

## **Companion Animals Non-Domestic and Endangered Species (CANDES) Committee Annual Report 2020**

Following the January 2020 IETS Annual Conference, the committee members thanked Gabriela Mastromonaco, PhD, for her efforts over the past 6 years of service as Chair of CANDES. Her dedicated work towards CANDES helped the committee gather more members from one year to another.

The primary goal this year was to put together a new Committee of up to five members, including Chair and Morulas representative. Morulas nominated Rolando Pasquariello from Italy. Two other members, in person of Monica Stoops from Omaha Zoo, U.S. and Sebastian Demyda-Peyras from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, joined CANDES as Committee members. As no candidates could be identified to continue the work of the Sub-Committees during the past years, the decision was made to dissolve these and split the tasks among the members of a larger Committee than previously. The Committee is still actively searching for another member located either in Australia or in Asia. These changes are now present in the updated Terms of Reference.

A program with one guest speaker (Marcelo Ratto) and four short presentations of selected abstracts was prepared for the CANDES Concurrent session at IETS 2021.

Regarding CANDES at IETS 2022, the idea of a joint Pre-conference Symposium together with HASAC has been discussed. The tentative program (received on June 24, 2020, updated on December 15th) from HASAC Chair, George Perry, only allows 45 minutes in total for CANDES related topics. Moreover, production of IVP embryos in CANDES related species is limited. The Committee considers that CANDES would receive much too less attention and most CANDES members will not attend this Pre-conference Symposium. Therefore, a preliminary proposal for a CANDES Pre-conference symposium at IETS 2022, including a brief outline of the topics and speakers, was prepared. Considering the success of the last Pre-conference Symposium at IETS 2020, the Committee decided to propose the same format including five invited speakers and ten short presentations from selected abstracts. According to the feedback received from CANDES members, there is a strong wish for young researchers working with CANDES species being able to present their work during the IETS meeting. For the invited speakers, the Committee proposes following presentations:

- Adrienne Crosier on wild cats
- Anthony Claes on equine
- Karina Acevedo Whitehouse on marine species
- Nathalie Calatayud on amphibians
- Robert Hermes on rhinos

On behalf of CANDES,

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