

# 3rd INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ZOOKEEPERS

and the 36th AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF ZOO KEEPERS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Congress Registration Information

24-29 September 2009

Red Lion Hotel on 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA, USA

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**ICZ**  
**AAZK**  
CONFERENCE  

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2009 SEATTLE USA  
SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>



**“One World, One Zoo”**

Hosted by The Puget Sound Chapter of AAZK and Woodland Park Zoo,  
in conjunction with ABWAK, AAZK, AICAS, AFSA, BdZ, De Harpij, ZAP, ASZK and AKAA.  
Major Sponsor: The North of England Zoological Society

For more information: [www.pugetsoundaazk.org/conference.html](http://www.pugetsoundaazk.org/conference.html)  
Email: [pugetsoundaazk@gmail.com](mailto:pugetsoundaazk@gmail.com)



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## Invitation to Attend

On behalf of the AAZK and the ICZ organizing committee, we would like to invite you to attend the 3rd International Congress of Zookeepers and 36th American Association of Zoo Keepers joint conference, held in Seattle, WA, USA from 9/24/09 through 9/29/09.

Following the success of the past conferences of both organizations, this joint conference is sure to be just as successful, educational and, most of all, fun. The ICZ and AAZK present an excellent opportunity for zoo keepers and zoo professionals from around the world to come together and share a wealth of knowledge. We hope you will join us to enhance the zoo keeping field and look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Owen, Steve Cremer, Carolyn Austin, Norah Farnham, Conference Co-Chairs, Puget Sound AAZK Chapter

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### Dates

24-29 September 2009

### Location

Red Lion Inn, 5th Avenue  
Seattle, WA, USA

### Accommodations

Conference will be at the Red Lion Hotel on 5th Ave., Seattle. Conveniently located in downtown Seattle, The Red Lion Hotel on 5th Avenue offers an upscale, boutique hotel experience; personal, award-winning service; first-class meeting space; and – perhaps most importantly – breathtaking views of the Cascade Mountains, Elliott Bay, the Puget Sound and the Emerald City itself.

### MAKING A CONFERENCE RESERVATION ON REDLION.COM

1. Web address: [www.redlion.com](http://www.redlion.com)
2. Click the “Reservation” link at the top of the page
3. Enter desired City and State
4. Scroll down to bottom of page to “Room Block and Group Reservations”
5. Enter dates, group block number 0909ZOOKEE (letters must be in CAPS) and desired Hotel
6. Click on “Find room block rates”
7. Continue with name and credit card information
8. A confirmation will be emailed upon request

### Getting There

To Seattle, airlines fly into SeaTac International Airport, which is approximately 25 minutes by car from the conference venue, Red Lion Hotel.

There are several ways to get from SeaTac International Airport to the conference hotel. Ground transportation information is available at the fully-staffed information booth in Baggage Claim near Carousel 12 (open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.) and at the information booth on the third floor of the Airport Garage.

For information on all modes of transportation to and from the airport, call (206) 431-5906.

- Shuttle Express (van ride-share service) has agreed to offer conference attendees a discount fare. Normal rate is \$32US one way. The discount rate is \$19US one way. To receive the discount, attendees must book online using the reservation portal link: Shuttle Express—Woodland Park Zoo Conference Online Reservation Booking Portal. Please note this is an online discount only.
- Curbside taxi service is available. The rate is approximately \$40US each way.
- Public buses are available for about \$2US and stop in the vicinity of the hotel. Schedules vary.
- Nine rental car companies have information counters in the Baggage Claim area, and five have car pick-up and drop-off at the airport on the first floor of the garage across from the Main Terminal.

### Passports and Visas

Visitors entering the United States of America need a valid passport and the appropriate American Visa. Check with your local travel agent or Diplomatic office. In addition to working with a travel agent, here is the link to learn if you need a visa to enter the U.S.:

[www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp\\_1305.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html)  
or [http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html)

### Climate

Seattle weather is unpredictable with September temperatures ranging from 52°F to 70°F.

Bring layers of casual clothes, as well as rain gear and sensible walking shoes.

