

7th International Conference on Environmental Enrichment -- Unifying the Art and Science of Animal Enrichment

Hosted by Wildlife Conservation Society
Columbia University, New York

31st July – 5th August 2005

Call for Symposia, Workshops and Organised Discussions

The ICEE Program Committee invites you to submit proposals for symposia, workshops and organized discussions for the 7th International Conference on Environment Enrichment, to be hosted by the Wildlife Conservation Society at Columbia University in New York City from 31st July - 5th August, 2005.

The theme of the conference is 'Unifying the Art and Science of Animal Enrichment'. It is now widely recognized that a sustainable environmental enrichment program is an essential element of animal care. The future of enrichment lies in the unification of best practices with the application of the latest scientific knowledge. The goal of this meeting is to bring together an interdisciplinary group of scientists and animal care professionals to expand and evolve the field of environmental enrichment, with the primary goal of enhancing the welfare of animals in our care.

Symposia:

Symposium proposals will be accepted for topics related to the theme of this conference, or for newly emerging topics of specific relevance to the conference attendees. Proposals should be as brief as possible and include the following explicit headings:

1. Symposium title.
2. A list of organizers, including complete contact information.
3. A synopsis of the symposium theme, and an explanation of the significance of the topic to the conference.

4. A tentative list of speakers (noting whether they have agreed to participate), presentation titles, and a suggested moderator for the symposium.

Workshops and discussions:

There will be an opportunity for workshops within the conference to allow the presentation of new concepts or methodologies related to the subjects of environmental enrichment and animal welfare. Topics for discussions can also be submitted, to allow the audience to participate in the exploration of new or controversial issues. Proposals for workshops or discussions should include the following information:

1. Workshop or discussion title (specify whether workshop or discussion).
2. A list of organizers, including complete contact information.
3. A synopsis of the workshop or discussion theme, and an explanation of the significance of the topic to the conference.
4. Format of workshop or discussion
5. Expected number of participants

All proposals must be submitted by 7th November, 2004 to ICEE2005@wcs.org. The conference program committee will complete the selection of symposia, workshops, and organized discussions for inclusion at the 2005 conference by 15th November, 2004. Proposal authors will be notified of the committee's decision as soon as possible, so that organizers can acquire any necessary funding for their symposium. The Call for Abstracts will be published in November 2004. For more information contact ICEE2005@wcs.org. All symposia, workshop and discussion organizers must register for the conference (details to be announced).

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