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Mission: To advance the art and science of aquatic animal medicine and health, encourage the free exchange of knowledge in the interest of improving the health care and husbandry of domestic aquatic animals, and promote the proper conservation and management of wild aquatic animals.

Message from the President

Greetings. This year the meeting in Alaska is located in one of our more scenic destinations, and it provides the perfect venue for our large and varied scientific program. The program will be very exciting as we have a record number of papers and posters to be enjoyed. With the many offerings, there will surely be something for all warm and cold-blooded aquatic animal medicine enthusiasts alike. We have a few important issues to discuss at our business meeting that are outlined in this newsletter. I'm hoping everyone will read these issues carefully and come prepared so we can breeze through the meeting, which in turn will give us more time to enjoy our outdoor Alaskan experience. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Sincerely,
Laurie Gage DVM
President IAAAM

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IAAAM Annual Meeting, May 14th – 18th, 2005

Seward, AK
Conference Registration

Name: _____
Affiliation/Institution: _____
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Address: _____
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Conference Registration Fees (\$ USD)

Member (Full Registration)	\$ 225	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member's Spouse/Guest	\$ 125	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Member (Full Registration)	\$ 275	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Member (Spouse/Guest)	\$ 125	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student (Includes proceedings, no banquet)	\$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Banquet	\$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Late Fee after April 8 th	\$ 50	<input type="checkbox"/>

May 14th, Wet Lab Sign-Up

Sea Otter Necropsy and Sampling Wet Lab	\$ 35	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infectious hematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV) in salmonids in Alaska	\$ 40	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Wildlife Oil Spill Response Training (1 1/2 days, May 13-14)	\$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activities

3K Mid-Night Fun Run to Exit Glacier (transportation and t-shirt)	\$ 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
T-shirt size: S, M, L, XL		

TOTAL: \$

Payment Method: ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Credit Card (VISA, MC, AMEX)
Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
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Full Registration Includes: Scientific Sessions, Conference Proceedings, Icebreaker Reception, Coffee Breaks, Wine & Cheese Poster Session, Resurrection Bay Tour and Auction, and Banquet.

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Payment:

Please include either a check (payable to IAAAM/ASLC) or Credit Card number with this form. All attendees must fill out individual registration forms. All registration forms must be postmarked by April 8th, 2005. Late registrants will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

36th ANNUAL IAAAM CONFERENCE
Seward, Alaska
May 14-18, 2005

Conference Registrations are due on April 8th to avoid the Late Fee.

(But please register prior to arrival rather than on site, even if after April 8th, to allow conference planners to organize more efficiently for actual numbers of attendees)

The Hotel Edgewater, the IAAAM Conference Headquarters, is full. Please Contact the Van Gilder Hotel or the Hotels listed below. Mention the IAAAM and/or Alaska Sealife Center for conference rates. The Hotel Seward is an excellent hotel directly across the street from the Hotel Edgewater. The Harborview Inn is also nice and approx. 6 blocks from the Liberty Theater (scientific session's location). The Seward Waterfront Lodging (<http://alaskas-seawardwaterfrontlodging.com/>) is also a small lodge next to the Hotel Edgewater with great views. Also explore the Seward Chamber website (www.sewardak.org) for the many B&Bs in Seward.



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Please visit the IAAAM website for additional meeting and registration information (www.iaaam.org).

IAAAM Annual Conference

Hosted by the Alaska SeaLife Center



Program Agenda

Friday, May 13

- Arrival at Hotel Edgewater for Board Members and Workshop Participants
- 8:00 - 5:00 Oil Spill Response Workshop
- 4:00 - 7:00 Registration (Hotel Edgewater)

Saturday, May 14

- Registration (Hotel Edgewater)
- Board meeting at Alaska Sealife Center
- 8:00 - 12:00 Oil Spill Response Workshop continued
- 1:00 - 5:00 Sea Otter Necropsy and Sampling Wet Lab
- 1:00 - 5:00 Infectious hematopoietic necrosis virus (IHNV) in salmonids in Alaska
- 1:00 - 5:00 Parts and Pieces: Collecting for the Future
- 6:00 Icebreaker - Alaskan appetizers, hosted bar/drinks at Chinooks

