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## **A Message from the President-Elect Dr. Lisa Mazzaro**

### **The conference and Las Vegas:**

Plans for the 2011 meeting in Las Vegas have come together nicely. We have a very full scientific schedule due to the large number of abstracts submitted and a fabulous host facility. We have 32 sponsors for this year's conference who have contributed significant funds or in-kind products or services. Some of the sponsors will be exhibiting at the meeting. Please be sure to visit them and thank them for their support of our meeting! Everything conference related will take place at The Mirage so you won't have to worry about traveling to different places. There is a lot to do at The Mirage and in the surrounding area (check out all of the links on the conference website page) and the weather should be great too! If you are looking for car rentals or discount tickets to area attractions this information is also available on the conference website page.

We'll have 2 workshops on Saturday and then kick things off with the Icebreaker at the Dolphin Habitat that evening. The official meeting starts at 8AM Sunday morning with a couple plenary talks on the Gulf Oil Spill. We'll have our important Business Meeting with lunch on Sunday and finish the day with the Student Workshop, Conundrums and Elasmobranch/Sea Turtle evening sessions. We'll start Monday morning with the Poster Session/Breakfast followed by scientific sessions the rest of the day and end with an Ultrasound session courtesy of one of our sponsors. All day long on Tuesday (during the full day of scientific sessions) you'll be able to bid on the silent auction items and view items for the live auction that evening. Tuesday evening we'll see the hilarious Terry Fator Show (right next door to our meeting space) and then return to our meeting room for the Live Auction/Dessert. Wednesday we'll finish up the scientific sessions a little early and have some time to enjoy the pool or other fun activities before our closing Banquet that evening. To see the full schedule of events click this link! ([Conference Agenda](#)). The online proceedings hosted by VIN (and available through a link on the IAAAM website) will be available to view by April 22nd.

Icebreaker, Banquet and Dessert/Auction tickets are available via a la carte purchase if family or friends would like to join in the fun. All conference registrants and guests will receive a conference nametag. The nametags will allow you free entrance Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat at The Mirage and as well as Shark Reef Aquarium at Mandalay Bay throughout the conference.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Vegas!

### **Some new things you should know:**

Anyone registering on-site or making purchases at the conference (tickets, t-shirts, etc) will do so online with a credit card at the VIN computers, print out a receipt and bring your receipt to the registration desk to receive your items. We will not be equipped to take cash or checks at the registration desk.

Recording (video or audio) of the scientific sessions will NOT be allowed at the conference. This is in our contract with the hotel so it will be enforced.

For those of you presenting oral talks at the conference, you may upload your presentations ahead of time ([PPT Upload Form](#)). If you choose to bring your talk with you please turn it in to one of our IT people as you pick up your registration materials so that they can get presentations loaded on the computers. We would like to avoid loading presentations throughout the conference and especially not on the day of your presentation. Remember that presentations must be in PC format. Apple products will not be supported.

## 42nd ANNUAL IAAAM MEETING AND CONFERENCE



The 42nd IAAAM Conference is scheduled for May 7-11, 2011 at the Mirage in Las Vegas (<http://www.mirage.com>).

**DO NOT FORGET THAT ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 11, 2011  
BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOMS EARLY**

### ***Registration Information***

Full registration includes a registration bag, a conference agenda, CD proceedings, a nametag<sup>1</sup>, icebreaker ticket, show ticket<sup>2</sup>, live auction/dessert ticket, banquet ticket and business lunch ticket.

Student registration includes everything except a banquet ticket.

Guest registration includes everything except the CD proceedings.

Child's registration includes a nametag\*, icebreaker ticket, show ticket\*\*, live auction/dessert ticket, banquet ticket, business lunch ticket and a T-shirt.

<sup>1</sup>Nametag gives free entry to Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat, Shark Reef Aquarium at Mandalay Bay, breakfasts and breaks

<sup>2</sup> No a la carte price for show tickets- you must register for whole conference to attend the show.

