

PRIMATE BEHAVIORAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE



The Michale E. Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center invites you to join us for the seventh **Primate Behavioral Management Conference (PBMC)** in Bastrop, TX from March 1-4, 2022. This conference is designed for those responsible for, or interested in, the behavioral management of nonhuman primates in captivity. The **PBMC** will feature presentations by content experts and implementation experts, and will also include commercial presentations by vendors whose products are particularly relevant to the behavioral management of nonhuman primates.

Presentations by content experts will be comprised of 3 sections: 1) the theory and/or science of the content, 2) the methods used to address the content, and perhaps most importantly, 3) ways in which the content can be applied to the behavioral management of captive primates. A partial list of topics and presenters includes:

Content (presenter)

- Biobehavioral Assessment (John Capitanio, Ph.D.)
- Stress (Melinda Novak, Ph.D.)
- Network Analyses (Brenda McCowan, Ph.D.)
- Depression Physiology (Carol Shively, Ph.D.)
- Antipredator Behavior (Nancy Caine, Ph.D.)
- Temperament Testing (Kris Coleman, Ph.D.)
- Neuroscience (Bill Hopkins, Ph.D.)
- Genetics (Jeff Rogers, Ph.D.)

Presentations by implementation experts will be focused ‘case reports’ that will describe the application of the topic to primate behavioral management.

Implementation

- Social Learning, Decision Making, and Emotions (Lydia Hopper, Ph.D.)
- Positive Reinforcement Training and Research (Melanie Graham, Ph.D.)
- Positive Reinforcement Training and Health Care (Liz Magden, DVM, DACLAM)
- Program Management (Susan Lambeth, LATG)
- Collaborative Research (Steve Schapiro, Ph.D.)
- Pairing (Keely McGrew, CVT, LATG)
- The Veterinarian-Behaviorist Interface (Eric Hutchinson, DVM, DACLAM)
- Sedation/Anesthesia and Behavioral Management (Lauren Drew Martin, DVM, DACLAM)

Vendor presentations will be short ‘commercials’ for how products, equipment, techniques, and/or animals can be utilized to facilitate behavioral management and research procedures.

Commercials and Exhibitors are likely to include

- Research equipment
 - Jackets (Lomir Biomedical)
 - Automated feeders (Research Diets – BioDaq)
- Research animals (Bioculture)
- Enrichment supplies (Bio-Serv)
- Nutrition (LabDiet)
- Caging (C2SI)
- Staffing (Priority One Services)
- Telemetry (TSE-Systems)

This program is approved by the AAVSB RACE to offer a total of 14.00 Veterinarian CE Credits and/or 14.00 Veterinary Technician CE Credits.

Enrollment will be limited to 34 participants. Potential participants will have to apply for the conference and we reserve the right to select individual participants to optimize the composition of the group. Preference will be given to those who are able to make decisions that directly influence the behavioral management of the primates at their facility.

The Registration Fee is \$800 per person and includes:

All conference materials, including a commemorative T-shirt
Copy of the *Handbook of Primate Behavioral Management*
Transportation between the Austin Airport and the hotel, if required
Transportation between the hotel and the Keeling Center, if required
Opening Reception on Tuesday evening
Lunch on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
Closing Banquet on Friday evening

Please note that Hotel Accommodations are NOT included in the \$800 registration fee. The ‘Headquarters Hotel’ from which participants can be picked up and dropped off is the [Hampton Inn & Suites](#) in Bastrop, TX.

Interested parties can submit a completed application form any time, however November 1, 2021 is the deadline. If selected, applicants will then be required to pay the registration fee, fill out a questionnaire, and submit the necessary health information (proof of a negative TB test, proof of immunity to measles, and proof of COVID-19 status) by **Jan. 1, 2022**. Early deadlines are required to adequately plan all aspects of this conference. Please feel free to apply now, even though the conference is more than one year in the future. We would like to assess interest in the conference, given the ongoing pandemic (which will hopefully be under control by March, 2022).

Two **Scholarships**, covering the Registration Fee only (\$800), will be available. Applicants for the Scholarship will be requested to write a short essay (one page) that will focus on the potential benefits to their primates resulting from the individual’s participation in the Primate Behavioral Management Conference. **Scholarship essays can be submitted anytime, but are due to Steve Schapiro (email below) by October 22, 2021.**

Relevant information is available on the Conferences and Events page of our website: mdanderson.org/kccmr or contact Steve Schapiro at sschapir@mdanderson.org