Sunday, May 15

- Registration (Hotel Edgewater)
- 8:00 - 8:10 Welcome and Opening of Meeting (Liberty Theater)
- 8:10 - 10:00 Qutekcak Native Tribe Dancing Drum Group and Plenary Session
- 10:00 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30 - 11:30 Scientific Session (Diagnostics)
- 11:30 - 1:00 Lunch on own
- 1:00 - 3:00 Scientific Session (Clinical Cases I)
- 3:00 - 3:30 Break
- 3:30 - 5:30 Scientific Session (Clinical Cases II and New Methods)
- 5:30 Dinner on own
- 6:00 - 8:00 Student Workshop and Reception (includes dinner)
- 9:00 Mid-Night Fun Run to Exit Glacier

Monday, May 16

- 8:00 - 9:45 Scientific Session (Unique Critters)
- 9:45 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 11:45 Scientific Session (Immunology)
- 11:45 - 1:15 Lunch on own
- 1:15 - 2:45 Scientific Session Rae Building (Clinical Fish Practice I)
- 1:30 - 2:45 Scientific Session (Health and Risk Assessment of Wild Dolphins)
- 2:45 - 3:15 Break
- 3:15 - 4:30 Scientific Session Rae Building (Clinical Fish Practice II)
- 3:15 - 4:30 Scientific Session (An Update on Erysipelas in Cetaceans)
- 4:45 - 6:15 Business Meeting
- 7:00 - 9:00 Poster Session with Wine & Cheese Reception (Hotel Edgewater)

Tuesday, May 17

- 8:00 - 9:15 Scientific Session Rae Building (Natural Resources: Fish)
- 8:00 - 9:00 Scientific Session (Strandings)
- 9:00 - 10:00 Scientific Session (Sea Otters)

9:15 - 10:00 Scientific Session Rae Building (Aquaculture and the Environment I)
 10:00 - 10:30 Break
 10:30 - 12:15 Scientific Session Rae Building (Aquaculture and the Environment II)
 10:30 - 12:15 Scientific Session (Microbiology and Pathology)
 12:15 - 1:30 Lunch on own
 1:30 - 2:30 IAAAM Fish Practitioner Sub Group Meeting – Rae Building
 Or 12:15 - 4:30 Conference Tour Day
 Suggested options:
 - Kayaking
 - Hiking/Fishing
 - Dog sled rides
 - Exit Glacier/Kenai Fjords National Park
 - Alaska SeaLife Center
 4:30 Load Buses at ASLC for Harbor Departure
 5:00 - 10:00 Resurrection Bay Cruise and Salmon Bake, Auction

Wednesday, May 18

9:00 - 10:00 Scientific Session (Virology)
 10:00 - 10:30 Break
 10:30 - 11:30 Scientific Session (Reproduction)
 11:30 - 12:30 Scientific Session (Anesthesia)
 12:30 - 2:00 Lunch on own
 2:00 - 3:15 Scientific Session (Toxicology)
 3:15 - 4:45 Scientific Session (Vet Design Input for Displays)
 6:00 - 7:00 Alaska SeaLife Center Tours
 7:00 - 8:00 Cocktails and Entertainment (ASLC)
 8:00 - 10:30 Banquet and Awards Ceremony

We are breaking records in 2005!

Submitted by Rhonda A. Patterson, President-Elect

Well everyone, this year's conference in Seward, Alaska is going to set a record for the organization in the number of abstract submissions. We will be having 24 poster presentations and 115 oral presentations including two panel discussions. This is about a 33% increase over our usual number of submissions. **WOW!** The agenda is in this newsletter, so you can see what the various sessions are going to be about, and due to time constraints we had to resort to using concurrent sessions to fit it all into the time limit of the four days scheduled for the conference. Now, I know that concurrent sessions is not what this organization is used to nor is it something that many of our members would like to have happen; however, I did limit the number and length of the concurrent sessions as best as I could. This was simply the only way to accommodate all of the excellent presentations that were submitted.

