



# Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians



28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference- October 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 2008, Buttonwood Park Zoo - New Bedford, MA

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendee: Yes / No Bringing an Auction Item: Yes / No Presenter: Yes / No

Vegetarian Meals Preferred: Yes / No Roommate Needed: Yes / No - smoking / non-smoking

Date of arrival/Airline/flight information: \_\_\_\_\_

## Conference Registrants

Registration fee includes Proceedings, Banquet, Icebreaker, Dinner Theatre, Faneuil Hall, Breaks, Lunches (unless noted as "on own") and Zoo Day for the person listed on this Registration form. (unless signing up for individual days)

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	Cost	Total
AZVT member	\$200	
Non- AZVT member	\$250	
Student	\$175	
Daily/ Circle days attending Fri Sat Sun Mon Icebreaker, Dinner Theatre, Faneuil Hall, and Banquet are not included in this price. Please check below if attending	\$40	
<b>Registration Late Fee- after August 9th</b>	\$50	
Fish Diagnostic Wet Lab (see attachment for details) Limited to 20 (pm session)	\$50	
Scientific Writing Wet Lab (see attachment for details) Limited to 40 (am session)	\$50	
Thermography Wet Lab (see attachment for details) Limited to 40 (pm session)	\$50	
<b>Wet Lab Late Fee - after August 9th</b>	\$60/Lab	
Post Conference Trip to NEAQ/Whale Watch on Tuesday, Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> (see attachment for details)	\$40	
Guest/s attending Post conference Trip Number of people: X	\$40/person	
Guest/s attending Ice Breaker Number of people: X	\$40/person	
Guest/s attending Dinner Theatre Number of people: X	\$36/person	
Guest/s attending Faneuil Hall Night Number of people: X	\$30/person	
Guest/s attending Banquet Number of people: X	\$50/person	
Guest/s attending Zoo Day (includes lunch/dinner) Number of people: X	\$40/person	
<b>Total Due</b>		

**All Checks should be made out to AZVT. No Credit Cards accepted. No refunds after September 6, 2008**

◆Registration must be received by August 9<sup>th</sup> to avoid late fees ◆No registrations will be accepted after September 8, 2008

◆◆Money is due before check in/registration first day of conference◆◆

Mail Registration and checks to: **Buttonwood Park Zoo/ AZVT Conference** OR Fax to: 508-979-1508 Attn: Tina DeMedeiros, 425 Hawthorn St, New Bedford, MA 02740

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### General Information:

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The Buttonwood Park Zoo is located in New Bedford, MA in Southeastern Massachusetts approximately 60 miles south of Boston, 30 miles east of Cape Cod, and 40 miles west of Providence, RI. We have typical New England October weather 55-75 during the day and 45 at night. In October the region is often treated to an "Indian Summer". Please check [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com) to get the forecast for the week of the conference.

### Hotel:

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Accommodations are at the Hampton Inn Hotel in Westport, MA about 10 minutes from the zoo.

Address: Hampton Inn/Westport  
53 Old Bedford Rd,  
Westport, MA 02790

Room Rates are \$79 (9.7% tax) for a double or a king - **if reserved by July 31, 2008**

Check in: 3:00pm      Check out: 12:00pm

Reservations can be made by calling the direct number to the Westport hotel at (508) 675-8500, and also on line at [www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com)

**When making reservations please identify that you are with the Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians and give them the code CZV to receive the discount.**

Any reservation made after the cut off of **July 31, 2008** will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

### Parking:

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Parking is free at the hotel.

### Airport:

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Flights can be arranged through [Expedia.com](http://Expedia.com)

We recommend flying into and out of **TF Green Airport in Rhode Island**. [www.pvdairport.com](http://www.pvdairport.com)  
Transportation to and from the hotel will be provided at no charge if you follow our recommendations.

**\*\*\*Please note anyone flying into Boston's Logan Airport will have to find his or her own transportation (see below for shuttle/limo service)**

#### Amenities:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ◆ Dunkin Donuts         | ◆ Tito's Cantina       | ◆ Wolfgang Puck Kiosk        |
| ◆ TGI Fridays           | ◆ The federal taveran  | ◆ Chili's                    |
| ◆ Block Island Café/Bar | ◆ Gift shop/ Snack Bar | ◆ Wireless Internet Services |
| ◆ Shipping Services     | ◆ Baggage Carts        | ◆ ATM- Sky Bank              |

#### Airline info:

Air Canada: 888-247-2262  
American Airlines/ Eagle: 800-433-7300  
Continental Airlines/Express: 800-525-0280  
Delta Airlines/ Connection: 800-221-1212  
Northwest Airlines: 800-225-2525  
Southwest Airlines: 800-435-9792  
United Airlines: 800-241-6522  
US Airways: 800-428-4322

#### Car Rentals:

- ◆ Alamo/National: 800-227-7368 or local:
- ◆ AVIS: 800-831-2847 or local:
- ◆ Budget: 800-527-0700 or local:
- ◆ Hertz: 800-654-3131 or local:

**Ground Transportation to and from Logan Airport:**

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◆**A2B Limousine & Transportation Service: 508-509-1986** - Need to call ahead (24hr service)

*Boston Logan Airport to Hampton Inn Westport, MA:*  
\$100 +tip (one way)

◆**A & P Limousine Service: 508-674-1784** - Need to call ahead of time

*Boston Logan Airport to Hampton Inn Westport, MA:*  
\$110 +tip (one way)

◆**Just in Time Shuttle Services: 508-961-2434** - Need to call ahead of time. (24hr service)

*Boston Logan Airport to Hampton Inn Westport, MA:*  
\$130 +tip optional (one way)

## **Wet Labs: Thursday - October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008**

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The wet labs will be held at Buttonwood Park Zoo and transportation will be provided from hotel to the zoo and back. There will be lunch options available for those who may be attending an AM and PM lab. Once your registration is in, you will receive confirmation on your labs.

