

# Call for ABSTRACTS

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Regional Aquatic Workshop will be held in Tampa, Florida from May 14-18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

We are calling upon presenters to submit abstracts for 20-minute oral presentations (15 minutes presenting plus 5 minutes of questions).

If you would like to present, please carefully follow the instructions for authors and submit the abstract to the program committee at the following email address:

[RAWAbstracts@flaquarium.org](mailto:RAWAbstracts@flaquarium.org).

***The 32<sup>nd</sup> Regional Aquatic Workshop – Aquarium Professionals Caring for Animals, Each Other, and the Blue Planet.***

As aquarium professionals, how we care for our animals is our #1 priority. Visibility of animal wellness is elemental to our success as the public's awareness has a heightened perception of our industry. We must connect our guests to our excellent animal care and conservation initiatives. By investing in and developing the workforce, the words and actions of staff on all levels will demonstrate expert care and instill trust that we are saving wildlife.

For the 32<sup>nd</sup> RAW we are asking authors to submit contributions that inform how aquariums demonstrate excellent animal care, convey our messages to the public, collaborate with other institutions to address ecosystem-wide problems effecting our planet, and invest in staff development. All submissions will be considered, but submissions are encouraged in these domains.

- Animal Behavior
- Coral Conservation
- Sea Turtle Conservation
- Shark Conservation
- Life Support
- Veterinary Care
- Workforce Development
- Nutrition
- Guest Programs
- Habitat Design
- Animal Rearing

All verbal presentations will be video recorded by Animal Professionals and will be available on their website <http://animalprofessional.com/>.

Submissions not accepted for oral presentation may be directed toward the poster session. If you prefer to present in the form of a poster, please indicate this preference when submitting your abstract.

You can find details for presentations and posters on the RAW website <http://rawconference.org/>.

Thank you for your participation.

## Instructions for Presenters

Please include the following in your submission:

*(1) Title*

Presentation title should be short and succinct, but clearly represent the theme of the presentation.

*(2) Authors*

Include the full names and affiliations of all authors; the full mailing address, email address, and telephone number of all authors.

*(3) Abstract text*

Abstracts should be informative, stating the purpose of the work and summarize the significant findings. They should include an introduction, convey the main point, and outline results and conclusions. Contributions should be scientifically robust. Abstracts should not contain statements like "this will be discussed;" instead, include information to make the abstract informative. Abstracts must not exceed **150** words.

*(4) Submission*

Abstracts must be submitted by December 31, 2017 via email to [RAWAbstracts@flaquarium.org](mailto:RAWAbstracts@flaquarium.org).

*(5) Accepted presenters*

All accepted authors must be registered and have registration fees paid in full by March 31, 2018 in order to make their presentation.