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2022 ANNUAL IAAAM CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Although some areas are seeing progress against the COVID 19 pandemic, there are still some IAAAM member locations where restrictions still apply making it impossible to attend an in-person event. Based on this along with the success of the 2021 virtual Annual Meeting, the IAAAM Board has decided to hold the 2022 Annual Meeting virtually and hope for an in-person event in 2023.

New for 2022, the online conference will be split over a 2-week period to reduce Zoom fatigue. Each week there will be 1 workshop day and 2 days of oral presentations as outlined below:

Week 1:

Monday, May 16th - Workshops
Wednesday, May 18th - Oral Presentations
Friday, May 20th - Oral Presentations

Week 2:

Monday, May 23rd - Workshops
Tuesday, May 24th - Oral Presentations
Thursday, May 26th - Oral Presentations

A lot was learned during the 2021 Annual Meeting, and the Board is committed to providing an educational event while incorporating vibrant and engaging networking events and opportunities. Details about submitting an abstract are below, and please continue to monitor the IAAAM website for event updates.

2022 ANNUAL IAAAM CONFERENCE CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Now Accepting Abstracts

At this time, the IAAAM Board is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the 2022 Annual Meeting is NOW OPEN! All abstracts focusing on aspects of aquatic animal health and medicine will be considered, but submissions on the following topics for the 2022 conference are encouraged:

Applied Welfare: presentations on the implementation and advancements in aquatic animal welfare and the objective measurement of the derived benefits

Conservation Medicine: presentations that highlight veterinary and zoological expertise being leveraged to benefit wildlife

Deadline and Notification: All abstracts must be submitted on line before Midnight EST on Friday December 3, 2021. Papers emailed or submitted any other way or after this date will not be accepted. A confirmation email will follow your completed submission, and this will also include directions on making changes if needed. Decision notifications will be sent out in January.

Questions: If you have any questions regarding the online submission process, please contact the IAAAM Conference Planning Office by emailing info@delaneymeetingevent.com.

[VISIT THE IAAAM WEBSITE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS](#)

2022 CALL FOR STUDENT PRESENTATION 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 2022. The awards are intended to defray costs of attending the conference, promote student participation in the professional program and further the commitment of the IAAAM to its students. The formal program will begin on May 16, 2022, with oral presentations occurring on May 18th, 20th, 24th and 26th. Awards will be granted 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/fellows, 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. A budget that details how financial support will be helpful.
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, intern/resident/fellow, or postdoc status. Students are highly encouraged to become active members of the IAAAM prior to applying. Student members are entitled to a lower conference registration rate than non-members.

The Education Member of the IAAAM Executive Board and the Student Liaison Committee will review the applications. Applicants will be ranked according to judgment criteria that will include: the quality of the written abstract (500 words or less), the justification/significance of the work, the complexity of the work relative to the student's academic achievements, and the commitment of the student to aquatic animal medicine. The intent of the Student Liaison Committee and the Executive Board is to fund as many students as possible. Due to the virtual nature of the upcoming meeting, we anticipate that awardees will receive free meeting registration and a small stipend, similar to last year. 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. One travel award may be designated for a deserving international applicant.

****The deadline for receipt of complete application packets will be Friday, December 10th, 2021.**** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Recipients will be contacted around February 1st, 2022. **Students submitting abstracts for the travel award competition must still separately submit their presentation abstract for acceptance into the conference proceedings.** The IAAAM Treasurer will be notified and will send checks to the successful applicants.

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

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

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

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 Colorado State University
 200 W. Lake Street
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 Fort Collins, CO 80523-1644
 Phone: (970) 297-5416, for telephone inquiries related to travel awards
 Email (for questions not application materials): ashley.mcgrew@colostate.edu

****Regardless of how they are sent, all application materials are due by December 10th, 2021!**

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Abstract (500 words or less)</u>		50
Quality of the written abstract	20	
Definition of hypothesis and objectives	5	
Justification	5	
Design	5	
Results or observations	5	
Conclusions	5	
Complexity and academic achievement	5	
<u>Cover Letter</u>		15
Definition of long-term goals	15	
<u>Curriculum Vitae</u>		15
Commitment to aquatic animal medicine	15	
<u>Letters of Recommendation</u>		15
<u>Budget</u>		5
Realistic and justified	5	
TOTAL POINTS		100

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

2022 IAAAM MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Good news! For those of you looking to get a jump on 2022, you can now renew your annual dues or join IAAAM for the 2022 membership year. Open the IAAAM Home Page and scroll down to Membership for links to information about membership and a New Member Form or use the link below to renew dues if you are already a member. If you have any questions, please contact webmaster@iaaam.org.

EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

See IAAAM Website for complete details and updated list of opportunities

1. **VETERINARIAN – NEWPORT AQUARIUM**

Newport Aquarium, one of the many properties owned by Herschend Family Entertainment, prides itself on creating memories worth repeating. Our Core Values – greatly exceeding guest expectations, serving others, creating emotional connections, and constantly improving – give us purpose and guidance.

Summary:

The position requires a dedicated individual who will take direction from the Operations Director and General Curator in supervising and carrying out husbandry medical procedures for the entire animal collection at NAq. The Veterinarian will be responsible for implementing all animal care and health policies to the highest AZA and veterinarian standards. The veterinarian will develop and implement procedures including but not limited to preventive medicine, standard and specialty quarantines, post-mortem examination, microscopic exam, environmental enrichment, nutrition, progressive treatments, epidemiology, zoonosis controls, pest control, regulations for housing and shipping. The priorities for this position include attention to animal health/ welfare, familiarity with AZA guidelines, strong leadership and communication abilities.

2. **VETERINARY EXTERNSHIP - VANCOUVER AQUARIUM**

This intensive externship is designed to provide veterinary students in their clinical year(s) with experience working with the Vancouver Aquarium's over 6,000 species of animals, which include marine mammals, fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.

3. **VETERINARY TECHNICIAN – TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM**

Take your career to new depths and put your skills to work in a one-of-a-kind setting by becoming a part of the premiere aquarium showcasing the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. The Texas State Aquarium provides high-quality, entertaining programming through education, conservation, and wildlife rehabilitation. We strive to provide our guests with an exciting, educational, and memorable experience.

4. **VETERINARY TECHNICIANS – SEAWORLD ABU DHABI**

We are looking for Veterinary Technicians to join our pre-opening Animal Health and Welfare division. In this role, you will provide comprehensive veterinary care to the SeaWorld Abu Dhabi (SWAD) animal population (mammals, fish, reptiles, birds, and invertebrates) as well as providing support for the affiliated regional marine life rescue and rehabilitation program.

5. VETERINARY TECHNICIAN – FLORIDA AQUARIUM

Responsible for providing veterinary technical support for The Florida Aquarium’s main animal collection, off-site facilities, and/or animal rehabilitation programs. Works closely with the veterinary team as well as a diverse team of biologists and researchers dedicated to responsible animal care and health practices. Performs essential job functions in accordance with guidelines set and approved by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and other safety regulatory agencies.

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 available online at www.iaaam.org. 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 Julie Cavin, Newsletter Editor, at fishdoc07@gmail.com

For membership information, including address changes, contact Gabby Hernández at gabbytica@gmail.com

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