

Hello all:

As we have mentioned several times before, you have TWO opportunities this year to participate in the National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics (NAEAA) meetings, workshops, sessions and networking events. And now we have specific details on those activities and encourage you to register and join us if you haven't already done so as both conference deadlines are fast approaching!!

We will be joining the *2013 Equine Science Society Symposium in Ruidoso, New Mexico, May 28 - 31, and the International Society of Equitation Science meeting in Newark, Delaware, July 17-20th.*

While we have included links to the full schedule of activities for each conference, we wanted to highlight specific programs within the schedule that you won't want to miss!! Links to the registration for each event are at the end of this email.

NAEAA collaborative sessions at the upcoming ESS symposium May 28-31:

Day 1 - Tuesday, May 28 5:00PM - Poster session, Opening Reception and Opening Lecture

Day 2 - Wednesday, May 29 8:00AM-8:30PM Sessions

- 3:30pm - 5:00pm: Workshops: **Expanding research in Teaching and Extension** (Organized by NAEAA and the Teaching and Extension Section)
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- 7:00pm - 8:30pm Workshop: **Are we seen as experts beyond our traditional audience?** (Organized by NAEAA and the Teaching and Extension Section)
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Day 3 - Thursday, May 30 8:00AM-8:00PM Sessions

- 10am: Invited Speaker: **Death and Euthanasia as Contemporary Topics in Equine Curricula**; Carolyn L. Stull, MS, PhD, Department of Population, Health and Reproduction, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, CA
(Organized/sponsored by NAEAA and the Teaching and Extension Section)
- 4-7pm Workshops (3 part workshop): **"A Then and Now Look at Equine Teaching and Extension"; "Future of Equine Teaching and Extension Delivery"; "Successfully Using eXtension Horse in Research, Classroom Teaching and Extension "** (Organized by Teaching and Extension Section along with eXtension).
- 7- 8:00 pm NAEAA meeting

Day 4 - Friday, May 31 8:00AM-8PM Meeting, Day at Ruidoso Downs and Banquet

Full ESS schedule can be found: [http://equinescience.org/2013/2013 ESS Schedule.pdf?v3](http://equinescience.org/2013/2013%20ESS%20Schedule.pdf?v3)

Overview of ESS Workshop Sessions:

May 29, 2013 Wednesday (Teaching Focus, 4-5:30pm and 7-8:30pm)

Expanding Research in the Areas of Teaching and Extension. The interdisciplinary subject matter available in equine studies together with increasing interest in outcome, engagement, and impact assessment lead to opportunities for broadening research in the areas of Teaching and Extension. Many institutions now require impact assessment and/or engagement assessment of teaching and extension activities. This requirement

can actually produce information that could be developed into research publications. In addition, increased attention to business efficiency, production management, and cost controls lend themselves to areas of new focus for teaching and extension research. A host of other untapped opportunities abound. The aim of this workshop is to have an interactive discussion that generates new ideas about how current and future teaching and extension activities may result in projects suitable for conference submissions, tenure and promotion portfolios, competitive grants, as well as undergraduate and graduate research projects. This session is anticipated to include a short IRB overview for those interested in the area of Human Subjects Research.

Are we seen as experts beyond our traditional audiences? Increasingly, a multitude of topics regarding horses and the horse industry are in the popular press and main stream political conversations. Unfortunately, sound scientific methodology is often unavailable or absent from arguments that present a negative image of those whose livelihoods revolve around horses and the horse industry. To what extent do our professional positions as Teachers, Researchers, and Extension Specialists call upon us to be experts beyond the Academy and also serve as an interface with Media, Elected Officials and Regulatory bodies, and Industry Stakeholders – particularly when ‘bad science’, ‘faulty interpretation’, and/or ‘misrepresentation of facts’ are of concern? This session will be a moderated discussion in order to glean a sense of conference participant’s responses to the question: ***Are we perceived as experts beyond our traditional audience?***

May 30, 2013 Thursday (Extension Focus) 4:00 -7:00 p.m.

Part A - A Then and Now Look at Equine Teaching and Extension. A lot of changes have taken place in higher education and the equine industry over the last few decades. These changes include everything from research developments and regulatory guidance to huge advancements in educational technology. Along this road of discovery we have learned a lot about what works and doesn’t work for educators; as well as developed ideas and theories to test what might work in the areas of equine teaching and extension. The aim of this workshop section is to have an interactive discussion that reviews where we have come from to where we are now regarding how we assist with and educate our equine clients.

