference has ended.

Refund requests should contain:

1. Your name
2. The name(s) of any registered guest (s)
3. Your contact information
4. List of charges (registration, workshops, etc.)

Travel Insurance

For those of you worried about last minute cancellations (after the 30 day no-refund deadline), consider purchasing travel insurance. One company used by one of our members (includes coverage for work-related cancellations) is Access America.

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.

2012 AQUAVETs I & II

The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University are pleased to announce the 2012 AQUAVET® I & II Programs. They are aquatic veterinary medicine education programs that currently consist of two courses that will be presented at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI in June 2012.

AQUAVET I: An Introduction to Aquatic Veterinary Medicine is a 4- week course (27 May - 23 June 2012) intended primarily for veterinary students.

AQUAVET II: Comparative Pathology of Aquatic Animals is a 2-week course (27 May - 9 June 2011) that is oriented toward the pathology of diseases of aquatic invertebrates and fish that are used in biomedical research, encountered in display aquaria and are of importance in commercial aquaculture.

Veterinary students can receive credits for the course and graduate veterinarians can receive CE credits. Applications for admission will be due by January 14, 2012 and may be obtained on the web site. Additional information may be found at www.aquavet.info.

OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to new Diplomats of the American College of Zoological Medicine (ACZM)

The following 7 veterinarians became new Diplomates of the American College of Zoological Medicine (ACZM) in October 2011. Those with an asterisk are IAAAM members.

- Dr. Matt Allender, Urbana, Illinois*
- Dr. Gretchen Cole, Indianapolis, Indiana*
- Dr. Maya Kummrow, Hanover, Germany
- Dr. David McLelland, Adelaide, Australia
- Dr. Debra Myers, Orlando, Florida
- Dr. Javier G. Nevarez, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Dr. Karen N. Wolf, Tacoma, Washington

In order to become an ACZM Diplomate, one must have several years of professional experience in zoological medicine, be the primary author on at least 5 peer-reviewed publications, and successfully complete a two-day examination. A qualifying examination occurs on the first day, which includes the medicine of invertebrate, fish, avian, mammalian, amphibian and reptilian species. Candidates who pass the qualifying examination may take the certifying examination on a following day, in one of the following focus subjects: zoological companion animal, general zoo, wildlife, aquatic, avian, or amphibian/reptilian species. Successful candidates for Diplomate status must pass both the qualifying and certifying examinations.

Established in 1983, the American College of Zoological Medicine is an international specialty organization recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association for certification of veterinarians with special expertise in zoological medicine. The ACZM is responsible for establishing training requirements, evaluating and accrediting training programs, and examining and certifying veterinarians in the veterinary specialty of zoological medicine. ACZM Diplomates serve in responsible positions as clinical veterinarians, teachers, researchers, government officials, and administrators of other relevant programs fostering high quality medical care for non-domestic animals, and are actively involved in the discovery of new knowledge in the discipline and the dissemination of this knowledge to the veterinary profession and public.

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.

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 mailed out in June or July to those not in attendance. The International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the art and science of aquatic animal medicine and health.

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