



## TURTLE SURVIVAL ALLIANCE

AN IUCN PARTNERSHIP NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE CAPTIVE MANAGEMENT OF FRESHWATER TURTLES AND TORTOISES

Thursday, August 9, 2008 - TSA Update

Dear TSA members:

With one week remaining till the early registration deadline of August 16, I want to encourage you to register and book your hotel this week while the rates are still reasonable and rooms are available. This is going to be our best symposium yet and should not be missed. We still have about 25 rooms left on hold in our block but only suites are still available at \$123.00 including tax; however they will sleep 2 to 3 people as each has a fold out couch as well as 1 – 2 beds.

While we are still tweaking the final 4 day schedule for the conference, the extensive speaker list is provided below which, I think you will agree, is dynamic. Obviously we will have several concurrent sessions to accommodate this many speakers but this is an incredible line up featuring a “who’s who” of turtle conservation.

Highlights include:

- Icebreaker featuring John Cann, with 2 free drink tickets
- Mexican buffet at the Tucson Botanic Garden with speaker Peter Praschag talking about turtles and travel in India; the live auction will follow and beer and wine will be provided FREE
- Full day husbandry symposium including workshops on egg incubation and filtration
- Desert tortoise symposium with round table discussion on relocation strategies
- Presentations on the historic attempt to breed the last Giant Yangtze softshell turtles in captivity
- Other important sessions include Ecology, Southwestern U.S. Topics, Recovery and Reintroduction Programs, and TSA and TCF Funded Projects.
- A host of international speakers will join us and provide inspiring presentations on their efforts to save some of the most endangered turtles on the planet.
- Final awards banquet at the famed Arizona - Sonora Desert Museum, set in the middle of the beautiful Sonora Desert where we will watch the sun set with cocktails. The Behler Chelonian Center will show their new film on Madagascar, followed by dinner featuring Dr. Peter Pritchard, the 2008 recipient of the Behler Chelonian Conservation Award. Student speaker and other awards will also be presented. Again, two free drink tickets.

Folks, we have really gone all out this year to bring this conference to you at a reasonable price while providing as many free meals and drinks as possible. This is an expensive conference for the TSA and to break even we need 200 people registered. Please, don't wait, go to the web site today and register. You have my personal guarantee that this will be our best symposium yet.

<http://www.turtlesurvival.org/news/partners/tsa-annual-conference/>

Though the speaker slate is more than full we still need posters and urge you to submit one. Contact Beth Walton at [walton.beth@yahoo.com](mailto:walton.beth@yahoo.com) See you in Tucson.

