

# 2012 Convention Speakers

Keynote Speaker—Wayne E. Smyth\*

## Under One Wing

(Note: Speakers are subject to change without notice)

**Daniel Almaguer & April Belzung Luna**  
Hand-feeding Victoria Crowned Pigeons

**Alycia Antheunisse\***  
Breeding Lories and Lorikeets for the Pet Trade

**Dr. Igor Berkunsky**  
Blue-throated Macaw Conservation Efforts: What Have We Learned After 10 Years?

**Donald Brightsmith Ph.D.\***  
Nesting, Movements and Conservation Perspectives for Large Macaws in Southeastern Peru  
The Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center at Texas A&M University: 25 Years of Research and Service to the Avicultural Community

**Cheryl Burns**  
The Emperor's Birds

**Jason Crean M.A., M.S.\***  
Avian Biology Classroom (ABC): A New AFA Educational Program for All  
Who's Your Daddy? Using Genetics to Determine Paternity

**Caroline Efstathion M.S.\***  
Understanding Insecticides and Their Role in Aviculture  
Vector-borne Avian Diseases

**Madeleine Franco**  
The Family Album: Documenting the Flock

**Dr. Walt Frey\***  
Adventures Studying the Recovery of the Red-vented Cockatoo in the Philippines

**Lee Gibson**  
Bird Clubs 911

**Debbie Goodrich**  
Rethinking the Controversy: Empowering Clipped Parrots

**Barbara Heidenrieck\***  
What Makes an Expert an Expert?  
Training for Conservation: Kakapo Recovery  
A Good Start to a Good Bird—Raising and Training a Great Companion Parrot

**Steve Milpacher\***  
The Lory Conservation Network: Conservation Through Cooperation

Conservation of the Critically Endangered Yellow-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua sulphera*)

**Sharman Hoppes, DVM, ABVP (Avian)\***  
Treatment of Megabacteria

**Annette Howard**  
The Future of Exhibition in the USA

**Hilla Niemann, MSc.\***  
The Power of Keeping Parrots as Pets  
The Pitfalls of Parrot Training

**Rainer Neimann, Ph.D.**  
With All Senses

**Dr. Cromwell Purchase\***  
Reproductive Research Strategies for the Spix's Macaws

**Gary & Lynn Redden\***  
Meet Gary & Lynn Redden—The "Golden Macaws"

**Linda S. Rubin**  
A Discussion on the Genetics of the New "Golden Macaw" Mutation  
Changing Trends and Art of Exhibiting Parrots in the USA

**Robin Shewokis**  
Workshop—Enriching Your Birds' Lives, Parts I & II

**Lynne Singerman**  
Social Media Marketing Made Easy

**Mark Stafford, DDS**  
What's So Special About Parrots?

**Patricia Sund\***  
The Chop Revolution: A Method of Feeding Your Birds Without Losing Your Mind

**Genny Wall**  
Back to our Roots: Grassroots Legislation

\* These speakers will be featured on the 2012 Convention DVDs, available for preorder individually (\$15) or as an entire set (\$150) at [www.afabirds.org](http://www.afabirds.org).

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