

Announcement and Call for Sessions/Workshops

**The Turtle Survival Alliance will host the
10th Annual Symposium on the Conservation and Biology of
Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles**

16-19 August 2012, Tucson, Arizona

**Joint Annual meeting of the Turtle Survival Alliance and
IUCN/SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group**

The Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) and the IUCN/SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group (TFTSG) are pleased to announce the dates of their joint Symposium, Thursday – Sunday, August 16–19, 2012 in Tucson, Arizona. This is the 10th annual conference hosted by the TSA, and has become the largest gathering of non-marine turtle biologists and captive breeding specialists in the world.

In its first decade, the TSA symposia have exhibited upward growth, maintaining an average attendance of 250 turtle biologists representing over 20 countries! This IS the conference to attend for anyone interested in the biology, ecology, husbandry, and *in* - and *ex-situ* conservation of turtles worldwide.

Planning is well underway to ensure that this is the best conference you attend in 2012!

Each year the Program Committee works hard to bring together a wide variety of presentations from around the world, ranging in topic from **captive husbandry to field techniques to conservation**. This symposium also provides a venue for specialized paper sessions. During its nine-year history, symposia have included special sessions covering **China, Madagascar, India, Australia, and South America, Alligator Snapping Turtles, Gopher Tortoises, Southwestern Kinosternids**, and the **genus *Cuora*** to name a few. Past workshops have dealt with **egg incubation, filtration, and translocation**.

You can help make this conference better by organizing a session or a workshop.

Sessions – These typically are based upon turtle groupings (e.g. Genus *Graptemys*), region (e.g. Chinese Chelonians), or a topic (e.g. husbandry, head-starting, chelonian veterinary care and rehabilitation), yet we are open to your suggestions. Session organizers should plan on organizing between 5 and 10 talks on their subject.

Workshops – These provide an active arena to share advancements, new techniques, or specific knowledge about chelonians. Workshops can also provide the opportunity for experienced practitioners to collaborate with other enthusiasts, to develop new ideas about a topic of common interest, and to share experiences with other chelonian enthusiasts as well as to those new to chelonian husbandry and research.

If you are interested in organizing a session or a workshop, please contact Andrew Walde at awalde@turtlesurvival.org. We encourage you to respond as soon as possible as there is room for only a few specialized symposia.

A call for papers and more information regarding the conference will be following in a couple of weeks.

We look forward to seeing you in Tucson!

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Program co-chairs

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<http://www.turtlesurvival.org/get-involved/conference>