



Announcement

American College of Zoological Medicine Exam Preparation and Study Course in conjunction with the 2016 Conference of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, and Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research

Atlanta, Georgia USA

Detailed Schedule and Registration

As in previous years, the American College of Zoological Medicine's Education Committee will sponsor an exam preparation and study course in conjunction with the Conference of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, and Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research. As there will be **no traditional short course in 2016**, these courses offered in association with a conference will be the only training courses offered by the ACZM in 2016. The course has been lengthened to 1.5 days to facilitate additional study material, networking opportunities, and additional mock examinations. The annual conference will take place in Atlanta, Georgia and **the ACZM Ultra-short Course will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 16th / 17th 2016.**

Who Should Take this Course?

Anyone interested in learning more about the American College of Zoological Medicine, those that are interested in seeking Diplomate status, are in the process of preparing for examination, or any individual who is interested in and can benefit from in-depth, up-to-date, literature-based review lectures on zoological medicine. The exam preparation and study course is administered and instructed by ACZM Diplomates and other specialists. The course is divided into three main sections:

First Section: (Morning) Introduces the attendee to the history and mission of the ACZM, reasons for becoming a Diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine, how to become eligible to take the ACZM examination, and provide study and test-taking strategies. A special focus will be given to the job task analysis which represents an important aspect in examination design. Anyone with any interest in becoming board eligible or taking the

ACZM examination would be expected to benefit from this section, especially those not familiar with ACZM and the board examination. Furthermore two in depth topics will be taught by experts.

Lunch will be provided in addition to coffee breaks, to allow opportunity for networking and sharing experiences/personal study strategies.

Second Section: (Afternoon) Additional lectures intended to cover specific zoological medicine topics in-depth. These lectures are meant to be a thorough review of the literature and help the attendee prepare his/her study strategy and organization of the topics. Anyone interested in in-depth reviews of zoological medicine, including most up-to-date published information would be expected to benefit from this section. The teaching will end with a mock essay exam and a discussion of the results. The day will end with a relaxed get together in a nearby restaurant.

Third Section: (Morning) Additional lecture on how to prepare for the exam with special focus on question writing. Two mock exams – slide and multiple choice will also be given and discussed together.

This year's schedule is at the end of this announcement.

The cost of this course is \$250/person for early registration (until May 31st) and \$300/person for late registration. To find the link for the registration got to:
www.aczm.org/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=366916&item_id=503064

The cost includes an electronic version of ACZM information handouts, in-depth lecture materials, lunch on the first course day, refreshments, and appetizers at a nearby restaurant.

For more information on registration, please contact Drs. Jean-Michel Hatt at (+41 44) 635 83 42 (Switzerland) / jmhatt@vetclinics.uzh.ch or Chris Hanley at (314) 646-4522 (USA)/ Hanley@stlzoo.org. If not planning on attending the AAZV conference, but still interested in attending the course, please contact the above directly.

If there are not enough registrants by June 16th, the course will be canceled and payments returned.



Program

ACZM EXAM PREPARATION AND STUDY COURSE DETAILED SCHEDULE

July 16th / 17th, 2016

Atlanta, GA

In conjunction with the Conference of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, and Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research

Room: to be named

Saturday: 16th July

8:00 – 8:30:

Welcome, introduction to the history of the American College of Zoological Medicine; why become board-certified? Getting Board Certified
Eligibility - The credentialing and application process

8:30 – 9:30:

Exam structure; taking the exam. Job Task Analysis

9:30-10:00: Break

10:00-11:30: In depth topic 1

11:30-1:00: Lunch

1:00-2:30: In depth topic 2

2:30-3:15: In depth topic 3a

3:15-3:30: Break

3:30-4:15: In depth topic 3b

4:15-5:00 Mock Essay Exam

One or two essay questions: candidates have 20 min and then it will be discussed together

6:00: Relaxed get together in a close-by restaurant

Sunday: 17th July

8:00 – 9:00:

How to prepare for the exam, question writing

9:00 – 9:30: Mock slide exam

9:30-10:00: Break

10:00-11:30: Mock MCQ exam

11:30-12:00: Wrap up and discussion

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