General Information

Registration Table

The registration table is located in the resort main lobby (Tues/Wed) and in our general session room (Thurs-Sat). The table will be manned during more restricted times than typical and will be open during the following times:

- Tuesday: 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- Wednesday: 11:00am - 12:00pm & 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Thursday: 8:30am - 9:00am & during breaks/lunch
- Friday: 8:00am - 8:30am & during breaks/lunch
- Saturday: Registration not open

Conference Activity Locations

Board Meetings will take place in SELECTION BAVARO MEETING ROOMS: SAMANA

Hospitality Suite is EL CHIRINGUITO/BEACH BAR
Paper Session Room is SELECTION BAVARO MEETING ROOMS: CATALINA/SAMANA/SAONA

Refreshments will be set up outside SELECTION BAVARO MEETING ROOMS: CATALINA/SAMANA/SAONA

Registration Table and Raffles will be set up in MAIN LOBBY and SELECTION BAVARO MEETING ROOMS: CATALINA/SAMANA/SAONA

Icebreaker is in DOMINICANA THEATER /LOBBY BAR AREA

Banquet is on the BEACH

Workshops and Roundtables are in SELECTION BAVARO MEETING ROOMS: CATALINA/SAMANA/SAONA

**Important to note**

The SELECTION BAVARO MEETING ROOMS where our General Sessions, Workshops and Roundtables take place are located a short walking distance (about 0.25 mile) from the main resort. Iberostar staff are also willing to provide rides to the location on golf carts.

The EL CHIRINGUITO/BEACH BAR closes at 11PM but there is no curfew for leaving the beach area. Although the bar will not be open for acquisition of drinks, we can remain there as late as we want.
2020 Conference Schedule

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am - 5:00pm  Board Meeting
                 Samana

5:00pm - 8:00pm  Registration Open
                 Main Lobby

Wednesday, February 26

6:45am          Meet for Pre-trip
                Main Lobby
7:00am - 11:00am PRE-CONF TRIP: Ridgway’s
              Hawk Field Trip

11:00am - 12:00pm Registration Open
             Main Lobby

12:30am          LUNCH

1:00pm - 6:00pm  Advanced Skills Training
                 Samana/Saona
              Workshop
              Steve Martin CPBT-KA, Natural Encounters, Inc.

6:00pm - 7:00pm  Registration Open
                 Main Lobby

6:30           DINNER on own

7:00pm - 1:00am  ICEBREAKER
                 Dominicana Theater/Lobby Bar

Thursday, February 27

8:00am - 8:30am  Registration Open
                 Catalina/Samana/Saona
8:30am - 9:30am  CONFERENCE OPEN  Catalina/Samana/Saona

Welcome - Dave Miller, IAATE President
Schedule Review - Helen Dishaw, IAATE VP
Behavior Showcase Video Montage
Keynote Intro - Erin Katzner, TPF

9:30am - 10:30am  Keynote Address  Catalina/Samana/Saona
Thomas Hayes, The Peregrine Fund

10:30am - 10:45am  BREAK
Coffee provided. Registration Open

10:45am - 12:15pm  PRESENTATIONS  Catalina/Samana/Saona

“Pay That Bird!” – The Use (and Abuse) of Analogies in Training
Amy Fennell, Natural Encounters, Inc.

Training our Birds: From Jesses to Complete Free Choice.
Silke Kruk, Saskia Verbruggen Landgoed Hoenderdaell, The Netherlands.

Changing a Culture Without Authority: Shifting the Paradigm from a Coercive Animal Ambassador Training Strategy to an Animal-Choice Training Strategy…as a Volunteer
Balinda Strosnider, PhD, CPBT-KA and John Glitsos, CPBT-KA, Liberty Wildlife

12:15pm - 1:45pm  LUNCH on own

12:45pm - 1:45pm  Registration Open  Catalina/Samana/Saona
1:45pm - 3:15pm  PRESENTATIONS  Catalina/Samana/Saona

Making Connections Using the Power of Interpretive Signage  
Kristin Dean and McKenna Schaffer, Carolina Raptor Center

Incredible Ibis  
Karena Marrero, San Diego Zoo Safari Park

Don’t Forget the Small Stuff  
Mike Simmons, A World of Wings, UK

3:15pm - 3:30pm  BREAK

Coffee provided. Registration Open

3:30pm - 5:00pm  PRESENTATIONS  Catalina/Samana/Saona

Easy, Inexpensive, Experiential Learning Expeditiously.  
Francie Krawcke, Michigan Avian Experience