The organization has never put in place a set of criteria for determining what to do if the number of oral presentations submitted exceeds the amount of time available for oral presentations without concurrent sessions. This is just one of the issues associated with an organization going through rapid growth. What is important to understand is that the members of the Executive Board are trying their best to keep up with these various issues and respond to them as quickly as possible.

In the meantime, we are going to have an **INCREDIBLE** time in Seward due to the hard work of the members of our host institution's planning team: Pam Tuomi, Donna Talamantes, Shawn Johnson, and Tracey Goldstein!! Be sure to give them a big "thank you" when you see them in Alaska. I look forward to seeing all of our speakers and our attendees next month in Seward!

Nominations

Frances Gulland, Nominations Committee Chair

The nominations committee of the IAAAM nominates **Dr William Van Bonn** for president-elect of the IAAAM, and **Dr Tracy Romano** for education officer on the IAAAM board. Elections will be held at the business meeting in Seward. Nominations from the floor for both positions are welcomed.

William ("Bill") Van Bonn, DVM

Bill received his DVM from Michigan State University in 1986, has been an active member of IAAAM since 1991 and is finishing a term as Board Member for Education. He has served as liaison with the Chair of the Student Committee and coordinated the auction at the annual meeting for several years in a row [except when he was off traveling in some distant place]. He spent 14 years working for the US Navy Marine Mammal Program advancing to the position of Managing Veterinarian for Research and Advanced Clinical Technologies and has recently accepted the position of Senior Veterinarian at the Shedd Aquarium. His professional interests include preventive medicine strategies for aquatic systems, molecular vaccinology, and advanced diagnostic imaging.

Tracy Romano, PhD

Tracy graduated with a BS in Biology from Saint Michael's College, Winooksi, VT in 1986. She received her PhD in Anatomy from the University of Rochester, School of Medicine & Dentistry, in Rochester, NY. Tracy received a fellowship for her graduate studies through the American Society for Engineering Education which enabled her to study with Dr. Sam Ridgway in collaboration with the U.S. Navy's Marine Mammal Program during the summer months. Tracy combined what she was learning at the Navy with the knowledge gained at the University of Rochester about neural-immune system communication to begin a new field dedicated to understanding the marine mammal immune system and how stress and the environment effect marine mammal health. After receiving her PhD in 1993, Tracy was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship through the National Research Council to continue her work in this field at the Navy Laboratory in San Diego in collaboration with The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, CA. Following her postdoc, Tracy established a research laboratory at the Navy facility bringing the technology learned at Scripps and funding awarded through grants to study marine mammal neural-immune system communication and health. She has been a member of IAAAM since she was a graduate student in 1988. Soon after completion of her PhD in 1993, Tracy volunteered to be a member of the IAAAM Student Liaison Committee and for the past 5 years as been the Chair of this Committee. Since May 2004, Tracy assumed the position of Vice President of Research & Veterinary Services at the Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration in which she is leading an exceptional research team dedicated to aquatic animal health research and medicine.

Alaska Auction

by Bill Van Bonn, Education

Scour your closets, check the cupboards, hit the gift shop; it's that time of year again. On your way to Alaska, please remember to pack something for the annual auctions. This year we anticipate both a silent session and another rousing live version! If you'd like to have a photo of the treasured item placed on the website for previewing, please send to Bill Van Bonn. Items can also be shipped in advance to the Sealife Center. Mark them Attn: IAAAM Auctions.

Issues to be Voted on at Annual Business Meeting

At the business meeting during the annual conference, the full members will be asked to vote on the following two issues. If you are not able to attend the meeting this year, then you can send your vote, via email or postal mail, to Lisa Mazzaro, the secretary of the organization (lmazzaro@MysticAquarium.org). Your vote must be into Lisa by May 10, 2005.

Issue 1: Production of archival CD

The Executive Board has been looking into the production of a new archival CD using OmniPress (the former CDs were produced by another company that no longer performs this service). The CD would use Adobe Acrobat, so it would be useable on MACs, PCs, or Linux versions of Unix. All abstracts on the CD-ROM will be included in a full text search index. Files can be searched by any word or phrase. Results will display the appropriate titles and be ranked from highest to lowest by number of occurrences. The words or phrases will be highlighted in the corresponding files.