You can view current weather conditions at

[www.accuweather.com/radar-local.asp?partner=accuweather&traveler=0](http://www.accuweather.com/radar-local.asp?partner=accuweather&traveler=0)

## Draft Program

### Wednesday, 23 September 2009

Registration – 12-6 pm

### Thursday, 24 September 2009

Registration – 12-6 pm

6:30 – 10:00 pm Icebreaker – Seattle Aquarium

### Friday, 25 September 2009

Registration will be open every morning at 7:00 am  
A.M. Official Opening Keynote Speaker Gordon Reid,  
WAZA President  
P.M. Paper Session  
Poster Session

### Saturday, 26 September 2009

A.M. Featured Speaker Sally Walker, Director of Z.O.O.  
A.M. and P.M. Paper Sessions

### Sunday, 27 September 2009

A.M. & P.M. Papers

6:00 pm Silent Auction

### Monday, 28 September 2009

9:30 am-4:00 pm Zoo Day – Woodland Park Zoo

### Tuesday, 29 September 2009

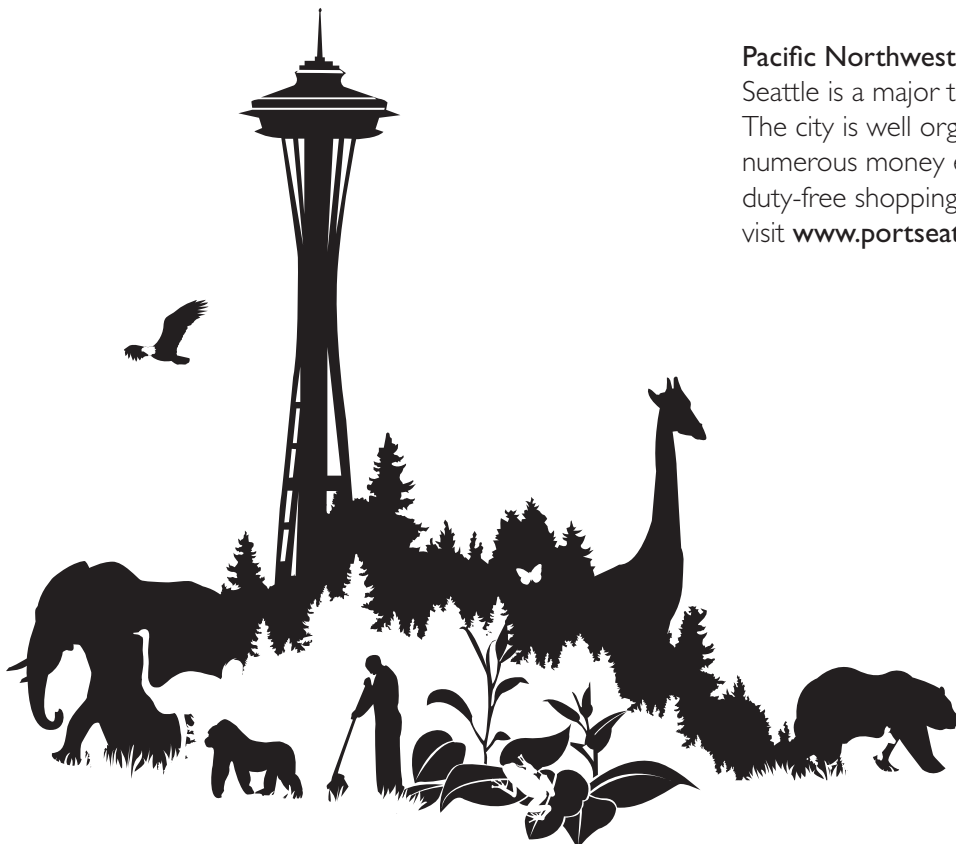
A.M. Featured Speaker Dr. Tom McCarthy,  
Snow Leopard Trust

Noon-2 pm Awards Lunch – Red Lion Hotel

6:00-11:00 pm Final Banquet – Sheraton Hotel

### *Conference Language*

*The conference will be held in English*



### Pacific Northwest Information

Seattle is a major tourist destination in the United States. The city is well organized for international travelers with numerous money exchange services, translation services and duty-free shopping facilities available. For more information visit [www.portseattle.org/seatac/](http://www.portseattle.org/seatac/)

## Optional Tours

### Pre-Conference Tours

#### 1. Day Trip to Mt. Rainier National Park, 23 September 2009

Travel by bus to Mt. Rainier National Park and enjoy the changing scenic vistas along the way. Lunch on your own at the world-renowned Whittaker School of Mountaineering, where a 30-minute slide presentation takes you on a visual journey to the summit, presented by a professional mountain guide. Continue on to the Paradise Visitors Center, lingering at several scenic lookout points and gaze at crashing waterfalls, diverse plant life and the snow capped summit. The loop tour continues following a different route back to Seattle.

**Cost \$75.00US**

#### 2. Day Trip To Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, 24 September 2009

Travel by bus, one hour south, to Tacoma, Washington and spend the day as the guest of Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium. Meet the staff and enjoy behind-the-scenes tours. Lunch will be provided. Return to Seattle in time for the beginning of conference registration.

**Cost \$35.00US**

#### 3. North Cascades Mountain Loop 21 September – 23 September 2009

This tour begins traveling north from Seattle and then east via the North Cascades Highway into the northern region of one of the largest wilderness corridors in the United States.