Part B - Future of Equine Teaching and Extension Delivery. The continual advancements in technology provides educators with a vast menu for presenting and disseminating information to a few or mass population of people anywhere in the world. The question that is posed in this section is “Where are we positioned as educators to utilize these advancements and are we going to meet our client’s educational needs?” To address this question discussion could focus on the following areas: How is higher education viewed? Is higher education a valued product? Are our professional positions as Teachers, Researchers, and Extension Specialists valued beyond Academia? Are we the major source for equine related information? Is the information we share viewed as current, pertinent and easily assessable? Are we serving the needs of our clients or more of the academic community? This session will be a moderated discussion in order to obtain a sense of conference participant’s responses to the questions and possible approaches to insure we provide a high quality educational service to our clients.

Part C - Successfully Using eXtension Horse in Research, Classroom Teaching and Extension. eXtension is an interactive learning environment delivering the best, most researched knowledge from the best land-grant university minds across America. This workshop section will focus more on individual’s needs and interests in learning how researchers and educators are incorporating eXtension Horse services and online educational resources in research grants, teaching, Extension programming and social media. Workshop participants will be able to receive one-on-one assistance with how to use eXtension resources and how to become more involved with eXtension.

NAEAA ‘Mini-Conference’ at the upcoming July 17-20th ISES Conference:

NAEAA Mini-Conference will take place on the afternoon of July 17th in advance of the opening reception for the International Society for Equitation Sciences (University of Delaware – Newark, Delaware). Further details, location and an exact starting time will be determined shortly.

NAEAA Conference Topics:

- **Session 1** - Who are our students? A look at data from incoming and graduating student surveys conducted through NAEAA - followed by moderated discussion on what this data means to the Equine discipline in general and Equitation Sciences specifically.
- **Session 2** - Determining 'excellence' in equine academic offerings - with specific focus on Equitation offerings within the academy.
- **Session 3** - How is Equitation Science offered, integrated, and assessed in academic curricula?

ISES Conference theme:

Embracing Science to Enhance Equine Welfare and Horse-Human Interactions

This conference continues to offer an outstanding international platform for scientists and professional practitioners to present and discuss research related to the field of equitation science. The ISES mission is to promote and encourage the application of objective research and advanced practice, which will ultimately improve the welfare of horses in their associations with humans

Presentations and workshops for the conference will be arranged around several theme subgroups:

- Sports Psychology Aspects of the Horse-Human Interaction
- Getting the Message Out About Equitation Science and Learning Theory (Outreach/Education Methods)
- What About the Other 23 Hours Each Day? (How is the horse's welfare impacted by what happens when not in training?)
- Validating Measurement Tools in Equitation Science
- Enhancing the Welfare of the Competition Horse
- Special additional category for theoretical papers and review papers.

Additional conference information: <http://www.equitationscience.com/upcoming>

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR BOTH CONFERENCES

NAEAA at ESS Conference: Please register for the meeting online at www.equinescience.org. The deadline for early registration is May 13, 2013. You are able register immediately online, or print a paper form to fill out and return via mail or fax.

- The meeting will take place at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Please call the Inn directly at (800) 545-9011 and mention the Equine Science Society to get our special group rates which have been negotiated in order to get members the best rate for the entire duration of the conference. If you try to book rooms outside of the ESS group (for example, online), you will not have access to the block of rooms (better quality) that have been set aside for our group and you may see a large rate increase if you decide to stay at the resort on Friday night. If you have difficulty in making reservations (i.e. being on hold for an extended period), please contact Deborah at 575-464-7090 and she will work with you to help you make your reservation in a timely manner. Please note, rooms are filling up fast so all options may no longer be available. More information on the hotel and travel to the Inn of the Mountain Gods can be found on line at <http://www.equinescience.org/2013/2013ESSInvitationLetter.pdf>. Also, for those traveling from Roswell, shuttle

transportation can be arranged through Galaxy Shuttles (<http://www.galaxyshuttles.com>). Mention you are with ESS to get a discount.

- Make your registration and travel plans today, and we will see you in beautiful New Mexico!

NAEAA at ISES Conference:

- This international conference will take place **July 17-20, 2013**, with the scientific presentation days being held at the University of Delaware's campus, Clayton Conference Center, Newark, Delaware and the Practical Day (Saturday, July 20) taking place at the New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Yes, these locations are in separate states, but they are only about 20 miles (32 km) apart.
- We hope you will plan extra time into your visit to enjoy sightseeing along the East Coast of the USA...it is a beautiful and historical section of the country with a strong appreciation for the horse industry. Please visit the ISES website soon to learn about updates as they become available.
 - **Early Bird Conference Registration discount until May 15!**

Registration: <https://crayola.hcs.udel.edu/conf/registration/ises/>

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