Rick Hudson

2008 6th Annual Symposium on Chelonian Conservation and Biology

Speaker List – titles are abbreviated

- Dwight Lawson Captive Management and Reproduction of the Impressed Tortoise
- Scott Davis Giant Asian Softshell Husbandry and Reproduction
- Brad Moxley Husbandry/captive breeding of *Heosemys spinosa*
- John Sadayjac Australian Turtle exhibit at National Aquarium in Baltimore
- Colette Adams Galapagos tortoise Exhibit and Program at Gladys Porter Zoo
- Mike Rapley *Sacalia quadriocellata* Husbandry and Reproduction
- William F. Ziegler Husbandry and Breeding of *Rhinoclemmys*
- Gerald Kuchling Training Captive-bred *Pseudemydura umbrina* for Re-introduction
- Pete Jansema The evolution of a private turtle collection and the creation of a better turtle tank
- M. and E. Feldmans Heat and Dust: Six Weeks at the Largest Turtle Farm in the United States
- Michael Ogle Captive Breeding of the Spider Tortoise at Knoxville Zoo
- Goode and Rodrigues Behler Chelonian Center – Madagascar 2008 - film
- Richard Fife Photographic Overview of a Turtle and Tortoise Breeding Facility in Arizona
- Jeff Lovich Aspects of the Ecology of the Sonoran Mud Turtles in Arizona
- Phil Rosen et al Conservation Issues in the Aridlands Chelonian Fauna of SW North America
- Phil Rosen Tri-national Conservation of the Sonora Mud Turtle in Arizona and Sonora
- Daren Riedle Insights into Aquatic Turtle Communities on the Middle Trinity River Basin
- John B. Iverson Life history of the Ornate Box Turtle in the Nebraska Sandhills
- John Carr et al Clutch and Egg Size Variation of the Smooth Softshell
- Michael Forstner et al Status of *Trachemys gaigeae* and *Pseudemys gorzugi* in the Rio Grande Basin
- Mario Vargas-Ramirez Conservation of the endangered-endemic *Podocnemis lewyana* in Colombia
- Gerald Kuchling Ovarian Cycle and Reproductive Biology of *Rafetus swinhoi*
- Rijaso Fanazava Ecological monitoring of Radiated tortoise populations
- Claudia P Ceballos Body growth of the endangered Amazon river turtle, *Podocnemis expansa*
- Torsten Blanck Rare *Cuora*'s in the wild: *Cuora mccordi*, *Cuora aurocapitata* and *Cuora pani*
- Torsten Blanck Validity of *Cuora cyclornata* and *Cuora trifasciata*
- Rony Garcia Distribution and Ecology of the Central American River Turtle
- Peter Praschag Quest for the river terrapin *Batagur baska* in India
- Eng Hen Chan The Setiu River river terrapin research and recovery program in Malaysia.
- Shailendra Singh et al Conserving India's Endangered Turtles
- Jay Johnson Mycoplasma- Diagnosis, Treatment, and Control Charles Innis Update on intranuclear Coccidiosis
- M. and E. Feldmans Options to Oxytocin
- Cord Offermann Prevention of Recurrent Dystocia Via Partial Caudal Plastron Ostectomy
- John Cann The Freshwater turtles of Australia and New Guinea
- Chris Shepherd The freshwater turtle and tortoise trade in Asia
- Hagen & Hudson A look back at the 19 IUCN Redlist critically endangered Asian chelonians
- Khin Myo Myo Preliminary Survey of the status of *Kachuga trivittata*
- Brian Horne The Chambal River Turtle Head-start Hatch and release Program
- Henk Zwartepoorte The European ex situ status of the Egyptian tortoise *Testudo kleinmanni*
- Tomas Diagne First steps for the creation of TSA Africa.
- Chan & Kuchling In-situ incubation of river terrapin/Batagur eggs in the Dungun River, Malaysia
- Chan & Kuchling Biased Sex Ratios in Nest Translocation and Headstarting Projects of Batagur
- Gerald Kuchling Intersex Gonads and Female Biased Sex Ratio in Captive-bred Aldabra Tortoises
- Joe Truett et al Restoring the Bolson Tortoise to Pleistocene Range
- James Juvik et al Head-starting and Reintroduction of Mojave Desert Tortoises Utilizing Pets
- Ross Kiester et al Trade-offs in Desert Tortoise Headstarting and Restoration
- Ross Kiester et al Global Conservation of Turtles and Tortoises in Multiple Geographies
- Michelle Schireman The Western Pond Turtle Project: A Successful Reintroduction Alliance
- Fujii and Forstner Texas tortoise conservation units in southern Texas.
- Bennet and Litzgus Implications of habitat barriers in Map Turtles (*Graptemys geographica*)
- Edward Louis Community based conservation monitoring of the radiated tortoise
- Peter Paul Van Dyke Global turtle species distribution mapping: Patterns and priority areas
- Tom Herman et al Recovery planning for an endangered population complex of Blanding's turtles
- Shailendra Singh Involvement of Local Communities in the Indian Turtle Conservation Program
- Lu Shunquing History of the *Rafetus swinhoi* rescue operation in China
- Steve Platt The natural history of *Rhinoclemmys areolata* in northern Belize
- Dick Vogt Turtle Ecology Training course
- Elizabeth Walton Ecological Niche Modeling to Delineate Critical Habitat for the Bog Turtle
- Will Selman Basking behavior of the yellow-blotched sawback *Graptemys flavimaculata*
- Syed and Maldonado Phylogeography of the Central American river turtle (*Dermatemys mawii*)
- Jacqueline Litzgus Freshwater Turtle Survival Strategies Under Ice
- Clavijo-Baquet/  
Fallabrino Basic biological information and conservation status of *Phrynops williamsi*
- Megan Rasmussen et al Maternal investment in Spotted Turtles (*Clemmys guttata*)
- Graham and  
Roosenburg The effects of soil microenvironment on hatchling emergence in Malaclemmys
- Benjamin Atkinson Comparative demographics and habitat analyses of creek-dwelling musk turtles

•Taylor Edwards	Desert tortoise genetics
•Chris Jarchow	Determining provenance of captive desert tortoises genetically
•Mercy Vaughn et al	The Desert Tortoise South of the Arbitrary Border
•Ann Mcluckie	et al Status of Isolated Desert Tortoises in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve
•Sky Mclain	Mojave Max education program
•Ray Ashton	Gopher Tortoise Relocation - Considerations and Parameters: Roundtable
•Dave Manser	Aquatic Filtration methods for Ponds and Aquaria
•Brian Horne	Egg incubation parameters

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