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## MESSAGE FROM THE IAAAM PRESIDENT ELECT

Fellow IAAAMers,

It seems like only yesterday most of us were gathered in beautiful Sausalito, sipping the specially commissioned wine (well, most of us were sipping...), and enjoying one of the best annual meetings many of us could recall. It's hard to imagine topping that experience. But rest assured we're down for the challenge. DOWN UNDER THAT IS!!!

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine will take place May 17-22, 2014 and will be hosted by SeaWorld, Gold Coast Australia. Dr. David Blyde and his team are preparing a remarkable experience for us.

David asked me to not pump up the conference too much, or make too many references to the fact that we'll be in Australia, because he's a humble man, and he doesn't want to raise false expectations. I can respect that. So I'll just share what we've been up to so far: David and I have been two *Men at Work*, burning the *Midnight Oil*, to prepare for this conference. Our efforts have used up most of the available *Air Supply*. David's concerned that we'll have so many attendees that we'll end up with a bit of a *Crowded House* (remember *Something So Strong*?) so he's arranged for accommodations at the Sea World Resort and Water Park (<http://seaworldresort.com.au/>); a fantastic facility. Airfare to Australia can be pricey, so in order to *Jet* there in style, Dave's arranged for good fares on Qantas Airlines (information on Qantas and room prices will be on the IAAAM website soon). We'll have an opportunity to visit and enjoy Sea World. And then of course, we'll have ample opportunity to socialize and drink a couple of Fosters™, but not *INXS*. Hopefully, there will be music from local bands. Maybe something like *AC/DC*.

The Scientific Program promises to be excellent, and we're eager to hear talks about the local critters: Humpback Whales, Dugongs, Crocodiles (Salties), Turtles, Sea snakes, and maybe Platypus and Great White Sharks. Add that to the usual brilliant content that you, our membership, will bring to the program and its going be great. Please begin planning your abstracts and contributions to the conference. **Abstracts** are due February 1, 2014.

**Workshops** will be held on Saturday, May 17th before the conference begins. As with previous conferences, if you are interested in organizing a workshop, please submit a workshop proposal form to me via email ([Christopher.Dold@SeaWorld.com](mailto:Christopher.Dold@SeaWorld.com)). The deadline for proposals is Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. A form is included in this newsletter and will also be available on the website soon. Determination of which workshops will be possible to offer will be made by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

**Sponsorships** are still needed! Please consider whether your institution, business, or you yourself can sponsor an event or the conference in general. Tracy said it best last year: sponsorship of the

IAAAM conference affords sponsors visibility, impact, and access to aquatic veterinarians, researchers, and managers worldwide, as well as an association with a professional organization committed to advancing aquatic animal health and an opportunity to be an integral part of its continued growth. A letter and a list of sponsorship options on the website will be available in the coming months. In the meantime, you can contact me or David directly ([David\\_Blyde@vrtp.com.au](mailto:David_Blyde@vrtp.com.au)).

This will be a fantastic meeting; an opportunity to once again gather and share science, experience, expertise, camaraderie and laughter. We can't wait to see you all in Australia.

Cheers,  
Chris

## **45<sup>th</sup> IAAAM CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

Mark your calendars! The 45<sup>th</sup> IAAAM conference will be held in Gold Coast, Australia, May 17-22, 2014. This meeting is being hosted by Dr. David Blyde and his team at Sea World Gold Coast. Thank you David and Sea World Gold Coast!

### ***Travel planning & packages***

Tara Wheeler is working with IAAAM to ensure that your trip to Australia runs smoothly. A [travel form](#) is available on IAAAM's website and should be filled out and submitted to start your planning. A variety of added [travel packages](#) are also provided.

### ***Discounted airfare***

Qantas is offering discounted airfare from US\$1700 return LA to Brisbane. To take advantage of this opportunity, delegates will need to fill in the [travel form](#) available on the website. You can include this in your newsletter.

### ***Accommodations***

Reservations can be made at the Sea World Resort only by filling out the special IAAAM conference accommodations form (to be available on IAAAM's website) and sending by fax (07-5591 0077) or email ([group@seaworldresort.com.au](mailto:group@seaworldresort.com.au)). More information about the resort is available at <http://seaworldresort.com.au/>.

### ***Airport transfers***

We currently have three options for getting from the airport to Sea World Resort.

**Option 1.** The first option is by *private car*. With this option you will be met at the airport, assisted with your luggage and driven directly to the Resort. The costs are outlined below.

