

Raising the perch in avicultural education



Announcing
PARROTS
2018
 TWENTY-EIGHTEEN
 6, 7 & 8 JULY 2018

Announcing Parrots 2018 (P2018) the next instalment in Australia's most highly regarded avicultural convention.

Parrots 2018, the Parrot Society of Australia's 10th international biennial convention, continues the theme of *"Raising the Perch in Avicultural Education"* with a lecture program designed to appeal to the widest audience of bird enthusiasts, topics of both interest and educational value are on offer. The comprehensive programme offers approximately 22 sessions to choose from over the weekend and is the only convention in Australasia catering to parrot

breeders, veterinary staff, pet shop employees, companion parrot owners, zookeepers, young bird keepers and conservationists alike.

The diversity of our unique program is something that we are very proud of and gives you, as a delegate, a plethora of choice during the 2-day convention and, as with previous Parrots Conventions, P2018 will continue with the concurrent program of lectures. Each stream is designed to appeal either to those seeking breeding and husbandry based

knowledge or to those with interests in the behavioural and enrichment aspects of aviculture and delegates can tailor the programme to meet their own interests.

As well as the abundance of up-to-date information based on sound research and personal lessons from experienced aviculturists, P2018 offers you the chance to meet other people whose interests match your own, and the chance to socialise and network with others in the bird keeping community.



Mark Hagen

M.Ag. Director of Research

The Director of Research at Rolf C. Hagen Inc. and at the Hagen Avicultural Research Institute (HARI) Mark earned his Master of Agriculture Degree at the University of Guelph, specializing in Psittacine Aviculture. During the course of obtaining his Bachelor of Science, Mark concentrated on nutrition and zoology and attended a semester at the University of California, Davis, taking courses in cage bird medicine, nutrition and avian science.

He later gained hands-on experience while housing birds indoors for five years in a converted warehouse. He founded HARI in Rigaud, Quebec and applied his practical avian design knowledge to create a state-of-the-art facility. Over the course of the next 30+ years, HARI has gained a worldwide reputation for its ongoing studies into captive breeding, maintenance and nutrition of companion birds. Current areas of study include disease control, pair bonding, nutrition, early parrot education, and the influence of temperature, humidity and light cycles on breeding.

A firm believer in sharing his knowledge and experiences, he has published dozens of papers relating to the work at HARI, including egg incubation, oil and nutrition, formulated diets, husbandry and sanitation disease control, cage design, ventilation, and pediatric care. Many of his papers have been presented at most of the avicultural conferences held in the USA, Canada and Australia.

Mark has also been deeply involved in supporting the avian community, providing personal, as-well-as Hagen funding to a variety of organizations, including Loro Parque Foundation, The ARA Project, Belize Bird Rescue, Parrots International and many others. He continuously coordinates monthly donations of Tropicana food to parrot shelters and rescues around the world.

With conservation being one of his main passions, Mark travels widely around the world to directly experience birds in their natural habitat to ascertain ways of improving preservation. He has personally seen over 50 parrot species where they occur on most continents.

Lecture topic

Feeding Parrots at HARI for 30 years; Nutrition of seeds vs fresh vs pellets

Optimum nutrition can be achieved with many different diets. However, it is not easy and understanding some basic principles of the pros and cons of each food item as it relates to vitamins, minerals, proteins, fat is important when trying to make up a mixture of foods.

Some Breeders have a romantic notion that captive diets which are complicated, labor intensive, using expensive ingredients are the most nutritious. Yet it is possible to feed easy to prepare, cost efficient diets which do not compromise proper levels of essential nutrients. Rather than explain each essential nutrient such as vitamins, minerals etc. and what their role is in the physiology of birds, I would rather discuss how to get these nutrients into birds at optimum intake levels.





THE PROGRAM



DAY 1 FRIDAY 6th JULY 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
8:00am Boarding for 8:10am departure	Parrots 2018 Aviary Tour from Tavernetta FC 144 Dorville Rd, Carseldine QLD	TBA as confirmed	Limited to 55 participants
6:00pm – 8:00pm 7:00pm	Parrots 2018 Registration Meet & Greet	Tavernetta Function Centre	The Parrots 2018 Convention will officially open with a delegate registration period commencing at 6pm. Delegates will have the opportunity to 'meet and greet' the Guest Speaker Team with finger food and beverages available.



Check this out!

