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19 Speakers - 19 topics
Not to be missed!

Dr. Auguste v. Bayern studied biology at the German Ludwig-Maximilans-University in Munich and at the University of Cape Town in South Africa from which she graduated in 2002 with a BSc in Zoology. Since 2008 she has worked as a post-doctoral research associate with Prof. Alex Kacelnik in the Behavioural Ecology Research Group at the University of Oxford. Besides managing the Oxford New Caledonian crow colony and the area of corvid cognition research she also leads the Avian Cognition research team.

"Keynote Speaker"

Topic: Avian Cognition: Innovative problem solving abilities of parrots and corvids

Morten Bruun-Rasmussen, Denmark, is educated as an engineer and is running a consultancy company in the field of Medical Informatics and Quality Development. Morten is a private breeder of parrots and has kept parrots since he was a small boy and today has than more than 40 years' experience in breeding parrots. He has made a lot effort to breed the rare Golden -shouldered Parakeet with an estimated breeding population of less than 2,000 birds in the wild.

Topic: What can we learn from scientific studies to improve the breeding of the Golden-shouldered Parakeet?

Rudolf Christian, Germany, started breeding pigeons at the age of 9. He has kept this hobby until today. His great passion for parrots set in more than 40 years ago and in 1973 he bought his first parrot. Until his retirement in 2010 he first was head of department in a wholesale electrical supply company and later he worked as a purchasing agent at Konsum. In 1978 he managed to breed the first offspring of his parrots. Approximately 40 aviaries are occupied at the moment.

Topic: 40 years of experience in breeding parrots and cockatoos

Dr. Carmela P. Española is currently in the faculty of the Institute of Biology, University of the Philippines Diliman. She has been closely involved in wildlife conservation efforts in the Philippines. One of her expeditions resulted in the discovery of the Calayan Rail, a new species of near flightless bird endemic to the island of Calayan in the northernmost tip of the Philippines. She co-founded the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines.

Topic: Parrots in crisis in Luzon, Philippines

Dr. Andrea Fidgett, Zoo Nutritionist, Chester Zoo, UK. She has designed multimedia software for teaching animal taxonomy and diet management software for zoos. Based at Chester Zoo since 2002, Andrea contributes to optimal health and welfare of the animal collection by making their diets better, providing a nutrition service to 400+ species ranging from stick insects to Sumatran tigers, and corals to Asian elephants.

Topic: From ingredients to nutrients – a recipe for optimal parrot nutrition

Image donated by the artist Mrs. Ria Winters

Prof. Rob Heinsohn is a research scientist at the Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University. His 25 year academic career has been marked by long term, and often difficult, field studies of highly social birds and mammals. Since 1997 he has been conducting an ambitious program of field work on three of Australia's most fascinating animals, the Eclectus parrot, palm cockatoo, and green python of Cape York Peninsula.

Topic: Swift Parrot: challenges of conserving a migratory parrot beset by introduced predators

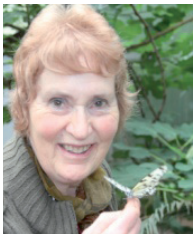
William Horsfield lives on a small farm in Assagay, KwaZulu-Natal, Johannesburg, which is where both his breeding facility and home is located. William has considerable experience breeding and raising Black Palm Cockatoos and his presentation will be based on his own results along with those from other breeders in South Africa that have since also had success.

Topic: An overview of the keeping and breeding of Black Palm Cockatoos in South Africa

Prof. Carl Jones has worked in Mauritius since 1979 as a conservation biologist. He is an Honorary Professor of Ecology and Conservation at the University of East Anglia and teaches at the Durrell Conservation Academy. In addition to working on species Carl has been closely involved with the restoration of islands by removing the invasive species and then replacing the missing wildlife.

Topic: The restoration of the Echo Parakeet, what lessons have been learnt

Rosemary Low has been passionately involved with parrots. Neotropical parrots and Lories have always been her special interests. As a professional writer, she has had hundreds of articles published in avicultural magazines worldwide. She has travelled widely, speaking at avicultural conventions and meetings in many countries and observing parrots in more than 30 countries. She has been involved in raising funds for many conservation projects, mainly for parrots and habitat in South and Central America.



Topic: Lories are my Life!

Prof. Dr. Michael Lierz is the Director of the Clinic for Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians and Fish of the Justus-Liebig University in Giessen, Germany. His scientific work focuses on new pathogens in captive and free-ranging birds as well as assisted reproduction techniques in birds, in particular psittacines. He is the current president of the European Committee of the Association of Avian Veterinarians. He has published more than 90 peer-reviewed scientific papers and made more than 100 presentations at conferences.