- Gold Coast Airport (Coolangatta). The travel time with this option is 45 minutes to an hour. Sedan Limousine up to 4 people - \$78. Mercedes Viano up to 6 people - \$ 105. Super Stretch Limousine up to 8 people, limited luggage capacity - \$155. Baby seats and capsules for any children 7 and under are compulsory and cost an additional \$5 per seat.
- Brisbane Domestic and International Airport. Travel time with this option is 1.5 to 2 hours. Sedan Limousine up to 4 people - \$190. Mercedes Viano up to 6 people - \$ 220. Super Stretch Limousine up to 8 people, limited luggage capacity - \$275. Baby seats and capsules for any children 7 and under are compulsory and cost an additional \$5 per seat.

These sites will offer further information:

- [www.mygoldcoastlimo.com](http://www.mygoldcoastlimo.com)
- [www.alllimousinetransfers.com](http://www.alllimousinetransfers.com)
- [www.quicksilverlimos.com.au](http://www.quicksilverlimos.com.au)

**Option 2.** The second option is by *shuttle bus*. The shuttle busses typically leave the airport every hour on the hour, and have designated pickup locations. Prices are as follows:

- Gold Coast Airport (Coolangatta). Adult \$22 one way or \$40 Return. Child \$13 one way or \$22 Return. Family (2 adults 2 children) \$57 one way or \$110 Return.
- Brisbane Domestic and International Airport. Adult \$49 one way or \$92 Return. Child \$25 one way or \$46 Return. Family (2 adults 2 children) \$123 one way or \$230 Return.

When making a booking you will need to provide:

- Name
- Reservations Number
- Number of adults and children travelling
- Ages of children if car seats are required
- Airport (Brisbane or Gold Coast)
- One-way or return transfer
- Domestic or International
- Flight Numbers
- Flight times and dates (arrival/departure)

For more information go to [www.con-x-ion.com](http://www.con-x-ion.com)

**Option 3.** The third option is by *train*. The train typically leave the airport every half hour from about 5 am until 9 pm. The stop that you need to alight is **Helensvale**. From here you will need to take a taxi to the resort. Brisbane Domestic and International Airport. Travel time with this option is 1.75 to 2 hours. Adult \$31.30 one way or \$60.60 Return. Child \$7.70 one way or \$15.30 Return. Taxi will cost around \$30 from Helensvale railway station to the resort. Go to [www.airtrain.com.au](http://www.airtrain.com.au) for more information.

## 45<sup>th</sup> IAAAM WORKSHOP REQUEST FORM

If you would like to run a workshop at the 2013 IAAAM conference please return this form via email to Christopher Dold ([Christopher.Dold@SeaWorld.com](mailto:Christopher.Dold@SeaWorld.com)) **no later than Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Returning this form does not guarantee that we will be able to accommodate your request.

Name of workshop:

Name of person running workshop:

Contact information (phone and email):

Date:

Time:

Type of room (classroom or wetlab):

Equipment needs:

Location (conference hotel vs. offsite and if offsite, where? If offsite, how will participants get there?) :

Is this an IAAAM workshop or sponsored/run by an outside group?

## 2014 IAAAM MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

We are now officially operating on a calendar year. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. All current memberships will expire December 31, 2013 and must be renewed prior to March 1, 2014 to qualify for member discounted registration at the 2014 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 also use the “Check your membership status” link if you are not sure when you joined or renewed last.** There will be no “early payment discount” option for the coming year so all dues will be payable according to the amounts shown in the following descriptions of Membership categories.

**FULL MEMBER** – \$50.00/year - Persons contributing to the advancement of, or devoting a portion of their professional activities to, aquatic animal medicine practice, research, teaching or management.

**STUDENT MEMBER** – \$30.00/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. Must have a IAAAM member sponsor. (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.

The **LIBRARY / INSTITUTION SUBSCRIPTION** option is not currently available. Due to the prohibitive expense of printing and mailing paper copies of the Conference Proceedings, the IAAAM Executive Board is polling current members to determine the interest and need for continuing this membership option. This category only applies to libraries and institutions wishing to receive our meeting proceedings and access to the membership only sections of the website and does not affect other membership categories.