The first day will include a stop at a large scale organic food operation, Cascadian Farm. Next stop is the Skagit Hydroelectric Project for lunch and short tour. Then it's on to the North Cascades National Park Visitor Center and then a short walk at Washington Pass. Overnight will be in Winthrop, Washington.

The tour continues the next day traveling along the Methow River toward the Columbia River, the fourth largest river in the United States. Lunch will be at Rocky Reach Dam with a short tour of the fish ladder. Then it's on to Ohme Gardens for a short tour. Overnight will be in the Bavarian-inspired town of Leavenworth, Washington.

The tour continues the next day by traveling over Stevens Pass (elevation: 4,061 ft.) and then to Wallace Falls State Park with a hike to the falls, arriving back in Seattle in the late afternoon.

**Cost \$495.00US – Transportation and accommodations included; food not included**

### Post-Conference Tours

#### 1. Day Trip to Portland, Oregon, 30 September 2009

Take the Amtrak Cascades to Portland, Oregon and then Portland's TriMet to the Oregon Zoo. Then take the TriMet to the world-famous Powell's Books, the largest independent used and new bookstore in the world, and then back to Seattle on the Amtrak Cascades.

**Cost \$59.00US**

#### 2. Olympic National Park 30 September – 2 October 2009

The day starts with a three-hour road trip to Olympic National Park. Along the way you will stop at a local supermarket to make preparations for a picnic lunch to be enjoyed later in the rain forest. Upon arrival you will be greeted by a naturalist who will guide you through the rain forest. After the tour you will have some free time to enjoy yourself before dinner. You will overnight in the Historic Lake Quinalt Lodge.

The tour continues with a short drive to Ruby Beach, renowned for its sea stack formations and wilderness beach area. Next on the itinerary is a short hike through old growth forest to Marymere Falls where the cascading waters plunge 30 meters providing for some fantastic photo opportunities. Lunch will be at the historic Lake Crescent Lodge nestled on the shore of a tranquil lake surrounded by mountain peaks. Your final stop for the day will be Hurricane Ridge located at an altitude of 5,200 feet. It offers the perfect vantage point to observe alpine meadows covered with beautiful wild flowers and the many glacial laden peaks that make up the Olympic Mountain range.

The tour continues with a stop at Port Townsend, Washington, where you'll take a journey back through time with the help of a local guide and historian. You'll experience a city renowned for its Victorian architecture, colorful history and charming shops.

This tour will conclude with a breathtaking cruise across Puget Sound into downtown Seattle aboard a Washington state ferry.

**Cost \$495.00US**



## Registration Entitlements

**Fully registered delegates will be entitled to the following:**

- Attend all conference sessions
- All social functions: Ice Breaker; Zoo Day, Silent Auction, Awards Lunch, Banquet
- Conference packet/t-shirt
- Morning, afternoon light food/beverages for breaks on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday

**Day delegates are entitled to:**

- Attend all sessions on nominated day/s (Additional cost for final Banquet)
- Conference packet
- Morning, afternoon light food/beverages for breaks on nominated day/s

## Social Program

**Ice Breaker, Thursday, 24 September 2009, 6:30-10 pm**

Come and enjoy a magical underwater adventure at the Seattle Aquarium. American Indian dancers will be on hand to entertain you, as well as a Windows on Washington Dive show. A marine training and enrichment program will also be part of the evening's activities. You will experience exhibits from Ocean Oddities to Life on the Edge, to an underwater dome that features 360 degree views into a 400,000-gallon tank filled with fish. As you explore the aquarium, appetizers and drinks will be available.

**Silent Auction, Sunday, 27 September 2009 6:00 pm**

Join us for a silent auction hosted at Red Lion Hotel Emerald Ballroom and bid on an array of items donated by your fellow delegates. All proceeds will assist in furthering the goals of the AAZK/ICZ. We ask that each delegate please bring a suitable item for the auction. We would appreciate receiving items prior to the conference, if possible. For more information on Silent Auction items, etc., please contact [Toni.Radonich@zoo.org](mailto:Toni.Radonich@zoo.org)

**Woodland Park Zoo Day, Monday, 28 September 2009, 9:30 am-4 pm**

Experience a firsthand look at the animals and operations of conference host Woodland Park Zoo. Complete with behind-the-scenes tours, keeper talks, training talks, lunch and music, this day will certainly provide you with an invaluable experience at one of the world's most highly acclaimed zoos.

Banquet, Tuesday, 29 September 2009, 6 pm - midnight  
Put on your dancing shoes and join us for the gala dinner at the Sheraton Hotel, within walking distance of your hotel. The evening begins with a dinner, then dance the night away to the sounds of "City DJ!"

## Partners Program

There will be partners activities organized. See website for details as they develop.