### ***Registration Costs***

Members \$335.00  
Member Guest \$225.00  
Student Member \$150.00  
Student Non-Member \$185.00

Non-Members \$385.00  
Non-Member guest \$280.00  
Children (5 and over) \$150.00  
Daily Fee \$150.00

Business lunch ticket \$25.00  
Banquet ticket \$50.00  
Student banquet ticket \$40.00  
Child banquet ticket \$40.00

Icebreaker ticket \$30.00  
Live Auction/dessert \$25.00  
Proceedings \$35.00  
Conference t-shirt \$15.00

Late Fee \$60.00  
Marine Mammal Intraoral Radiology Workshop \$100.00  
Latin American Marine Mammal Veterinary Workshop \$75.00

ACZM Short Course \$150.00

### **Hotel Information**

Beginning December 1st you may book your hotel rooms at the conference rates by calling 1-800-627-6667 and referencing "IAAAM". There are a limited number of rooms available at the conference rate before and after the conference (May 4th, 5th, 12th and 13th) for those who might want to tack on a few vacation days. We have to meet a certain number of room nights to keep our costs down so please consider booking your rooms early!

#### **Room prices are:**

\$125/night on May 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th and 13th

\$110/night on May 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th

A daily Resort Fee of \$15.00 plus the current Clark County room tax of 12% will be charged. This fee includes daily newspaper at Impulse and Bell Desk, two bottled waters delivered to guest room daily, Cardio Center admission (does not include Spa access), in-room robes, notary, copy and fax services & airline boarding pass printing at The Mirage Business Service Center, in-room internet access, and unlimited local and toll free telephone calls.

### **Airport Information**

The airport to fly into is McCarran International Airport. All of the major airlines (including Southwest) fly into this location. The hotel is located less than 5 miles from the airport. A cab ride will cost you about \$20 each way. Shuttles are available for about \$6.50 one way (\$12 to \$13 round trip).

More shuttle information at [http://www.mccarran.com/o3\\_shuttles\\_01.aspx](http://www.mccarran.com/o3_shuttles_01.aspx)

### **Rental Cars**

BUDGET will be the official car rental supplier for the IAAAM conference. To receive the discounted rates book through [www.budgetvegas.com](http://www.budgetvegas.com) or 702-730-0140. When making reservations you must use the PROMO CODE: **R295900** to guarantee these rates.



Car Class	Daily	Weekly
Compact	\$29.00	\$145.00
Intermediate	\$31.00	\$159.00
Full size	\$35.00	\$189.00
Premium	\$42.00	\$199.00
Luxury	\$59.00	\$299.00
Mini Van	\$59.00	\$299.00
Sport Utility	\$59.00	\$299.00
15 Passenger Van	\$139.00	\$695.00

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**Conference Cancellation Policy**

All cancellations and request for refunds must be submitted in writing to Lisa Mazzaro (lmazzaro@mysticaquarium.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:

- your name
- the name(s) of any registered guest(s)
- your contact information
- list of charges (registration, activities, workshops, etc)

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**Travel Insurance**

For those of you worried about last minute cancellations (after the 30 day no-refund deadline), consider purchasing travel insurance. Here is the link to one company that has been used successfully by one of our members. It includes coverage for work-related cancellations.

<http://www.accessamerica.com/AA/SelectAPlan.aspx?001002056&Product=001002055>

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**Vegas Advantage Card**

Are you planning to have some fun adventures while you are in Las Vegas. Here's a great way to save on Shows, Dining, Attractions, Golf, and MORE!. Purchase the Vegas Advantage Card for the discounted price of \$39. For each purchase \$10 comes back to IAAAM and they have donated 4 of the cards for our student auction! (<http://www.vegasadvantagecard.com/iaaam/> )

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**Post Conference Trip - Red Rock Canyon Half Day Hike**

Christie Hicks along with an Interpretive Guide that works at Red Rock Canyon will be leading a half day hike for 20-30 people on May 12th in the morning. You must provide your own transportation to the park which is roughly a half hour drive from The Mirage. The fee to enter is \$7.00 per car. For more information please contact Christie directly at [flipperdvm@hotmail.com](mailto:flipperdvm@hotmail.com) if you are interested. The hike itself will be free. You will not want to miss this one! There will even be a special surprise at the end! [http://redrockcanyonlv.org/contact\\_us.html](http://redrockcanyonlv.org/contact_us.html)

