



## **BIERZS 2007, THE SYMPOSIUM**

### **BEAR INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR REHABILITATORS, ZOOS AND SANCTUARIES**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

Bearkeepers.net wants to invite you to participate in BIERZS 2007, The Symposium hosted by Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/veterinary/home.xml>) in Pomona, California.

The conference will be held on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2007 to Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2007, inclusive at Western University of Health Sciences, the Los Angeles Zoo (<http://www.lazoo.org/condorall/>), and a local sanctuary.

The future of bear conservation is contingent upon building bridges of communication and cooperation between bear care professionals. This symposium will bring together bear caregivers interested in sharing information on bear behavior, husbandry, enrichment, training and preventive medicine to enhance captive bear care and global bear conservation efforts.

The registration fee includes all paper/poster sessions, lunches/dinners, Coffee & Dessert Icebreaker and Farewell Lunch, field trip transportation, facility entrance fees, and BIERZS 2007 Proceedings. The Enrichment and Training Workshops are an additional fee of \$10 each. **The Animal Photography & Art Market** is a special feature on Sunday afternoon for you to 'show & sell' your animal photography or other art to your colleagues. There is no entrance or vendor fee. Please consider being a market vendor.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations will focus on captive bear care specific to the efforts of rehabilitators, zoos and sanctuaries. Research, as well as technical and pragmatic work will be accepted in both oral and poster presentation style. Every effort will be made to incorporate as many presenters as possible. Topics can range from rehabilitation techniques used to maximize release potential to training sanctuary/zoo residents for blood draws. BIERZS 2007 Proceedings will be given to each delegate upon registration. BIERZS 2007 Final Proceedings will be posted on [www.bearkeepers.net](http://www.bearkeepers.net).

If you wish to make a presentation please email your abstract (on/before Sunday, June 15 2007) to:

Gail Hedberg  
Agenda Coordinator  
[gailh@sfzoo.org](mailto:gailh@sfzoo.org)  
Fax (510) 795-0538

prior to registering for BIERZS 2007. Your Abstract Confirmation will entitle you to the Presenters Discount.

### **ENRICHMENT AND BEAR TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

On Friday, August 24 2007 two practical workshops will be run alternately and concurrently so all delegates can attend. The Enrichment Workshop is developed and presented by Valerie Hare and Karen Worley, Founders of The Shape of Enrichment (<http://www.enrichment.org/>). The Training Workshop is developed and presented by Jason Pratte, Giant Panda Keeper at the Zoo Atlanta (<http://www.zooatlanta.org/home.htm>).

### **REGISTRATION**

#### FEE SCHEDULE

- \$170 USD, Regular Rate
- \$150 USD, Presenters Discount

#### PLUS

- \$ 10 USD, Enrichment Workshop
- \$ 10 USD, Training Workshop
- = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD Total

### **REGISTRATION FORMS**

To register please fill out the Registration Form on the BIERZS 2007 Brochure or by downloading the BIERZS 2007 Brochure form from:

[www.bearkeepers.net](http://www.bearkeepers.net)

Send the completed registration form (prior to July 15<sup>th</sup> 07) to:

College of Veterinary Medicine  
Western University of Health Sciences  
Attn: Dr. Teresa Y. Morishita  
309 East Second Street  
Pomona, California 91766

Phone: (909) 469-5512  
Fax: (909) 469-5635

Delegates can use VISA or Master Card

Please make checks payable to: Western University of Health Sciences in US currency.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Shilo Inns Suites Hotel Hilltop  
3101 Temple Avenue  
Pomona, CA 91766 USA

Reservations: 1 (800) 222-2244  
Reception: (909) 598-7666 EXT 274  
Fax: (909) 598-4627  
Website: [http://www.shiloinns.com/California/pomona\\_hilltop.html](http://www.shiloinns.com/California/pomona_hilltop.html)

COST:

Suites: \$109.00 Plus Tax Per Night  
Sleeps Three People (2 Beds, 1 Pull-Out Sofa Bed),  
Has Microwave, Refrigerator, & Coffeemaker  
Single/Double: \$99.00 Plus Tax Per Night

A block of rooms is reserved for BIERZS 2007. When making your reservation, please mention that you are attending BIERZS 2007 to get the above discounted room rates. This rate entitles you to the free breakfast buffet daily, plus shuttle service to/from Ontario Airport and Western University.

### **KEY NOTE SPEAKER**

The BIERZS 2007 Planning Group is proud to present;

**JILL ROBINSON**  
**FOUNDER of ANIMALS ASIA**  
<http://www.animalsasia.org/>

GIVING THE KEY NOTE ADDRESS

**'CHINA BEAR RESCUE CENTRE – MUCH MORE THAN A SANCTUARY'**

### **THE ANIMAL PHOTO & ART MARKET**

The BIERZS 2007 Planning Group has noticed that bear enthusiasts are often talented in photography or other art forms. While visiting conferences, delegates are often looking for photographs, cards, and other creative images of animals. If you are talented in the arts and would like to 'show & sell' your wares please consider being a vendor at **The Animal Photo & Art Market** to be held on Sunday afternoon in conjunction with the Farewell Luncheon at Western University. There is no vendor's fee and you take your earnings home.

If you wish to be a vendor or exhibitor at **The Animal Photo & Art Market** please sign up with:

Carol Bresnay  
The Animal Photo & Art Market Coordinator  
[qvcab1@comcast.net](mailto:qvcab1@comcast.net)

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Any additional questions can be directed to;

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