2012 Convention Speakers

Keynote Speaker—Wayne E. Smyth*

Under One Wing

(Note: Speakers are subject to change without notice)

Daniel Almaguer & April Belzung Luna
Hand-feeding Victoria Crowned Pigeons

Alycia Antheunisse*
Breeding Lories and Lorikeets for the Pet Trade

Dr. Igor Berkunsky
Blue-throated Macaw Conservation Efforts: What Have We Learned After 10 Years?

Donald Brightsmith Ph.D.*
Nesting, Movements and Conservation Perspectives for Large Macaws in Southeastern Peru
The Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center at Texas A&M University: 25 Years of Research and Service to the Avicultural Community

Cheryl Burns
The Emperor’s Birds

Jason Crean M.A., M.S.*
Avian Biology Classroom (ABC): A New AFA Educational Program for All
Who's Your Daddy? Using Genetics to Determine Paternity

Caroline Efstathion M.S.*
Understanding Insecticides and Their Role in Aviculture
Vector-borne Avian Diseases

Madeleine Franco
The Family Album: Documenting the Flock

Dr. Walt Frey*
Adventures Studying the Recovery of the Red-vented Cockatoo in the Philippines

Lee Gibson
Bird Clubs 911

Debbie Goodrich
Rethinking the Controversy: Empowering Clipped Parrots

Barbara Heidenriech*
What Makes an Expert an Expert?
Training for Conservation: Kakapo Recovery
A Good Start to a Good Bird—Raising and Training a Great Companion Parrot

Steve Milpacher*
The Lory Conservation Network: Conservation Through Cooperation
Conservation of the Critically Endangered Yellow-crested Cockatoo (Cacatua sulphera)

Sharman Hoppes, DVM, ABVP (Avian)*
Treatment of Megabacteria

Annette Howard
The Future of Exhibition in the USA

Hilla Niemann, MSc.*
The Power of Keeping Parrots as Pets
The Pitfalls of Parrot Training

Rainer Neimann, Ph.D.
With All Senses

Dr. Cromwell Purchase*
Reproductive Research Strategies for the Spix’s Macaws

Gary & Lynn Redden*
Meet Gary & Lynn Redden—The “Golden Macaws”

Linda S. Rubin
A Discussion on the Genetics of the New “Golden Macaw” Mutation
Changing Trends and Art of Exhibiting Parrots in the USA

Robin Shewokis
Workshop—Enriching Your Birds’ Lives, Parts I & II

Lynne Singerman
Social Media Marketing Made Easy

Mark Stafford, DDS
What’s So Special About Parrots?

Patricia Sund*
The Chop Revolution: A Method of Feeding Your Birds Without Losing Your Mind

Genny Wall
Back to our Roots: Grassroots Legislation

* These speakers will be featured on the 2012 Convention DVDs, available for preorder individually ($15) or as an entire set ($150) at www.afabirds.org.