### Registration Fees

**Attending the full conference** **\$225.00**  
*(registration price increases \$25.00 after 24 July 2009)*

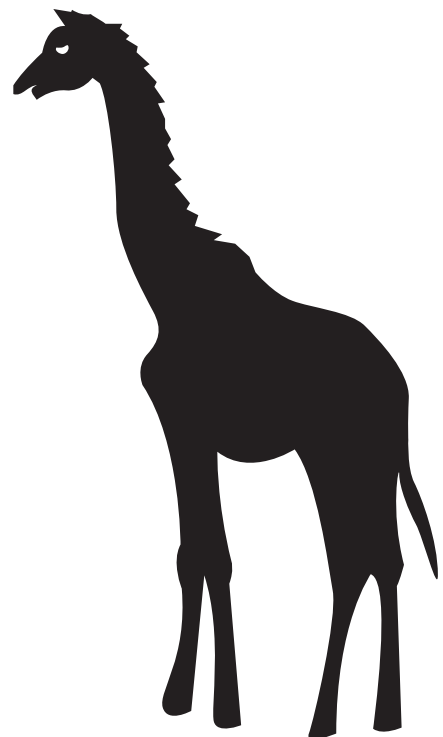
### Single Event or Day Costs

Thursday, September 24 (Ice Breaker only)	<b>\$45.00</b>
Friday, September 25	<b>\$40.00</b>
Saturday, September 26	<b>\$40.00</b>
Sunday, September 27	<b>\$40.00</b>
Monday, September 28, Woodland Park Zoo Day (Lunch and transportation provided)	<b>\$35.00</b>
Tuesday, September 29 (Includes Awards Lunch)	<b>\$40.00</b>
Tuesday, September 29 (Banquet only)	<b>\$60.00</b>

### Partners Program

Guest Icebreaker Tickets	<b>\$45.00</b>
Guest Banquet Tickets (Banquet only)	<b>\$60.00</b>
Monday, September 28, Woodland Park Zoo Day Tickets (Lunch and transportation provided)	<b>\$35.00</b>
Guest Awards Luncheon Tickets	<b>\$40.00</b>

**All prices are in US\$**



## Conference T-shirts

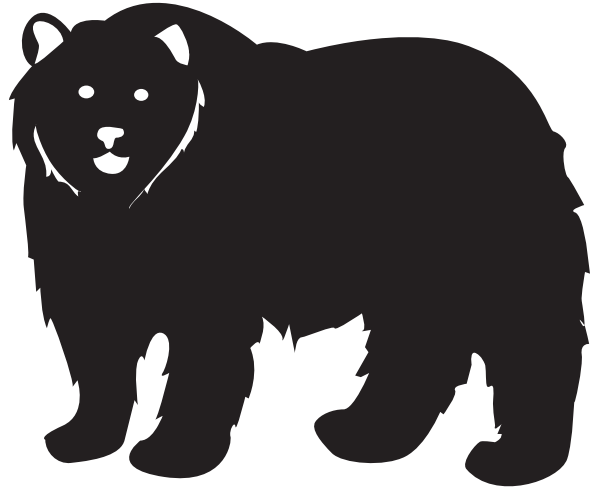
T-shirts are included in full conference registration. Additional T-shirts will be available in a range of sizes from s-xxl available for a price of \$15.00US.

## How To Register

To register for the conference please visit [www.pugetsoundaazk.org/2009conference/registration.html](http://www.pugetsoundaazk.org/2009conference/registration.html)

## Conference Insurance

It is strongly advised that all delegates take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to the conference. Please speak to your travel agent or airline regarding this matter.



### Cancellation Policy

#### REFUND POLICY OPTIONS

All conference cancellations and requests for refunds MUST be received in writing by the appropriate dates. Telephone requests WILL NOT be honored. Letter or email requests must be received by the following dates:

#### Prior to 01 July 2009

Full refund provided minus a \$25 processing fee

#### 01 July 2009 to 01 August 2009

50% refund provided minus a \$25 processing fee

#### Starting 01 August 2009

No refunds will be provided. Late requests for refunds due to family emergency will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. See contact information below.

*Refund requests will be processed 4-6 weeks AFTER the conference.*

*The Puget Sound Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers is not responsible for problems incurred due to weather related events including natural disasters.*

Requests sent to us via postal carrier should be post-marked before the deadline in order to receive that deadline's refund amount and be addressed to:

**The Puget Sound AAZK**  
**ATTN: Steve Cremer**  
**601 N. 59th St.**  
**Seattle, WA 98103**

Requests sent via email need to be received by 11:59 pm on each cut-off date to be issued the appropriate refund. All email requests should be sent to the following email address: [pugetsoundaazk@gmail.com](mailto:pugetsoundaazk@gmail.com)

**We look forward to seeing you here in Seattle!**

Puget Sound American Association of Zoo Keepers Chapter

