The 7th Annual Turtle Survival Alliance Symposium on Chelonian Conservation and Biology August 5th - 8th, 2009 St Louis, Missouri

The Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) is pleased to announce our 7th annual Symposium, generously hosted by the renowned St Louis Zoo. This event is the largest gathering of non-marine chelonian biologists and captive breeding specialists in the world. We understand that these are tough economic times and are making an effort to keep costs to a minimum. This meeting will be an extraordinary value, with an icebreaker, zoo tour, awards banquet, BBQ and auction, and breakfasts included in the cost of registration. Double rooms will cost under $100.00/night.

Mark your calendars and register early for substantial savings. Discounted rates are available to TSA members, so join today! For details on membership, registration, program and events, please visit our website at http://www.turtlesurvival.org.

The venue is the Hilton at the Ballpark in downtown St Louis and they are dedicating an entire wing of the hotel to us, so when you leave your room the elevator opens at the TSA meeting. The hotel will be honoring group rates both before and after the meeting if you are interested in extending your stay in St Louis.

Those interested in speaking should contact TSA Program Co-Chairs Chuck Schaffer at chelonian1@aol.com or Andrew Walde at awalde@hotmail.com For vendor information, or to volunteer, please contact Conference Chair Lonnie McCaskill at lonnie.mccaskill@disney.com.

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS TSA is committed to engaging our student members in our conference venues. We realized that conference attendance can be costly to our student membership, therefore, we have lowered the student membership to $25 and conference registration fees to $75. In addition, we have arranged for “student” rooms at the conference hotel which will accommodate up to four students for each room; students will share the hotel expense with the other students in the room. Educators and other chelonian enthusiasts: this is a perfect venue for students to present their research at a professional conference in a friendly atmosphere. Visit our website for more information at http://turtlesurvival.org/ or contact Beth Walton at walton.beth@gmail.com.

Registration and hotel information will be up on the TSA website soon, so be sure to check for updates and announcements. The program will be international in scope but will feature several North American sessions including Graptemys, Southwestern Kinosternids and Dermatemys. Wet labs and hands on workshops will again be offered. Special thanks to our conference title sponsor, ZooMed, who every year works closely with the TSA to insure a special event.

Pre-Registration Rates: (Effective through July 5, 2009)
Member $125.00 Non-Member $175.00
Students/Minors $75.00

Late Registration Rates: (Effective July 6th, 2009)
Member $225.00 Non-Member $250.00
Students/Minors $150.00

Registration Daily Rates
All Attendees: $75.00 per day

We hope to see you there!