



Call for Workshop Abstracts
51st Annual AAZK National Conference
September 13-17, 2026
Tacoma, Washington

AAZK is pleased to announce the call for Workshops for the 2026 AAZK National Conference hosted by the AAZK Point Defiance Chapter.

Abstract Submission Deadline: January 15, 2026 (11:59pm EST)

Authors will be notified regarding acceptance approximately February 15, 2026.

How to Submit Your Abstract for Consideration:

Use this link to fill out the Google Form Application: <https://tinyurl.com/yvrkxncn>

You may also email pdc@azk.org for a direct link to the Google Form or visit the conference website at <https://www.aazktacoma2026.com/>

AAZK members or non-members submitting abstracts in consideration for presentation at the 2026 AAZK National Conference in Tacoma may submit abstracts in their preferred language, but shall also include an English translation to assist in the scoring process. Questions should be directed to pdc@azk.org with ATTN: Workshop as part of the email subject.

Workshop Format

Workshop subjects should be in-depth explorations of animal health, animal management, taxa-specific husbandry, conservation, and keeper professional development. Workshops are two hours in length. Subjects that require more than two hours should be submitted as “Part One” and “Part Two”. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and should focus on the main theme of the workshop, while also keeping the conference theme in mind. The conference theme is “*Taking the Rains*”.

Open Workshops

The Open Workshop format will offer unlimited attendance (based on the capacity of the ballroom) and will be best suited for lecture-based workshops with a Q & A session at the end.

Limited Workshops

Limited Workshops will be held in limited capacity breakout rooms. This format is best suited for small group interactive workshops and will have a cap on the number of participants, usually 60.