**Conference T-Shirt****Things to do in Las Vegas**

<http://www.sharkreef.com/> - Shark Reef Aquarium at the Mandalay Bay

<http://www.cvent.com/en/destination-guide/las-vegas/things-to-do.shtml>

<http://vistalasvegas.com/>

<http://www.visitlasvegas.com/vegas/play/shows/index.jsp>

<http://www.vegas.com>

<http://www.lasvegasshows.com/>

<http://www.bestofvegas.com/Shows-Tickets/>

<http://www.vegastickets.com/shows>

<http://govegas.about.com/od/attractions/a/100thingstodo.htm>

<http://www.vegasfreebie.com/>

<http://www.lasvegaskids.net> - Las Vegas Kids Attractions

<http://www.springspreserve.org/> - The Springs Preserve. A fantastic jewel of a facility just about a 20 to 30 minute drive from the Strip

<http://www.vegastours.com/redrockcanyon.htm> - Red Rock Canyon tour is an easy and fun day trip either on your own or through a tour company.

<http://www.alllasvegastours.com/Hoover-Dam-Tours/Hoover-Dam-Tours/sbc-2866?pref=02&gclid=CNG5x7Pw7KECFcRM5Qodiz5xJw&aid=ltg1035> - Hoover Dam.

Great return for a relatively small time and monetary commitment.

<http://www.frommers.com/destinations/grandcanyonnationalpark/H43946.html> -

Grand Canyon. The link above also has Grand Canyon tours. If you have a couple days try spending the night at the South Rim in the El Tovar Hotel!

**2011 IAAAM AUCTION – NEW ITEMS RECEIVED, MORE NEEDED!**

Thanks to the continued generosity of our members, we have some additional items to be auctioned off at the 2011 IAAAM Auction in Las Vegas:

- The Georgia Aquarium, our host for 2012, has donated two dives in their Ocean Voyager exhibit. The full set includes 2 dives in the Ocean Voyager tank with the whale sharks, a Georgia Aquarium beach towel, a towel anchor, a long sleeve t-shirt, a bag made out of recycled Instant Ocean bags and a coffee table book. For more information about the dive packages, visit the Journey with Gentle Giants at the Georgia Aquarium Website.
- Vegas Advantage Card has also donated 4 cards: <http://vegasadvantagecard.com/iaaam/>

And several more exciting items are also in the works!

It's not too late to shop for or send in your auction items! Before April 30, 2011 items can be sent to:

The Mirage  
Rob Laughlin, DVM  
The Department of Animal Care  
3400 Las Vegas Blvd., South  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Otherwise, please be sure to leave some room in your luggage so you can bring your fantabulous (that's right fantastic AND fabulous!) auction items with you to Las Vegas. Items will be accepted at the conference registration desk through the end of the scientific sessions on Monday, May 9, 2011.

**NOMINEES FOR BOARD POSITIONS*****Nominee for President-Elect:*****Ilze Berzins, Ph.D., D.V.M. (John G. Shedd Aquarium)**

Ilze K. Berzins is Executive Vice President for Animal Health, Conservation, Research and Education at the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. With her expert team, she is responsible for the health of nearly 32,500 animals, for the development and implementation of numerous conservation and research programs, and the learning experiences for over 450,000 students and 2 million aquarium visitors annually.

Prior to her position at the Shedd Aquarium, she was the Vice President of Biological Operations and Veterinarian at The Florida Aquarium in Tampa, Florida. She was with the Aquarium for over 12 years and was responsible for husbandry, animal health, dive programs, and conservation and research programs. She has also helped established The Florida Aquarium's Center for Conservation.

Dr. Berzins holds both a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Biology from Stanford University, a PhD in Zoology from University of California, Berkeley, and a DVM from the University of

California, Davis. She also completed a three-year fellowship program in Comparative Pathology from The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore.