Topic: Semen collection and artificial insemination – new tools in psittacine breeding and species conservation

Andreas Meyer, Germany, held several pairs of different types of Amazon before he established a breeding community in 1993 with Klaus Schöffler. Over the years, he increased the breeding, and following the Amazons came black and white cockatoos, Keas, grey parrots, macaws, Eclectus parrots, caiques and Pionus. Special attention has been paid to Palm Cockatoos that have been reared successfully for several years.

Topic: Practical advice in the keeping and breeding of parrots

Peter Odekerken, photographer and bird breeder, has been interested in wildlife for nearly 60 years and has first kept finches and then parrots in captivity for most of that time. Peter has photographed numerous bird species for ABK magazines and books—including his own title 'A Guide to Lories and Lorikeets their Management, Care and Breeding'.

Topic: Parrots in the wild, a photographic journey

Alonso Quevedo Gil, born in 1968, Medellín – Colombia, is Executive Director of Fundación ProAves. He rediscovered the Endangered Yellow-eared Parrot and Fuertes's Parrot after an incredible one-and-a-half years of field effort across the Colombian Andes. Alonso helped launch the Yellow-eared Parrot project, one of the most successful single species recovery efforts in the Americas. He is one of the few ornithologists that have described new species of both amphibians and birds for science.

Topic: Conservation of the threatened parrots of the Central Andes, Colombia

Dr. Franck Rival is an exotic pet veterinarian, who works in Valence in France. He has his independent veterinary practice and has been interested by all aspects of medicine and surgery relative to exotic species, especially birds and reptiles. A national and international speaker on ophthalmology, he is the author of numerous articles, publications, books, videos, CDs and DVDs on exotic pets.

Topic: Vision in parrots, ocular examination and most frequent ocular diseases

Dr. H. Martin Schaefer is an evolutionary ecologist at the University of Freiburg, Germany, broadly interested in understanding the behavior, ecology, and microevolution of birds. Since 2003 he has been leading a research group at the University of Freiburg. Apart from conservation biology his group performs research on the microevolution of blackcaps in response to distinct migratory routes and analyses visual communication in birds and other animals.

Topic: Effective protection based on genetic analyses: the El Oro Parakeet as an example

Dr. Mark Stafford is the founding director and president of Parrots International, a not for profit organization dedicated to promoting and fostering international cooperation in the conservation of endangered parrot species. Mark and his wife, Marie, have traveled extensively throughout Central and South America, and the Caribbean to gain an understanding of the natural history of endangered parrot species, the environmental and human derived pressures relating to their endangered status.

Topic: Loro Parque Fundación and Parrots International: Synergy in saving parrots

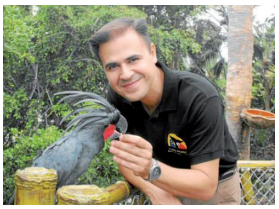
Prof. Ian Swingland is one of the longest serving Advisors to the President of Loro Parque and Loro Parque Fundación. He published a best-selling book 'Capturing Carbon and Conserving biodiversity; a market approach' and advises the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility, the Asian Development Bank, and the UK Government on conservation and biodiversity management, setting up some of the largest projects in the world. Currently he chairs Operation Wallacea and the DICE Trust.

Topic: Biodiversity conservation as a business; the key successes of the Loro Parque Fundación

Ricardo Valentín de la Rosa is a parrot breeder of Rio Abajo aviary, where the captive breeding project of the Puerto Rican parrot of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of Puerto Rico is located. As a breeder, Ricardo Valentín has emphasized the participation of all staff in the process of collecting and analyzing data and in the process of making management decisions. He has stimulated collection of scientific research data by employees of the aviary. Under his management the production of captive birds in the aviary has increased from 13 to 50 parrots per year.

Topic: Key factors in successful reproduction in captivity of the Puerto Rican parrot, Amazona vittata

Rafael Zamora, specialised in Zoology, and as ornithologist and assistant curator of Loro Parque Fundación, he acts as consultant to a various international breeding projects for endangered species of birds. He is the author of various scripts for wildlife documentaries and frequently takes part in environmental programmes for national radio and television. He also regularly contributes scientific articles to wildlife and specialist avicultural magazines.



Topic: Nests: designs, materials, systems, species, timing

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