

# CONFERENCE COMMUNICATOR

## STUDENT EDITION

Association of Avian Veterinarians

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## EARN CASH WHILE YOU LEARN AT THE AAV CONFERENCE!

### A Message from the 2008 AAV Education Chair to all Students

We encourage you to apply for a lab assistant position at the 2008 AAV Conference & Expo with AEMV. This is an excellent and highly coveted job. Assisting instructors in their labs is a great way to defray your conference costs, learn some important clinical skills, and have fun too! No prior experience is necessary as you will get "on-the-job" training. Usually several assistants are assigned to each lab, so you will have plenty of help.



Being an active participant at the conference is a quick and easy way to begin to get to know the people who will be your colleagues for the rest of your professional career. So get involved! In addition to getting some great clinical experience, making valuable contacts in the field of avian/exotic animal medicine, and getting paid, you will also find this is good resume builder. The field of avian/exotic animal medicine is becoming much more competitive, and having extracurricular activities such as this on your resume may help you get externships, internships, and jobs in the future.

It wasn't so long ago when I first joined AAV as a student. I took every opportunity like this that I could and now I'm education chair! I have always found that by making a contribution in helping others to learn, you will find a reward much greater than money. So sign up today as these positions go fast!

Good luck!

Heather Wilson, DVM, Dipl. ABVP-Avian  
AAV Education Chair

### Technicians — You are Also Eligible!

Lab assistantships are also available to a limited number of veterinary technicians. Please complete the application on the reverse side of this newsletter and submit it to the Conference Office.

### Conference and Hotel Location

Hyatt Regency Savannah  
On the Historic Waterfront  
Two West Bay Street  
Savannah, GA 31401  
August 9-14, 2008

### What You Get

- ◆ \$100.
- ◆ Box lunch day of labs (Tuesday).
- ◆ Meet and work with prominent and world-renowned avian and exotic animal veterinarians.
- ◆ Open the door to a job opportunity.
- ◆ Attend labs free — this won't happen after you graduate!
- ◆ Enrich your veterinary education.
- ◆ Become more involved in your professional association.
- ◆ Make new friends with similar interests.
- ◆ Increase your knowledge of avian techniques that are unavailable to you in most university environments.
- ◆ See avian medicine in action.

*Make an Important  
Decision for your  
Avian Medicine Career!  
Participate as a Student  
Lab Assistant for the  
AAV Annual Conference!*

### What We Need from You

- ◆ Payment for required Main Conference registration before we confirm or assign you to a lab. Registration brochures will be available in May.  
*Student rates start at \$105 (AAV membership not required); 2008 graduate rates start at \$200.*
- ◆ Be available as needed by the Lab Coordinator for a pre-lab orientation meeting during the Main Conference.
- ◆ Be available for set-up on Monday.
- ◆ Be available all day during the labs on Tuesday and for clean up after the labs end.

### Great Hotel Rates for Students

The official hotel for the 29th Annual AAV Conference & Expo with the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians is the Hyatt Regency in downtown Savannah. **Students enjoy a great rate of \$99 for up to 4 students in one room.**

The Hyatt is located on the riverfront and is located near many great stores, bars, and a variety of dining options. We will be within walking distance of many specialty restaurants and historic attractions so you will be able to experience all that the city has to offer.

To receive this great rate, you must have a current student ID card and make your reservations through the Conference Office. Call today: 303-756-8380.

**Lab Assistant Application on Reverse**

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## AAV Assistantship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Students: Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an AAV member?  Yes  No

If not a veterinary student, are you a veterinary technician?  Yes  No

### Registration Information:

Pre-registration and payment for the Full Main Conference must be received before placement in a lab.

Program(s) you will be registering for :

- Monday Pre-Conference Program — Avian Behavior and Enrichment Program concurrent with the AEMV Scientific Program (note: you may have to set-up lab rooms periodically on Monday.)
- Main Conference: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Labs (note: you will not be able to take any labs if you are a lab assistant because you will be busy in the lab to which you are assigned.)

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Best time/method to reach you Mon-Fri \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your choices below for Assistantships in the 2008 AAV Annual Conference & Expo.

### Lab Assistant, Tuesday

(indicate top 3 choices, numbering 1-3 in order of preference)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Minimally-invasive Surgery, *Hernandez-Divers*
- \_\_\_\_\_ An Introduction to Behavior and Training in the Veterinary Practice, *Heidenreich*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anesthesia Monitoring and Surgery Procedures of the Abdominal Cavity, *Lichtenberger, Chavez, Echols, Lennox, and Morrissey*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applying Behavioral Principles to Handling, Restraint, and the Veterinary Examination (Basic and Advanced), *Speer*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Avian Coelomic Ultrasound, *Antinoff and Fabiani*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Avian Soft Tissue Surgery, *Bennett*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basic Endoscopy, *Murray and Taylor*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques, *Degernes*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hematology and Cytology, *Dorrestein*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Imaging Techniques in Avian Medicine, *Krautwald and Pees*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Practical Avian Nutrition, *Grizzle and Orosz*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Raptor Medicine & Management, *Chitty, Ford, and Jones*

Please note: There are a limited number of student assistantship slots. Completing this form does not guarantee lab assistantship. Labs are assigned on a first paid, first assigned basis.

### Action Steps:

1. Register and pay for the conference. Registration brochures will be available in May. For the complete program, go to our website: [www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav](http://www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav).
2. Complete the Assistantship Application and send it to the Conference Office: **web** — [www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav](http://www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav), **mail** — AAV Conference Office, 90 Madison Street, Ste. 403, Denver, CO 80206, **fax** — 303-759-8861 by **June 20, 2008**.

Check out our web site for the latest program information at  
[www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav](http://www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav)

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