Research opportunities have taken her to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama, the Guyana National Zoo in South America in conjunction with the National Zoological Park in Washington, D.C., and the Bodega Marine Laboratory, UC California.

She has held several teaching positions including visiting Assistant Professorships at the University of Hawaii, University of California, Davis, Northeastern University's School for Field Studies program, St. John's University/College of St. Benedict, and the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. Currently she holds a Courtesy Faculty appointment with the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences at the University of Florida, and an adjunct faculty position with the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Berzins is actively involved with several significant committees including the Ethics Committee for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and the Committee for Environmental Issues for the American Veterinary Medical Association. She is also a member of the International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine.

She enjoys outdoor activities, traveling, reading and cooking (she also holds an Intermediate Diploma and Advance Level Certificate in Cooking from La Varenne in Paris....oo la la).

### ***Nominees for Board Member - Communications***

#### **Stephanie Venn-Watson, DVM, MPH (National Marine Mammal Foundation)**

Stephanie Venn-Watson, DVM, MPH, is Director of Clinical Research at the National Marine Mammal Foundation, co-founder of Epitracker, and the incoming Chair of the Working Group for Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events. Stephanie is an Albert Schweitzer Lifetime Fellow and recipient of the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for founding CDC's Healthy Pets, Healthy People website. Her husband says her ability to talk a lot makes her well qualified for the nominated IAAAM board position, Director of Communications.

#### **Mike Briggs, DVM (African Predator Conservation Research Organization)**

Dr. Michael Briggs is a veterinarian with over 25 years of experience in the fields of marine mammal and zoological veterinary medicine. His zoo/wildlife career began in 1984 post graduation from Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine (USA) with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. He had graduated summa cum laude from University of Idaho (1981) and obtained a Masters from WSU (1985). He spent 20 years in the zoo world as Staff Veterinarian and Director of Research at Wildlife Safari in Oregon (USA) followed by the position of Associate Veterinarian at the Chicago Zoological Society (USA). Currently he is a private marine mammal veterinary consultant with his own Professional Corporation as well as being the CEO and Principal Investigator of his own not-for-profit research organization called the African Predator Conservation Research Organization ([www.apcro.org](http://www.apcro.org)) which performs carnivore conservation in Africa.



## EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### ***Veterinarian – SeaWorld***

Salary: \$90,843 - \$124,909

#### REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

##### Requirement Description

- Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine
- Licensure to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Florida must be obtained within the first three months of employment
- Must possess or be eligible to obtain USDA accreditation in order to sign health certificates
- Experience with veterinary care and management of zoological species with specialization in aquatic animals. This may include post-doctoral training or a minimum of two years full-time practical experience
- Experience in management of personnel and veterinary facilities
- Must have a valid driver's license

##### Responsibility Description

- Responsible for the maintenance and management of all aspects of collection animal health for SeaWorld Orlando, Discovery Cove and Aquatica. This includes diagnosis and treatment of disease, clinical research, preventative medical programs and nutrition.
- As part of various programs, administers to health needs of wildlife including manatees, birds, sea turtles and cetaceans.
- Shares responsibility for the management and leadership of veterinary support staff.
- Consults and educates the animal staff and management in areas of health and husbandry. Disseminates relevant information obtained through professional publications and affiliations.

## CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

### ***Global Animal Health Conference: Global Availability of Veterinary Medicines - Providing a Climate for Science and Innovation***

Will take place from 23-24 March 2011 at the European Medicines Agency's offices in London. The Agency has agreed to host and co-organize this meeting as it provides a platform to discuss the opportunities and challenges of ensuring an adequate supply of up-to-date medicines to meet the needs of animals around the world. The conference will also recognize the one world, one health concept which underlines that health in animals promotes health in humans.

Please follow the below link for further information including the program.