DAY 2 SATURDAY 7th JULY 2018

TIME	DURATION	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION TOPIC
8:45am – 8:50am	5mins	Scott Hovelroud PSQA President	<i>Welcome & Overview</i>
8:50am – 9:00am	10mins	Scott Hovelroud	<i>Housekeeping</i>
9:00am – 9:10am	5mins	Major Sponsor – T.B.A	<i>Sponsor Welcome</i>
9:10am – 10:00am	50mins	Dick Schroeder <i>Celebrating 50 Years in Aviculture</i>	
10:00am – 10:40am	40mins	Morning Tea & Trade Display Viewing	

TIME	DURATION	BEHAVIOUR, TRAINING & ENRICHMENT	BREEDING, HANDREARING & HUSBANDRY
10:40am – 11:30am	50mins	Stephanie Edlund (Sweden) <i>Parrot Training – Back to basics</i>	Stacey Gelis <i>Setting up for breeding success, a vets view</i>
11:35am – 12:25pm	50mins	Mark Hagen <i>Avian Nutrition – Feeding Parrots at HARI for 30 years; Nutrition of seeds vs fresh vs pellets</i>	
12:25pm – 12:30pm	5mins	Q&A with Speakers – Lunch Housekeeping	
12:30pm – 1:50pm	80mins	Lunch & Trade Display Viewing	

TIME	DURATION	BEHAVIOUR, TRAINING & ENRICHMENT	BREEDING, HANDREARING & HUSBANDRY
1:50pm – 2:40pm	50mins	Belinda Young <i>Training Parrots – How it started me in the world of training</i>	Dave Longo <i>Keeping and Breeding Amazon Parrots</i>
2:40pm – 3:30pm	50mins	Dot Schwarz <i>Keeping your Bird Safe with the five freedoms – an ethical look at aviculture</i>	Peter Smith <i>Breeding Gang-Gang Cockatoos</i>
3:30pm – 4:00pm	30mins	Afternoon Tea & Trade Display Viewing	

TIME	DURATION	SPEAKER AND PRESENTATION TOPIC
4:00pm – 4:45pm	45mins	Rodolfo Orozco (Costa Rica) <i>Great Green Macaw Project</i>
4:45pm – 5:00pm	15mins	Daily Closing

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
6:30pm – 7:00pm	Pre-Conservation Dinner Drinks	Tavernetta Function Centre	Delegates attending the Parrots 2018 Conservation Dinner are invited to attend a pre-dinner drinks and social gathering.
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Official 2018 Parrot Trust of Australia Conservation & Fundraising Dinner <i>Aviculture and conservation – a natural partnership</i> Dr Sally Box Threatened Species Commissioner presenting		



DAY 3 SUNDAY 8th JULY 2018

TIME	DURATION	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION TOPIC
8:45am – 9:00am	15mins	Scott Hovelroud PSOA President	Welcome to Sunday delegates, Overview & Housekeeping
9:00am – 9:50am	50mins	Diana Prada <i>Birds, DNA and diagnostics: explaining the use of DNA for sexing birds and testing for diseases</i>	
9:50am – 10:30am	40mins	Morning Tea & Trade Display Viewing	

TIME	DURATION	BEHAVIOUR, TRAINING & ENRICHMENT	BREEDING, HANDREARING & HUSBANDRY
10:30am – 11:15am	45mins	Dot Schwarz <i>Enrichment – For you or them? Including bonus session on using a harness</i>	Dick Schroeder <i>Keeping Lories and Lorikeets</i>
11:20am – 12:05pm	45mins	Dr Deborah Monks <i>Calcium and its relationship with Birds</i>	
12:05pm – 12:10pm	5mins	Q&A with Speakers – Lunch Housekeeping	
12:10pm – 1:20pm	70mins	Lunch & Trade Display Viewing	

TIME	DURATION	BEHAVIOUR, TRAINING & ENRICHMENT	BREEDING, HANDREARING & HUSBANDRY
1:20pm – 2:10pm	50mins	Daniel Gowland <i>Scientific techniques and aviculture</i>	
2:15pm – 2:55pm	40mins	Nicholas Bishop <i>People and Parrots: Same Tree, Different Branches.</i>	Rodoifo Orozco (Costa Rica) <i>Breeding South American Parrots – observations from the wild</i>
2:55pm – 3:35pm	40mins	Stephanie Edlund (Sweden) <i>Target Training – practical concepts</i>	Brenda Gulie <i>Golden Conures in Australia</i>
3:35pm – 4:10pm	35mins	Afternoon Tea & Trade Display Viewing	

TIME	DURATION	SPEAKER AND PRESENTATION TOPIC
4:10pm – 5:00pm	50mins	Dave Longo <i>Aviculture Worldwide – moving forward</i>
5:00pm – 5:30pm	30mins	Scott Hovelroud PSOA President Committee <i>Parrots 2018 Closing Address Guest Speaker Gift Presentations Final Raffle Draws</i>

