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- Sara Hallager, Biologist, National Zoological Park
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- Martha Fischer, Curator of Mammals/Ungulates & Elephants, Saint Louis Zoo

Use It or Lose It: How Reproductive Management Affects Population Sustainability
Moderator: Cheryl Asa, PhD, Director of Research, Saint Louis Zoo
Reproductive Changes in Non-breeding Females
- Linda Penfold, Director, South-East Zoo Alliance for Reproduction & Conservation
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• Ashleigh Clews, Aquarist, National Aquarium in DC

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• Dave Smith, Aquarist, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium

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• Laura Simmons, Curator/Project Manager, Cairnes Marine

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Good Husbandry is Enrichment
• Bryan McNeil, Aquarium Biologist, Seattle Aquarium

Collection, Transport, and Shipping of the Portuguese Man-of-War, Physalia physalis to an Inland Aquarium
• James Clark, Senior Aquarist, Special Exhibits, John G. Shedd Aquarium

Closed System Abalone Culture in a Public Aquarium
• Aaron Hovis, Aquarist II, Aquarium of the Pacific

One World, One Water, One Health: Initiatives in Aquatic Animal Medicine
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Marine Mammals as Sentinels for Ocean and Human Health
• Gregory Bossart, VMD, PhD, Senior Vice President and Chief Veterinary Officer, Georgia Aquarium

Wildlife Medicine: The New Frontier—Where Human, Animal and Habitat Interface
• Jeff Wyatt, DVM, MPH, DACLAM, Professor and Chair, Department of Comparative Medicine, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

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• Martha Fischer, Curator of Mammals/Ungulates and Elephants, Saint Louis Zoo

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• Steve Castillos, Curator, Disney’s Animal Kingdom

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• Daniel Beetem, Director of Animal Management, the Wilds

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• Billy Causey, Southeast Regional Director, NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

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• Bart Shepherd, General Curator, Steinhart Aquarium, California Academy of Sciences

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• Allan Marshall, Vice President of Biological Operations, The Florida Aquarium

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• Barbara Long, Vice President, Government Relations & Special Projects, Aquarium of the Pacific

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Moderator: Randy Thomas, Principal, Randy Thomas & Associates

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• Tammy Morano, Zoological Manager, Predators and Sea Lions, Birmingham Zoo
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• Steve Reichling, PhD, Curator of Reptiles, Memphis Zoo
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• R. Andrew Odum, Curator of Herpetology, The Toledo Zoo

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• Robert Tawes, Biologist, Endangered Species Program, Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Regional Office

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• Brian Gratwicke, Conservation Biologist, The National Zoo
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• Steven Monfort, Director, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, National Zoo
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• Lisa Dabek, Senior Conservation Scientist, Director of TKCP, Woodland Park Zoo
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• Anna George, Director of Conservation, Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute (TNACI)

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• Laurie Marker, Director, Cheetah Conservation Fund
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• Doug Warmolts, Assistant Director of Living Collections, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

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Breeding Centers and Creating a Self-Sustaining Population: the Cheetah Model
• Jack Grisham, VP of Animal Collections, Saint Louis Zoo
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• Michael Mace, Curator of Birds, San Diego Zoo Safari Park
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• Nicole Cavender, Chief Programmatic Officer, the Wilds

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• Paul Anderson, PhD, Conservation & Research Coordinator, Florida Aquarium Center for Conservation
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• Judy St. Leger, DVM DACVP, Director of Veterinary Pathology, SeaWorld San Diego

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• Jeremy Goldblatt, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Lincoln Park Zoo
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• Danny Elfenbein, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Community Development, Zoological Society of Florida

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• Stephanie Cameron, Marketing & Communications Manager, Oregon Zoo
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• Kristin Pollock, Assistant Director of Individual Giving, John G. Shedd Aquarium
• Bill Tortorici, Director of Membership and Annual Fund, Denver Zoological Foundation
Is Media the Message? Marketing the Membership Aesthetic
• Charles A., Hyde, Director of Membership, Indianapolis Zoo

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• Bob Davidson, Chief Executive Officer, Seattle Aquarium

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• Lisa Litchfield, Instructor, Potter Park Zoological Gardens
Zoo School: A Limitless Learning Opportunity
• Janelle Cummins, Education Manager, Brevard Zoo

Zoos and Aquariums & Higher Education: Uniting for Conservation Education
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• Chris Myers, Director, Project Dragonfly, Miami University
Impacts of Inquiry-based Programming on Conservation Knowledge and Awareness
• Christine Korhnak, Senior Education Specialist, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
Win- Win: The Development of a Long Term University - Zoo Partnership
• Dan Marsh, Director of Education, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
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Katie Remine, School & Community Engagement Supervisor, Woodland Park Zoo

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Moderator: John C. Anderson, Director of Education, New England Aquarium
Training for Hot Pink Flamingos: Indications that Core Ideas Will Persist in Future Interpretation
• Jim Covel, Senior Manager, Guest Experience Training & Interpretation, Monterey Bay Aquarium

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• Juliet Pool, Guest Experience Programs Manager, Monterey Bay Aquarium