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

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

Questions? Email [pamt@alaskasealife.org](mailto:pamt@alaskasealife.org) (Treasurer) or [Martin.Haulena@vanagua.org](mailto:Martin.Haulena@vanagua.org) (Membership Board Member)

## OTHER NEWS

### ***IAAAM Member Survey***

Love taking surveys? Sit around dreaming that there was one for IAAAM Members? Dream no more, because we have a short, easy survey for you to complete. Or perhaps you dislike surveys? Well, here’s a great opportunity to express your opinion about surveys. Either way, we hope that all IAAAM Members will take 5 minutes of their valued time to [answer ten simple but important questions](#) about **membership satisfaction, what you get (and wish you got) for your dues, access to archived IAAAM conference abstracts, an IAAAM peer-reviewed scientific journal, and possible joint IAAAM-Wildlife Diseases Association memberships**. Thank you in advance!

### ***2013 Medway Scholarship Winners***

Congratulations to our 2013 Medway Scholarship winners!

- Kelsey Seitz – University of California, Davis. Standardizing ultrasound as a technique to diagnose fatty liver disease in bottlenose dolphins. Mentor - Cynthia Smith
- Ashley Barratclough - Zoological Society of London & Royal Veterinary College. Calculating the weight of right whales at sea to facilitate accurate dosing of sedatives to enable disentanglement from fishing gear. Mentor - Michael Moore

### ***2013 IAAAM Conference Student Presentation Winners***

Congratulations to our 2013 Student Presentation winners!

- **Vet Student/Undergrad/PhD/Masters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jessica Jacob - Hawaii Pacific University; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Barbara Linnehan - University of Florida
- **Intern, Resident, Post Docs:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lorraine Barbosa - The Marine Mammal Center; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Stephen Cassle - University of Florida
- **Posters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Justin Richard - University of Rhode Island; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: James Steeil - University of Tennessee; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kyle Donnelly - University of Florida

**2013 IAAAM Conference Student Auction**

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2013 Student Auction a great success! All told, IAAAM members gave \$8,135 to help our valued students.

**Full-time Marine Mammal Veterinarian Position - National Marine Mammal Foundation**

The National Marine Mammal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based out of San Diego, California, has a job opening for a **full-time marine mammal veterinarian**. The primary responsibilities of the veterinarian would be in direct support of the US Navy Marine Mammal Program, to include clinical case management of the Navy's collection of bottlenose dolphins and California sea lions. Daily responsibilities include the following: implementing the Navy's preventive medicine program; performing routine health assessments to include biological sampling and diagnostic imaging; providing supportive care and critical care for ill animals; offering field medical support for national and international marine mammal system deployments; training and mentoring incoming veterinarians, veterinary students, veterinary technicians, and animal care specialists on marine mammal medicine; and supporting and/or leading clinical research projects. The clinical veterinary team includes a veterinary radiologist, anesthesiologist, and epidemiologist, and has access to veterinary and human consultants in surgery, cardiology, ophthalmology, urology, and interventional radiology. The veterinarian would be based primarily in San Diego, but could travel up to 10 weeks a year offering veterinary support for satellite facilities and marine mammal deployments. Evening, weekend, and holiday on-call responsibilities are shared with the other San Diego clinical veterinarian(s).

Preference will be given to applicants that have a minimum of 5 years of experience in marine mammal medicine and to those with a research background, including research project management and scientific publications. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and have the ability to obtain a secret clearance. Applicants must be graduates of an AVMA accredited veterinary college or ECFVG certified institution and have a valid U.S. license.

Applicants should submit the following materials:

- 1) A cover letter outlining the applicant's qualifications and interest in the position.
- 2) A curriculum vitae.
- 3) A list of at least three professional references with contact information, to include email addresses and phone numbers.

These materials should be emailed to Ursula Genz ([ursula.genz@nmmf.org](mailto:ursula.genz@nmmf.org)), NMMF Human Resources and Security Officer, and Dr. Cynthia Smith ([cynthia.smith@nmmf.org](mailto:cynthia.smith@nmmf.org)), NMMF Executive Director & Director of Medicine. Additional information about the National Marine Mammal Foundation can be found at [www.nmmf.org/mission](http://www.nmmf.org/mission).



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 current members 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 WORD, without complex formatting. For submissions contact Stephanie Venn-Watson, Newsletter Editor, at [stephanie.venn-watson@nmmf.org](mailto:stephanie.venn-watson@nmmf.org).

For membership information, including address changes, contact Marty Haulena at [martin.haulena@vanaqua.org](mailto:martin.haulena@vanaqua.org)

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