Raptors Out of the Box: Modifying Traditional Approaches to Fit Unique Situations  
Joe Whitehead, Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center & Josh Sanko, American Bald Eagle Foundation

What Makes a Raptor a Raptor? Redefining How We Teach About Birds of Prey  
Erin Katzner, The Peregrine Fund

5:00pm  DINNER on own

7:00pm  HOSPITALITY  El Chiringuito/Beach Bar
Friday, February 28

8:00am - 8:30am  Registration Open  Catalina/Samana/Saona

8:30am - 10:30am  PRESENTATIONS  Catalina/Samana/Saona
     Modified contact: Using Alternative Methods of Contact in a Free Flight World
     Lacey Zeno, San Diego Zoo Safari Park
     Enrichment for Parrots through Learning
     Jennifer Cunha, Esq., My Reading Pets
     Soaring: From Bird Shows to Medical Husbandry
     Brenda Sanchez, Dallas Zoo
     Collaborative and Comprehensive Care for Injured Ambassador Harris Hawk
     Krystin Maloney, Denver Zoological Foundation

10:30am - 10:45am  BREAK
     Coffee provided. Registration Open

10:45am - 11:45am  PRESENTATIONS  Catalina/Samana/Saona
     Fly Free: Creative Choice and Control Options
     Justin Eckelberry, Zoo Atlanta
     Developing a Training Program in Large, Mixed-Species Aviaries
     Catherine Vine

11:45am - 12:15am  OPEN BOARD MEETING
12:15pm - 1:45pm  LUNCH on own

12:45pm - 1:45pm  Registration Open  Catalina/Samana/Saona

1:45pm - 2:45pm  PRESENTATIONS  Catalina/Samana/Saona

The Care, Management and Training of a Large Flock of Homing Pigeons in a Las Vegas Show

*Nancy Rouas, Petting Zoo 2 U & Wings Above*

Compassion Fatigue – Focusing on Human Welfare as well as Animal Welfare

*Kelli Inglis, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, UK*

2:45pm - 3:00pm  BREAK

Coffee provided. Registration Open

3:00pm - 4:00pm  PRESENTATIONS  Catalina/Samana/Saona

The Future of Zoos

*Steve Martin, Natural Encounters, Inc*

4:00pm - 4:15pm  Roundtable Selection Discussion

4:15pm - 4:45pm  PHOTO CONTEST SLIDE SHOW

5:30pm  DINNER on own

7:00pm  HOSPITALITY  El Chiringuito/Beach Bar
Saturday, February 29

8:30am - 10:30am  WORKSHOPS  Catalina/Samana/Saona

8:30am - 10:30am  Workshop 1  Catalina
Behavior-based Enrichment
Megan Stankiewicz, Brevard Zoo and IAATE Enrichment Committee

8:30am - 10:30am  Workshop 2  Samana
Redesigning an Avian Education Program
Jason Beale, Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center and Sidney Campbell, American Bald Eagle Foundation.

8:30am - 10:30am  Workshop 3  Saona
Bird Show Structure and Function
Gareth Morgan, African Lion Safari

10:30am - 10:45am  BREAK
Coffee provided

10:45am - 12:15pm  ROUNDTABLES  Catalina/Samana/Saona

12:15am - 1:30pm  LUNCH on own

1:30pm - 3:30pm  WORKSHOPS  Catalina/Samana/Saona

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3:30pm - 3:45pm  BREAK
Coffee provided

3:45pm - 5:15pm  ROUNDTABLES  Catalina/Samana/Saona

6:30pm - 10:00pm  BANQUET  Beach

6:30pm - 7:30pm  Pre-dinner Cocktails
Last minute raffle ticket purchase

7:30pm - 8:30pm  Dinner

8:30pm - 10:00pm  Awards and Raffles
High Flyer Award and Best Poster Award
Helen Dishaw, Vice President
Service/Board Member Awards
Dave Miller, IAATE President
Grants Announcements
Gareth Morgen, Conservation Committee Chair
Jason Beale, Education Committee Chair
Conservation Raffle
President’s Closing Message
Dave Miller, IAATE President

10:00pm  HOSPITALITY  El Chiringuito/Beach Bar