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• Dave Asheim, President / Founder, Give by Cell
Marketing Your Mobile Giving Campaign
• Karen Hamilton, Senior VP, Marketing, Dallas Zoological Society
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• Cynthia Vernon, Vice President of Education, Guest, and Research Programs, Monterey Bay Aquarium
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• Alejandro Grajal, Senior Vice President for Conservation, Education & Training, Chicago Zoological Society
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Moderator: Tiffany Musgrove, Director of Conservation Education, Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens
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• Lucy Hale, Education Programs Manager, Dallas Zoo and Children's Aquarium at Fair Park
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• Kristen Cytacki, Director of Education and Sustainability, Palm Beach Zoo
Quality Assurance Through Careful Evaluation
• Cherie Williams, Education Curator, Seattle Aquarium

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Moderator: Kathleen Wagner, Consultant, Schultz & Williams
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• Mitch Magdich, Curator of Education, Toledo Zoo
NatureStart: Chicago Zoological Society's Professional Development Program
• Dave Becker, Senior Manager of Learning Experiences, Chicago Zoological Society

Poetry and the Wild: The Language of Conservation Project
The Language of Conservation and the Implications for Marketing
• Susan Altrui, Marketing and Development, Little Rock Zoo

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• Dawna Sagi, Schoolyard Naturalization Coordinator, The Calgary Zoological Society
Crossing Disciplines, Building Bridges: Zoo Educators and Early Childhood Educators
• Dave Becker, Senior Manager of Learning Experiences, Chicago Zoological Society

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• Jeff Ewelt, Executive Director, Beartooth Nature Center
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• Melinda Mendolusky, Animal Ambassador Program Manager, Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo
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• Rebecca Bearman, Lead Keeper, Program Animals, Zoo Atlanta

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• Peggy Sloan, Director, North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher
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• Dave Glenn, High School Volunteer Program Supervisor, Seattle Aquarium
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• Rachel Bergren, Vice President of Education, Lincoln Park Zoo
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• Christian Greer, Director of Programs, Chicago and New York Learning Networks, MacArthur Foundation and Chicago Community Trust
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• Jackie Ogden, Ph.D., Vice President, Animal Programs and Environmental Initiatives, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts

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• Rachél Watkins Rogers, Zoo Registrar, Zoo Miami

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• Steve Taylor, Zoo Director, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

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Moderator: Paul Boyle, PhD, Senior V.P., Conservation & Education, Association of Zoos & Aquariums
The Metamorphosis of Zoo Horticulture into Botanical Collections Management
• Catherine Hubbard, Botanical Collection Manager, Albuquerque BioPark

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Moderator: Ginnie Westmoreland, Director of Marketing, Saint Louis Zoo
Summer Concert Series via the Web
• Jim Bennett, Director of Marketing, Woodland Park Zoo

Making Politics Fun! Okay…Or At Least Understandable
• Tom Adams, Director of Federal Government Relations, Chicago Zoological Society-Brookfield Zoo
• Shareen Knowlton, Director of Education, Roger Williams Park Zoo
• Melinda Arnold, Public Relations/Marketing Director, Dickerson Park Zoo
• Cynthia Holter, Vice President, External Affairs, Saint Louis Zoo

From Apps to QR Codes: Smart Phone Technologies That Enhance Guest Experiences
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• Dean Noble, Director of Marketing, Santa Barbara Zoo
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• Dan Shropshire, CEO, Mobile Excursions, LLC

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What's in a Name: A Rebranding Toolkit
• Abi Karlin-Resnick, Director of Advancement, CuriOdyssey

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Moderator: Kyle Burks, Ph.D., Executive Vice President/COO, Denver Zoo
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• Mary Beth Johnson, V.P., Communications & Public Affairs, Lincoln Park Zoo
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*Create the Right Mix for Blended Learning*
- Giovannina Souers, Volunteer Training Coordinator, Seattle Aquarium

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- Nette Pletcher, Professional Development Program Manager, Association of Zoos & Aquariums

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*The Future is Now: Engaging Teen Volunteers to Advance your Mission and Build Community Relations*
- Bill Davis, Volunteer Manager, The Toledo Zoo

*Interns: How to Manage This Unique Volunteer Resource and Responsibility*
- Catherine Johansson, Assistant Manager, Training & Volunteer Operations, Georgia Aquarium, Inc.

*Volunteer Management and Today's Volunteers*
- Brooke Estes, Volunteer Manager, Birmingham Zoo

*Give and Get Back: Cultivate Bottom Line (and then some!) Benefits of Your Volunteer Program*
- Kim Haas, Volunteer Program Supervisor, Woodland Park Zoo

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Moderator: Brian Kutsch, Education Manager, Birmingham Zoo

*Change Management Theory*
- Brian Kutsch, Education Manager, Birmingham Zoo

*There Was Chaos, Misery and Heartache, Then Things Got Really Bad: How to Effectively Communicate Change*
- Miki Elizondo, Volunteer Resources Operations Manager, Monterey Bay Aquarium

Engaging and Understanding Volunteers with Special Needs
Moderator: Mark Freedlund, Play Program Supervisor, Chicago Zoological Society-Brookfield Zoo

*Working With a Variety of Specialized Community Groups*
- Jessica Deering, Supervisor of Guest Services, Butterfly House

*Columbus Zoo and Oakstone Academy Partnership*
- Ginger Earley, Volunteer Coordinator, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

*Incorporating Those With Disabilities*
- Melissa Bowers, Volunteer & Internship Coordinator, The Living Planet Aquarium