[http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news\\_and\\_events/events/2010/11/event\\_detail\\_000344.jsp&murl=menus/news\\_and\\_events/news\\_and\\_events.jsp&mid=WCob01ac058004d5c3](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news_and_events/events/2010/11/event_detail_000344.jsp&murl=menus/news_and_events/news_and_events.jsp&mid=WCob01ac058004d5c3)

**2nd International Congress of Veterinary Pharmacology**

This is to bring to your kind attention that “2nd International Congress of Veterinary Pharmacology (ICVP)” will be held by Veterinary Council, I.R. Iran, as Organizer and with support of Iran Veterinary Organization and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tehran during December 13 - 14, 2011 in Tehran-Iran.

Topics of Conference consist of:

- Pharmacodynamics:
  - Drug Resistances
  - Drug Efficacy
- Pharmacognosy:
  - Herbal & Natural Drugs
- Pharmacokinetics
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Toxicology:
  - Drug Interactions
  - Drug Abuse
  - Drug Toxicity
- Drug Residues
- Biological Products:
  - Serums & Vaccines
- Pharmacy:
  - Drug Formulation
  - Pharmaceutical Facilities
  - New Technologies in Pharmaceutical Industries
  - Drug Production & Development
  - Drug Regulations

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](http://icvp.ir/call_for_paper.php)) and if you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the congress secretariat.

**2nd International Aquaculture Biosecurity Conference and Workshop 2011:**

The 2nd International Aquaculture Biosecurity Conference and Workshop (IABC), scheduled for 14-17 August 2011 in Trondheim, Norway has opened its web page ([www.iabconference.org](http://www.iabconference.org)) for registration and abstract submission.

The IABC is an international forum on current and future aquatic biosecurity practices for prevention, control, and eradication of diseases. Aquaculture producers, veterinarians, and government officials will convene in Trondheim to discuss advances in practical approaches to biosecurity, just prior to the start of AquaNor, one of world's largest aquaculture trade shows.

Dr. Dušan Palić, IABC co-chair and Assistant Professor at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, emphasized that “Aquaculture production has seen rapid growth and become a significant part of global animal food production in the recent years, but disease-related problems are a significant threat to international trade and seafood safety.”

Dr. Roar Gudding, IABC co-chair and Associate Director of the Norwegian Veterinary Institute said “The greatest obstacle to sustainable aquaculture development is spread of aquatic animal diseases. The goal of the International Veterinary Aquaculture Biosecurity Conference and associated workshop is to provide current expert opinions and tools for implementing practical,

economic, and effective biosecurity plans to control and potentially eliminate disease impacts on the industry.”

“Internationally-recognized speakers will spend two days with the conference attendees delivering a series of presentations and participating in practical table-top exercises and discussions on the economic impacts of diseases and biosecurity programs, the components of ideal biosecurity plans, and development of international and national strategies,” said Dr. Chris Walster, Secretary of World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association and private aquatic veterinary practitioner in the U.K.

Dr. James Roth, Director of the Center for Food Security and Public Health at Iowa State University said, “With increased occurrences of aquatic animal disease outbreaks worldwide, the IABC provides the interface for producers, health professionals and governments to address timely topics such as identifying and prioritizing hazardous diseases, determining critical control points, epidemiology, surveillance and monitoring, and most importantly, implementing and certifying biosecurity programs at all levels.”

Dr. David Scarfe of American Veterinary Medical Association, voiced the opinion of entire IABC executive board in saying, “We believe the conference will help set a solid framework for the development and implementation of biosecurity plans at all levels of aquaculture. It is our intention to develop practical and effective tools to assist in the prevention, control and possible eradication of many priority diseases. A good start in this endeavor is to outline and discuss the potential for industry-government cost-sharing programs related to biosecurity.”

