



# GATEWAY TO ANIMAL EXCELLENCE

42<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
AAZK National Conference  
St. Louis, Missouri • 2015

September 27 - October 1, 2015

Hosted by the Saint Louis Zoo and  
the St. Louis Chapter of the AAZK.



## General Information

**Sunday, September 27, 2015:**  
Icebreaker

**Monday, September 28:**  
Keynote Speaker, Presentations  
and Workshops

**Tuesday, September 29:**  
Presentations and Workshops

**Wednesday, September 30:**  
Zoo Day (Includes Behind-the-  
Scenes Tours, Keeper Chats,  
and Training and Enrichment  
Demonstrations)

**Thursday, October 1:**  
Half Day of Presentations,  
Luncheon and Farewell Banquet

*All conference sessions (except the icebreaker) will take place at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Hotel. The Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Hotel is situated in the heart of downtown St. Louis and only 20 minutes from Lambert International Airport. The hotel is within 100 yards of Busch Stadium and footsteps from the famous Gateway Arch.*



## Call for Abstracts

### Papers:

Authors will be allowed 15 minutes for presentation with five minutes of Q & A immediately following. Abstracts should focus on the conference theme including innovative approaches and best practices in the areas of animal husbandry, conservation, leadership, education, enrichment and training.

### Guidelines for Abstracts:

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and submitted as a Microsoft Word document via email to [pdca@azk.org](mailto:pdca@azk.org).

### Posters:

Posters will be on display throughout the conference. Please include the following information:

- Name of the authors and presenter
- Institution/affiliation
- Position/title
- Title of work (please specify poster or paper)
- AV requirements
- Contact information (please include email)

*Deadline for abstracts is May 1, 2015.*

*Authors will be notified regarding their acceptance by June 1, 2015. All papers must be received by July 15, 2015 to be included in the conference program. Please contact [pdca@azk.org](mailto:pdca@azk.org) with any questions.*



## Workshop Schedule

### Last and ONLY call for Workshops:

November 1, 2014  
Workshops due to the PDC Committee by December 1, 2014

### Registration Dates and Costs:

**Member Fee:** \$240 (Includes all Paper Sessions, Icebreaker, Zoo Day, Awards Banquet, T-shirt, Conference Packet and \$5 Carbon Offset Fee)

**Member Spouse:** \$240 (Includes all Paper Sessions, Icebreaker, Zoo Day, Awards Banquet, T-shirt, Conference Packet and \$5 Carbon Offset Fee)

**Non-member Fee:** \$290 (Includes all Paper Sessions, Icebreaker, Zoo Day, Awards Banquet, T-shirt, Conference Packet and \$5 Carbon Offset Fee)

### Daily Registration:

**AAZK Member/Spouse:** \$80

**Non-member:** \$90

### Icebreaker Only

#### (Non-registered Parties):

**AAZK Member/Spouse:** \$75

**Non-member:** \$75

### Awards Luncheon Only

#### (Non-registered Parties):

**AAZK Member/Spouse:** \$75

**Non-member:** \$75

### Banquet Only

#### (Non-registered Parties):

**AAZK Member/Spouse:** \$75

**Non-member:** \$75

*\*\*\*Registration deadline is August 21, 2015. After that date registration fees will include a late fee on full or daily registrations*

### Full Conference Registration with Late Fee:

**AAZK Member/Spouse:** \$290

**Non-member:** \$240

### Daily Registration with Late Fee:

**AAZK Member/Spouse:** \$100

**Non-member:** \$110

*For more information on the 2015 AAZK National Conference, visit [stlaazk.org](http://stlaazk.org). If you have any questions, email [aazkgroup@stlzoo.org](mailto:aazkgroup@stlzoo.org).*

***Hope you will meet us in St. Louis in 2015!***