



TURTLE SURVIVAL ALLIANCE

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

Friday, September 5, 2008

Appeal for TSA Auction Items

The TSA conference is fast approaching and we want to remind everyone to **please come prepared to contribute to our fund raising auction**. Budget wise, this is going to be a very tight conference for us and we are struggling to stay in the black. So if we see any profit it will come from the auction. This is a great way to show your support for turtle conservation and the TSA so please bring something. Art objects, particularly items from other countries that depict chelonians, are always good sellers. Books, turtle jewelry and turtle T-shirts are also popular. We will be holding both a silent and live auction so no item is too small.

Please help support the TSA where *we are serious about saving turtles*.

Here are a few useful Conference links:

- [TSA Annual Conference Information](#)
- [Daily Conference Schedule](#)
- [Full Speaker List and Topics](#)
- [Register On-line](#)

Special Tour on Sunday - space is limited so please signup by September 15:

Description for the Human Origins Genotyping Laboratory tour

Researchers at the University of Arizona's Human Origins Genotyping Laboratory (HOGL) apply the latest molecular technologies to issues of Conservation Biology. HOGL currently has a diverse array of projects addressing endangered species conservation, captive breeding and reintroduction programs, invasive species, and disease monitoring, including several projects focused on turtles and tortoises. HOGL was formed to service the DNA testing needs of large-scale projects for both the academic community and the private sector and has received world wide recognition for its role as the public testing center for National Geographic and IBM's "Genographic Project". In order to service this demanding project the lab has built infrastructure to extract, quantify, normalize, and amplify DNA from thousands of samples at a time. The Biotechnology Computing Facility has constructed a custom Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to track samples from their entry into the laboratory, through all of the testing procedures, to completed results. Through collaboration with the Genomic Analysis and Technology Core, HOGL can provide nearly any form of genetic data set for any type of project.

Taylor Edwards, assistant staff scientist at HOGL, will provide two short tours of this state-of-the-art facility. on the Sunday after the conference at 10 and 11 a.m. He can accommodate 10-15 people per tour so please e-mail Taylor at: taylor@email.arizona.edu to sign up for these tours before September 15th.

For more information on HOGL, see their website: <http://hogl.arl.arizona.edu/>

Directions:

HOGL is located in the Keating/Bio5 building (1657 E. Helen Street), just north of the University of Arizona main campus, south of the University Medical Center, near Speedway and Campbell. From the Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites, head west on Grant Road and then turn south (left) on Campbell. After passing the University Medical Center on your right, turn right on Helen Street (one street before Speedway). The Keating building is on the north side of the

street. There is parking on both the east and west sides of the building. The building entrance is on the north side of the building; enter through the courtyard. We will meet in the main lobby.

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