There are two options available to us.

Option one:

Option one would be to take orders and have just enough CDs produced to cover those orders, though the minimum number that can be ordered is 100 CDs. The cost per CD would be \$157.45 (US dollars). There would be no cost to the organization if this option was chosen.

Option two:

Option two would be to have enough made for the current membership and to provide them as a benefit of membership. The cost would be \$27.75 per CD. This option would mean that the organization would need to spend \$16,650 upfront to provide this benefit; however, within a couple of years the organization would recoup the money through dues payment. An additional advantage to option two is that OmniPress produces an archival CD that can be updated on a yearly basis for a minimum fee. This means that each year the CD that you would receive would have the entire set of archival information, plus the information from the current year's proceedings.

If you are sending in your vote, please indicate whether your vote is for either option one or option two.

Issue 2: Limited number of oral presentations or concurrent sessions

This year we have had more abstract submissions than ever before (over 130 submissions) and given that our time is limited we will be having concurrent sessions for the first time in IAAAM's history (except for the year we had a joint meeting with AAZV). IAAAM has always had a policy of accepting all submissions; however, if we are to keep the conference at the same length we traditionally have then it will be necessary to either limit the number of oral presentations (though not the poster presentations) or have concurrent sessions. If the vote is for limiting the number of oral presentations, then the Executive Board will determine and publish (via the newsletter and the website) the criteria by which the submissions will be judged for acceptance as an oral presentation. If the vote is for concurrent sessions, then the President-Elect (who is responsible each year for the scientific program) will arrange the minimum number of concurrent sessions necessary to accommodate the number of oral presentations requested while also arranging to have as divergent as possible the topics going on in the concurrent sessions.

If you are sending in your vote, please indicate whether your vote is for limited number of oral presentations or for concurrent sessions.

Student Update

Tracy Romano, Student Liason

The IAAAM Student Liaison Committee had a difficult time choosing this year's student travel award recipients. The following are this year's IAAAM travel award recipients and will receive monetary aid from IAAAM to attend the meeting this May in Seward, Alaska: 1). Robbyn Stoddard "The Effect of Rehabilitation of Wild Marine Mammals on Antimicrobial Resistance of Fecal Bacteria" 2). Ashley Linton "Assessment of Immune Function in Wild Bottlenose Dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) Live-Captured in the Indian River Lagoon, FL and Charleston Harbor, SC" 3). Mandy Keogh "Simultaneous Measurement of Phagocytosis and Respiratory Burst Activity of Polymorphonuclear and Mononuclear Leukocytes in Whole Blood from Bottlenose Dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) Utilizing Techniques in Flow Cytometry" 4). Woutrina Miller "Habitat Quality in California: Risk Factors for Detecting Fecal Pathogens in Coastal Ecosystems". Congratulations to this year's winners and all those that applied for the outstanding quality of clinical and basic research investigations. Thank you to the judges for their time and efforts with the student travel awards.

IAAAM will also give student presentation awards at the upcoming meeting as in past years. Award will be given to the best student presentations in the following categories: 1). Postdoc, Resident, Intern (and/or have DVM) 2). Undergraduate, veterinary, graduate student (Master's or PhD) 3). Posters. In addition, this year special awards will be given to the best overall student presentation on aquatic birds and to the best overall clinical case report. Students must be IAAAM members with dues paid up-to-date to be eligible for the awards.

There will be a student workshop at this year's meeting in Seward. Dr. Robert Kaeser will start off the workshop with a presentation and discussion on "Presentation Skills". He will share helpful hints with students for decreasing nervousness during presentations, understanding and enhancing individual style, engaging the audience, and fielding questions. Dr. Kaeser's presentation will be followed Ashley Linton, IAAAM student representative. Ashley will give an overview on educational and career opportunities for students at all levels including undergraduate, graduate, veterinary, postdoctoral and residency programs. Volunteer, internship, and special courses in aquatic animal medicine and health will also be presented. There will be plenty of time for discussion so students are encouraged to bring their questions, ideas, and thoughts to the workshop. IAAAM has donated funds for food and beverages for those students attending and participating in the workshop.