### ◆ **Fish Biology and Examination for Technicians**

Presented by Pilar Gibson, New England Aquarium

**Time offered: 1:30pm-4:30pm**

**Limited to the first 20 registrants**

This lab will cover the following objectives: To become familiar with the basics of fish biology and anatomy. To experience and perform physical exam on a fish, including common diagnostics. To further investigate fish anatomy and pathology by performing a fish necropsy.

**\*\*Participants will need to have medical insurance and sign a waiver.**

**You will also need to bring your own scrub top, basic dissection kit and wear closed toe shoes.**

### ◆ **Scientific Writing**

Presented by Sarah L. Poynton Ph.D., John Hopkins University School of Medicine

**Time offered: 8:30am-12:30pm**

**Limited to the first 40 registrants**

This workshop will focus on three main elements: principles of effective scientific writing, abstracts, and basic editing skills and strategies. Many examples will be used, and participants will have the chance to critique work, and do in-class exercises. The four topic groups for the AZVT proceedings will be discussed: Clinical Pathology, Case Studies, Hospital Procedures and Innovations and Updates. All participants will receive a detailed Workbook.

### ◆ **Thermography of Elephants**

Presented by Dr. Scott T. Willard and Anna B. Chromiak, Remote Animal Monitoring Solutions (RAMS)

**Time offered: 1:00pm-4:30pm**

**Limited to the first 40 registrants**

The information that the participants gain will be an understanding regarding the process of thermal imaging. Participants will gain an understanding of the information obtained from the interpretation of thermal imaging as applied to elephants.

**Icebreaker: Thursday – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 from 6pm – 9pm**

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Enjoy the unique ambiance of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The Museum is located in the heart of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park amid cobblestone streets, art galleries and quaint shops.

[www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org)

**Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace: Friday – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 from 5pm-11pm**

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It's the seat of American history and the site of one of America's most famous shopping and dining experiences. For over two hundred and fifty years, the marketplace has played an integral role in the life of Boston residents, so check out the gateway to the city at [www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com). Busing will be provided to and from the hotel but dinner is on your own that night, so remember to bring money.

**Joey & Maria's Italian Comedy Wedding: Saturday – October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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A wildly funny, interactive show... Joey & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding invites you to be a guest at an anything-but-traditional Italian wedding. You'll sing. You'll dance. You'll eat. You'll laugh yourself silly with two of the craziest Italian families. [www.comedywedding.com/shows/joeymarias.cfm](http://www.comedywedding.com/shows/joeymarias.cfm)

**Silent Auction: Sunday – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 ~ Zoo Day ~**

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**Please** do not forget to bring items for the Silent Auction! This event is held to help support the Laurie Page-Peck Scholarship Fund, so bring items that will fetch a high bid and even a small bid, because it all goes to a good cause. You can hit up your zoo's gift shop, local suppliers or your favorite local stores for items they would be willing to donate. Remember we are a big group with many different tastes and interests so all is welcome. Every year there are different items that always cause a big down to the minute pencil war and bring in a lot of money for the scholarship, maybe it will be the item you bring. Also, if you know what you want to bring but don't want to carry on the plane, ship it to the zoo ahead of time. Please write on the box ATTENTION: Tina DeMedeiros.

**We are ONLY able to accept CASH or CHECKS for the Silent Auction- No credit cards will be accepted.**

**Banquet: Monday – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 6pm – 11pm**

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The banquet will be on Monday evening at Bittersweet Farms Restaurant. Situated on a 29-acre farm dating back to the 1920's, Bittersweet Farms provides an elegant country atmosphere and perfect setting. Semi formal attire is tradition. Dinner will be served buffet style and a cash bar will be offered so remember to bring money.

## **Post Conference Trip: Tuesday- October 7<sup>th</sup> 2008**

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◆ New England Aquarium Whale Watch: [www.neaq.org/visit\\_planning/whale\\_watch/index.php](http://www.neaq.org/visit_planning/whale_watch/index.php).

**\$40.00**/person includes transportation, Whale Watch and a behind the scenes tour at New England Aquarium.

**Lunch on your own**

Our destination is Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary, a rich feeding ground for whales, dolphins, sea birds and other marine life. This area is home to several kinds of large whales, including humpback whales, finback whales, minke whales, as well as pilot whales and the critically endangered right whales. White-sided dolphins may also put in an appearance.

8:00 am. - Leave the hotel

9:30 am. - Arrive at NEAQ Behind the scene tours will be scheduled.

1:00 pm. - Board boat for Whale watch

1:30 pm.- Leave NEAQ wharf

4:30 pm. **or** 5:30pm. –Return from whale watch. Trips run from 3-4hrs depending on whale sightings

6:00pm. -Leave for hotel. **Note: you want to stay another night at hotel and depart on the 8<sup>th</sup>**

◆ New England Aquarium

Founded in 1969, the New England Aquarium is a global leader in ocean exploration and marine conservation. The Aquarium is one of the premier visitor attractions in Boston, with over 1.3 million visitors a year, and a major public education resource.