Call for Papers

Conference of the Unusual Pet and Avian Veterinarians (UPAV), Association of Avian Veterinarians - Australasian Committee (AAVAC) and Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians (ARAV).

We are pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the 2014 UPAV/AAVAC/ARAV Conference in Cairns, Queensland, Australia. The conference will be held from Tuesday April 22 to Thursday April 24, 2014 with a field trip on the afternoon of April 25th.

Cairns is the capital of the Wet Tropics of Far North Queensland and the gateway to the Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest. Combine an educational experience with a holiday in a unique part of the world.

The conference theme is: “Topical and tropical”

Our keynote speaker, Mark Mitchell, Professor of Zoological Medicine from the University of Illinois is an internationally renowned avian and exotics clinician. A past-president of the Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians, Mark’s interests include invertebrate, fish, amphibian, reptile, avian, and non-domestic mammal medicine and surgery, as well as conservation medicine and clinical issues in non-domestic species. He has published over 300 book chapters, peer-reviewed manuscripts, and scientific abstracts. Mark currently serves as the co-editor of the Journal of Exotic Pet Medicine, as the Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Herpetological Medicine and Surgery and is also the co-editor of the Manual of Exotic Pet Practice. We are indeed privileged to have him attend our conference.

Highlights include:

- Avian, reptilian and small mammal topics
- Cutting edge presentations by leading Australian and international clinicians and researchers, including Rachel Marschang, Sid Knotek and Tim Hyndman
- Practical classes and wet labs
- Half day field trip
- The Dinner and Unusual Quiz

Program and registration details will be available soon.
Full proceedings will be produced for the conference. Manuscripts are required by:

**Friday 28th February 2014.**

If you wish to present at this conference, please contact us for further details:

- AAVAC presentations, please advise Garry Cross at gcross@internode.on.net
- ARAV and UPAV presentations, please advise Robert Johnson at clinic@reptilevet.com.au

Presentations should be 15 minutes on current topics. Speakers will be asked to choose topics in accordance with the theme, or in some cases the program convenor may invite speakers to present on a certain topic. Once speakers are accepted further details regarding submission of an abstract and a manuscript will be provided.

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