Dr. Edgar Brun, co-director OIE Collaborating Centre for Aquatic Epidemiology and Risk Assessment said, “Global spreading of infectious diseases is a direct threat to the local producers of aquatic animals, to local economies and local wildlife. Reducing this risk and its consequences through knowledge of the epidemiology of known and emerging diseases is fundamental in achieving more sustainable, ecosystem adjusted aquaculture production. Cost-efficient biosecurity measures both on the local and national level are therefore necessary tools for accomplishing these goals and the motivation to implement such tools of essential importance. In addition to the Conference, the IABC will organize a field Workshop, including visits to fish farms and other aquaculture operations in the region. “The pen side demonstration of biosecurity plans implemented in practical salmon production through the entire value chain, will give the participants the opportunity to provide input and compare approaches to biosecurity in aquaculture,” said Dr. Atle Lillehaug, fish health expert at the Norwegian Veterinary Institute

“We expect to welcome participants from aquatic veterinary organizations, aquaculture producers and industry organizations, government agencies, standard setting bodies, academic institutions and aquaculture related industries,” said Dr. Torkjel Bruheim of Norwegian Veterinary Institute in Trondheim. “August is great time to visit the west coast of Norway, and the Conference attendees will have numerous opportunities to engage in professional as well as leisure activities while in Trondheim. Thousands of professionals involved in the business of aquaculture will be at the AquaNor, providing many opportunities for networking.”

The Conference and Workshop is organized by the Norwegian Veterinary Institute, the Center for Food Security and Public Health and the Institute for International Cooperation in Animal Biologics, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island, and the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association.

Conference sponsors currently include the AquaNor, Marine Harvest, Salmar, AquaGen, the Fishery and Aquaculture Industry Research Fund, Norwegian Veterinary Institute, the Center for Food Security and Public Health, and the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association.

To register or to submit an abstract go to [www.iabconference.org](http://www.iabconference.org). For more information, contact IABC secretariat at [iabcsec@iastate.edu](mailto:iabcsec@iastate.edu)

### **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Fish Health Workshop**

Back by popular demand, the beautiful High Peaks resort, on the shores of spectacular Mirror Lake in Lake Placid (NY), will serve as the site of the 37th Annual Eastern Fish Health Workshop on 22 – 27 April 2012. Lake Placid was the site of our 34th Workshop, which was overwhelmingly acclaimed as “our best venue ever!” This internationally famous and picturesque Adirondack Mountain village has hosted the site of the Olympic Winter Games in 1932 and 1980. The completely redefined hotel is located on the sparkling shores of beautiful Mirror Lake, directly in the heart of Main Street’s shopping, dining, and entertainment district. Plan now to be with us and enjoy the spectacular lake and mountain views and incredible access to all the splendor of Lake Placid and the Adirondack region.

The EFHW is now on Facebook. As a member of the Facebook community, you can access announcements, posts by delegates, forums and updates by searching for the Eastern Fish Health Workshop on Facebook.

## **OTHER NEWS**

The European Medicines Agency has recently published a draft guideline on the design of studies to evaluate the safety and efficacy of fish vaccines.

This document provides information on items to be considered in the design and conduct of studies to support the safety and efficacy of immunological veterinary medicinal products (IVMPs) in finfish. The guideline outlines important items to take into account for both laboratory scale size and field trials so that the studies are representative of the safety and efficacy of the vaccine when administered in accordance with its intended use (e.g. type of fish to be used; water conditions, method of administration, use of control groups).

The guideline also outlines aspects to be considered in the determination of the duration of immunity for vaccines intended for use in fish including recommendations for the wording of the duration of immunity claims in the SPC.

The document is available for consultation on the following webpage:

[http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Scientific\\_guideline/2011/03/WC500104493.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Scientific_guideline/2011/03/WC500104493.pdf).

Comments related to this draft guideline should be provided using this template

<[http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Templates\\_and\\_Form/2009/10/WC500004016.doc](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Templates_and_Form/2009/10/WC500004016.doc)>.

The completed comments form should be sent to: [vet-guidelines@ema.europa.eu](mailto:vet-guidelines@ema.europa.eu) <[vet-guidelines@ema.europa.eu](mailto:vet-guidelines@ema.europa.eu)>

Please note that the deadline for comments for this draft guideline is **30 September 2011**.

## **IAAAM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

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

Membership is available in the following categories:

**FULL MEMBER** – Persons contributing to the advancement of, or devoting a portion of their professional activities to, aquatic animal medicine practice, research, teaching or management.

\$50.00/year, discounted to 40.00/year if paid by 1 July.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please send your completed membership form and payment to:

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

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.

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

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