

The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc.

Aviculture Is Conservation Too
43rd Annual Conference | August 3rd – August 5th
Westin La Paloma Resort | 3800 E. Sunrise Dr. | Tucson, AZ 85718

The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. (AFA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational organization established in 1974 whose purpose is to represent all aspects of aviculture and to educate the public about keeping and breeding birds in captivity.

We invite you to submit a proposal to present a paper at our annual convention. Proposals should be submitted in the form of an abstract of **two hundred (200) words or less**, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch of **one hundred (100) words or less**, identifying the author's experience with the topic to be presented and other relevant information. Please consider submitting multiple abstracts as you may have the opportunity to give more than one presentation.

Abstracts will be accepted now through **February 1, 2017**. Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged and applicants will receive timely updates from the speaker committee.

- If the abstract is accepted, you will be required to sign a speaker's contract and return the contract promptly. A short bio and a current, high resolution photograph are also required. Speakers will not be officially confirmed without receipt of a signed contract. Speakers are asked to submit a paper to be possibly be published in the *Watchbird*, the official journal of the AFA.
- AFA will provide a complimentary conference registration package and one banquet ticket to each confirmed speaker. All other arrangements, including guests, transportation and hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the speaker and/or the speaker's sponsor.

Abstracts are short summaries of the paper you wish to present and should be no more than 200 words. They must include the name of the author(s), mailing address(es), email and all phone contact information for the author(s). Please include the name of your company, organization, aviary or other affiliations. If there is more than one author, please indicate if one or both will present. Accepted abstracts will be published in the program with the author's biography and picture. No personal contact information will be made public.

Presentations will be allotted 50 minutes and may include a brief question and answer period. Audio-visual equipment will be made available and will be specified in the contract.

Abstracts, biographies and final papers may be submitted by mail, as an email, or as an MS Word email attachment (**no .pdf files please**) to the Speaker Chair, or faxed to the AFA office. Please identify it as "AFA 2017 Conference Abstract."

PLEASE NOTE ALL DEADLINES ARE FIRM.

AFA requires exclusive publication rights to the accepted papers to be included in the *Watchbird*, the official journal of AFA.

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