

WDA Australasia – ASCM Conference 2018 Update

This year the Wildlife Disease Association – Australasian Section (WDA-A) will hold a joint meeting with the Asian Society of Conservation Medicine (ASCM) in Bali, Indonesia held from the 27th of October to the 5th of November 2018. This is a unique opportunity to both build links and learn about interconnected wildlife diseases within our region. There is an optional post conference tour open to all.

Conference Venue: Inna Grand Bali Beach hotel, Sanur, Bali, Indonesia. Sanur is East of Denpasar (Bali’s capital city) and is located less than 20km from Bali’s international airport. Denpasar is a thriving city and is where you will find Udayana University and the Faculty of Veterinary Science. Boats leave Saur for many islands, including Palau, and it is a beautiful place to watch the sunrise.

Conference theme

The theme of the WDA-A portion of the joint conference is **Links in Our Region**. This theme fosters a focus on shared aspects of wildlife disease between Australasia and Asia.

There are three subthemes:

- **Links in our region: Shared Fauna**
Australasia and Asia share significant marine mammal, turtle, crocodylian, sea snake, bat, rodent, and migratory bird faunas. These groups have common wildlife disease concerns and issues that are often expressed in a manner unique to different regions. Sharing of expertise across the region will foster improved outcomes for disease surveillance, investigation and mitigation in these faunal groups.
- **Links in our region: Shared Pathogens**
Asia and Australasia share significant emerging wildlife infectious diseases including avian influenza and paramyxovirus, chytridiomycosis, ranaviruses, TB, rabies, etc. Cross-jurisdictional application of research and diagnostic expertise and the development of trans-boundary solutions will benefit all.
- **Links in our region: Shared Problems**
Social and technical challenges for wildlife diseases are both universal and parochial. By identifying common characteristics in research and management of wildlife disease we can advance the development of real-world solutions for wildlife disease problems.

Program

DATE	PROGRAM
27 th October (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASCM board meeting• ACCM diploma examination• Ice breaker (evening) ASCM
28 th October (Sunday)	Main Meeting Day 1 ASCM: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening ceremony• Keynote lectures• General sessions• Welcome banquet
29 th October (Monday)	Main Meeting Day 2 ASCM: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary and general sessions• ASCM closing ceremony

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party
30 th October (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Health Educational Workshop at Udayana University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine • Tour (Tentative: Bali Safari) and workshop in the afternoon (Nutrition or Clinical pathology workshop) • 2nd Ice breaker (evening) WDAA
31 st October (Wednesday)	<p>Main Meeting Day 3 WDAA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote lectures • General sessions • Dinner together. WDAA auction (fundraiser for students)
1 st November (Thursday)	<p>Main Meeting Day 4 WDAA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote lectures • General sessions • WDAA AGM • Closing banquet
2 nd November (Friday)	<p>Optional 4-day post-conference tour to West Bali National Park (Bali Barat NP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus via south coast to north-west via snake temple and village turtle conservation project <p>Dinner together (pay yourself)</p>
3 rd November (Saturday)	<p>Optional post-conference tour in Bali Barat National Park, <i>cont.</i> (Book activities at meeting in Sanur, pay operator directly)</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early morning wildlife walk • snorkel near Menjangan Island • afternoon mangrove boat tour • Dinner together (pay yourself)
4 th November (Sunday)	<p>Optional post-conference tour in Bali Barat NP, <i>cont.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities, as above • Dinner together (pay yourself)
5 th November (Monday)	<p>Optional post-conference tour in Bali Barat NP, <i>cont.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return by bus via north coast and mountains to Ubud or Sanur or airport.

Abstracts and presentations

Oral presentations are of 12 minutes duration with an additional 3 minutes of question time. Poster presentations are to be printed on A0 paper size and must be readable from at least 1.5m distance.

Abstracts are to be submitted prior to 30th July, 2018. Successful authors will be notified prior to 24th August, 2018. Abstracts must be submitted via the registration site <http://wdaa2018.exordo.com>, are limited to 500 words and should clearly describe the background, methods, results and conclusions of research or outline the background and major points for strategy or policy presentations. Authors may select any or all of the conference themes (see above) for their presentation. Preference will be given to presentations that align with the conference themes.