This year at the meeting a special student bulletin board will be posted for student correspondence, messages and announcements. We will need student volunteers for help with the student auction. Please join us in Alaska for what promises to be a meeting full of learning, exchange of ideas and information, friends and fun. Hope to see you there!

Dr. Sam Ridgway

Honorary Diplomat of the American College of Zoological Medicine

Dr. Sam Ridgway, honorary life member of IAAAM, is ACZM's newest honorary diplomat. Dr. Ridgway is one of the founding fathers of marine mammal medicine, having completed the lion's share of the seminal work in marine mammal medicine, while continuing to this day to promote both applied and basic research in the field of marine mammalogy. He has published over 250 papers, book chapters and books, including one of the most definitive works on marine mammals, *Mammals of the Sea*, published in 1972.

Dr. Ridgway completed his DVM at Texas A&M in 1959 and his PhD in 1962 from Cambridge University. He has spent his entire career working for the US Navy Marine Mammal Program and is currently the Senior Scientist for Animal Care and Research. Dr. Ridgway has served on 14 PhD committees and has personally trained over 25 veterinarians through two to six year tours of duty in the US Navy Marine Mammal Program. He was founding president of the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine, and has been a scientific advisor on the Marine Mammal Commission and the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences. He is currently Adjunct Professor of Comparative Pathology at the Medical School, University of California, San Diego. Dr. Ridgway served for over 5 years on the Board of Trustees of the Zoological Society of San Diego chairing their Animal Health Committee.

Dr. Ridgway and his wife Jeanette have resided in the beautiful seaside town of Point Loma, San Diego for the past 33 years. Jeanette possesses a doctorate in English literature and has taught at the UCLA, UCSD, and San Diego State Universities. Dr. Ridgway has recently gone into semi-retirement with the Navy Marine Mammal Program, simultaneously taking a leadership role in the cooperative veterinary medicine program between UCSD and UCD.

Dr. Ridgway was nominated by Tom Reidarson and Pat Morris, and received his certificate at the joint AAZV/AWV/WDA meeting in San Diego, California in September 2004.



Upcoming Meetings and Education Opportunities

14 - 19 May 2005	IAAAM , Seward, Alaska. Abstracts due 14 February 2005, abstract submission and registration forms available at http://www.iaaam.org/
27 May - 1 June 2006	IAAAM , Riviera Maya, Mexico. [note date change from 20 - 25 May]
6 - 17 June 2005	SEAVET I, University of Florida (applications were due 21 February, but web site may still be of interest for those planning ahead for next year: http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/ame/seaveti/index.html)
13 - 17 June 2005	30th Annual Eastern Fish Health Workshop, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Contact Rocco Cipriano (rocco_cipriano@usgs.gov).
26 June - 1 July 2005	54th Annual Meeting of the Wildlife Disease Association Cairns, Queensland, Australia (http://wildlifedisease.org)
16 - 20 July 2005	142nd American Veterinary Medical Association Convention in conjunction with 28th World Veterinary Congress, Minneapolis, Minnesota (www.avmaconvention.org)
21 - 23 July 2005	Fish Health Management, North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Raleigh, North Carolina. (http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu/conted/fish/ , or call Ms. Samantha Hartford at 919-513-6421)
27 - 29 July 2005	American Fisheries Society--Fish Health Section, Minneapolis, Minnesota (http://www.fisheries.org/fhs)
21 August 2005	Fish Endoscopy. University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens, Georgia. (www.gactr.uga.edu/conferences , or email skilg@vet.uga.edu , or call 706-542-1451.
16 - 21 October 2005	Annual Meeting of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians Omaha, Nebraska (http://aazv.org/meetings.htm)

IAAAM Membership Information

<http://www.iaaam.org/memberinfo.htm>

Complete membership information is available at the link above, which includes 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.

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Payment is due by July 1st, each year. If paying by check, be sure to make your check payable to “**IAAAM.**” Please send your completed membership form and payment to:

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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 format. For submissions contact Craig Harms, Newsletter Editor, at NCSU CMAST, 303 College Circle, Morehead City, NC 28557, or by phone at 252.222.6339 (office), or by email (Craig.Harms@iaaam.org).

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