Registration

Registration is open at <http://wdaa2018.exordo.com> and remains open until and during the conference. Registration is for Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November (WDA-A days) only. For ASCM and workshop registration, delegates are referred to the ASCM site at <http://2018bali.ascm-aszwm.org/>.

Registration **does not include accommodation or breakfast**. Neither are these included in the costs of the optional field trip. The evening meal is included for Wednesday 31st October but tickets for the WDAA banquet on Thursday 1st November need to be purchased during your registration. There is a late pricing period from 31st August. Registration fees (in AUD) are as follows:

Category	Normal pricing (AUD)	Late pricing (AUD)
WDA/ASCM Member full (two day)	230	260
WDA Student Member full (two day)	130	160
Regular full (two day)	260	290
Lower income country delegate*	0	0
WDA/ASCM Member single day	130	160
WDA Student Member single day	80	100
Regular single day	160	180

Payments are in AUD and can be made via PayPal or by bank transfer or credit card. Delegates are advised to include their registration number in bank transfers and are requested to settle within 30 days of registration. Refunds are at the discretion of the organising committee.

*The first 100 registrants from the following low and lower-middle income countries [with abstracts accepted for talks or posters](#) are eligible for free registration and are advised to email conference organisers at wdaa.bali2018@gmail.com: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Democratic People's Rep of Korea (North), Lao, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Uzbekistan, Vietnam etc.

Social activities and post-conference tour

Non-delegate guests are welcome to social activities and the post-conference tour.

WDAA Ice Breaker (30th October): At 6.30pm on the evening of 30th October there will be a WDAA ice breaker at the conference venue. Delegates are required to pay for their own drinks and food.

WDAA Auction and dinner (31st October): At 7.00pm on the evening of 31st October there will be the traditional WDAA Student Fundraiser Auction and dinner will be provided at the conference venue.

WDAA Banquet dinner (1st November): The annual WDAA Banquet dinner will be held at 7pm on 1st November at the conference venue. Tickets must be pre-purchased during registration and are **USD\$55**. Non-delegate guests are welcome.

Post-conference tour (2nd November – 5th November):

There is also an optional four-day post-conference tour to West Bali National Park (Bali Barat NP) near Pemuteran in north west Bali, open to all. This region has lower rainfall, includes savannah and other ecosystems and is also popular for snorkelling and diving. The tour cost will include bus travel, temples and turtle conservation visits, lunch both ways, National Park entry, and dinner together on three nights. (Not lunch in Pemuteran.) At the meeting in Sanur you will need to book for the early morning wildlife walk, and/or snorkel near Menjangan Island, and/or the afternoon mangrove boat trip. **You will pay the operators directly.** If you wish, you can organise your own dive or diving lesson. Please select accredited dive operators.



For this tour you will need to **book your own accommodation**. We will have dinners and be based at the Taman Sari Resort, Pemuteran, and there are many options nearby. Please bring a hat, water, sun lotion and mosquito repellent as precautions. For wildlife walks, please consider shoes and long pants (gaiters if you wish for extra walks in the savannah area.) There are vipers, cobras and other wildlife including monkeys, deer, giant squirrel, many bird species in Bali Barat NP.

The tour costs AUD \$140 and non-delegate guests are welcome. Tour booking is through the conference registration site.

Travel advice

Delegates are responsible for their own travel, travel insurance (which is highly recommended) and medical prophylaxis. Delegates travel to Bali at their own risk and travel advice can be found at the Australian Government Smart Traveller site for Indonesia. Please check your Visa requirements to enter Indonesia.

WDAA cannot acquire Public Liability and Products Liability Insurance for our annual Conference and field excursions if they are conducted outside Australia. Consequently, WDAA takes no responsibility for any aspect of your visit to Bali. Please ensure you have suitable insurance.

Conference organising committee

Pam Whiteley (convenor), Andrew Peters (co-convenor), Chloe Steventon (co-convenor), Scott Carver (co-convenor, scientific), Peter Holz (scientific), Vere Nicolson (treasurer)