



15th Triennial IAHAIO Conference

April 12-14, 2019 · Green Chimneys · Brewster, NY

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International Association of
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SCHEDULE

(subject to minor changes)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

PRE-CONFERENCE

- 9:00am **Bus pick-up for International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO) Members at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel** in Danbury, CT – IAHAIO Members only
Drop-off at Green Chimneys in Brewster, NY
- 9:45am-12:15pm **IAHAIO Annual General Meeting – IAHAIO Members only** – SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
- 12:15pm **Lunch – IAHAIO Members only** – SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CONFERENCE

- 12:45pm **Bus pick-up at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel** in Danbury, CT
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- 1:00pm **Registration Opens** – GYM
- 2:00pm **Greeting by Green Chimneys, IAHAIO, University of Denver Institute for Human-Animal Connection (IHAC)** Welcome, Conference Intent, Program, Sponsor Introduction and Overview
- Dr. Ed Placke, Executive Director, Green Chimneys
- Michael Kaufmann, Director, Green Chimneys Farm and Sam and Myra Ross Institute at Green Chimneys
- Erica Elvove, Associate Director, University of Denver Institute for Human-Animal Connection (IHAC)
- Marie Jose Enders Slegers, President, International Association of Human Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO)
- 2:15pm **Opening Keynote: One Welfare; Healthy Environments for Both Human and Non-Human Animals**, James Serpell, BSc, Ph.D. Marie A. Moore Professor of Ethics & Animal Welfare, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
- 3:00-4:00pm **A Guided Tour of Green Chimneys** – Tour the campus, farm, equine program, shelter dog interaction area, wildlife rehabilitation center, the school and gardens to see our model of experiential education in action, Green Chimney Staff Tour Guides
- 3:00-4:00pm **Poster Viewing** – GYM



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4:15-5:30pm

Session One Oral Presentations

A. Green Care & Youth Development – GYM

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Moderator: Kevin Morris, Ph.D.

1. **The Potential of Green Care Interventions to Promote Positive Youth Development with a One Health Lens**, Hagit Brandes
2. **Human-Animal-Environment Interactions and Self-Regulation: The Green Chimneys Model**, Erin Flynn
3. **A Community Based Approach to Involving Youth of All Ages in Making a Difference for Animals; the Community and Themselves**, Julie Bank

B. Pets, Animal-Assisted Interventions and Mental Health – DINING HALL

Sponsored by Nestle Purina

Moderator: Anne Howie, LICSW, ACSW

1. **Pet Ownership in the Context of Severe Mental Illness: an Audit**, Abigail Alfrey
2. **Implications of Animal Assisted Psychotherapy for the Treatment of Developmental Trauma Through the Lens of Interpersonal Neurobiology**
Nancy Parish-Plass
3. **Animal-Assisted Interventions (AAIs): Effect on Depressive Symptoms, Neuropsychological Functioning and Emotional Regulation**, Unnati Hunjan

C. Program Development and Evaluation – ROSS HALL EDUCATION BUILDING: ROOM 709

Moderator: Lisa Maria Glenk, Ph.D.

1. **Do Human and Companion Animal Food Needs Intersect in Low-Income Households**, Mary Rauptis
2. **Building Program Evaluation Capacity in AAI Programs: A Community and University Partnership**, Helen Holmquist-Johnson
3. **Designing an Integrated Summer Camp Program Incorporating Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT)**, Karen Ni

5:30pm

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Dinner on your own



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SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:15-9:15am **Continental Breakfast Items available in Dining Room**

8:30am **Bus pick up at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel** in Danbury, CT
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9:15am **Keynote – GYM**
Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) and Humane Education Through the Lens of Mainland China
Pei Feng Su, Founder ACT ASIA

9:45am **Mini-Break – DINING HALL**

10:00am **IAHAIO Keynote – GYM**
Sponsor Greeting and Introduction by CEVA - Jody Donohu, Communications Manager and
Matilda Strom, Human-Animal Interaction Pedagogue and Dog Behaviorist

Best Practice in AAI: Achieving Connectedness and William McCulloch Award 2019 Winner Presentation, Marie Jose Enders Slegers, Ph.D., IAHAIO President

11:00am **Poster Viewing, Meet the Authors – GYM**

12:00-1:00pm **Networking Lunch**
First, pick up a lunch in the DINING HALL; then find your designated interest area in the GYM.

1:00-2:15pm **Topic Break-Out Sessions**

- A. **The Green Care Connection: Farm-Based Interaction and Therapy**
Sponsored by The Friends and Family of Andy Stallman
Ingeborg Pedersen Ph.D. – ROSS HALL EDUCATION BUILDING: ROOM 709
- B. **How to Start an HAI Program – Sponsored by HABRI**
Karin Hediger, Ph.D. – ROSS HALL EDUCATION BUILDING: ROOM 715
- C. **Overview of Trends in HAI Research – Sponsored by CEVA**
Marie Jose Enders Slegers, Ph.D., Brinda Jegatheesan, Ph.D. – DINING HALL
- D. **Considerations to Training Dogs for AAIs - Sponsored by Nestle Purina**
Line Sandstedt – GYM

2:30-3:45pm **Session Two Oral Presentations**

A. **AAT and Children – Sponsored by The Friends and Family of Andy Stallman**, GYM
Moderator: Michal Pregowski, Ph.D.

1. **Changes in Behavioral Synchrony During Dog-Assisted Therapy for Children with Autism Spectrum**, Richard Griffioen
2. **An Integrated Multicenter Dog-Assisted Therapy Program for Children with Behavioral Disorders in Catalan Government Reception Center: A Story of Long Lasting Success of Program Implementation of Assistance and Research**, Paula Calvo
3. **The Influence of Animal-Assisted Psychotherapy on the Establishment of the Therapeutic Alliance with Maltreated Children in Residential Care**, Nancy Parish-Plass



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B. Equine-Assisted Learning and Therapy – DINING HALL

Moderator: Nina Ekholm Fry, MSSc

1. **(Because they Feel the Heartbeat) Practical Implications of Scientific Outcomes According to Heartbeat-Based Equine Therapy**, Anna Naber
2. **Equine-Assisted Learning Combined with Traditional Tutoring Reduces the High School Drop Out Rate of At-Risk-Youth**, Jo-Anne Miller
3. **Equine-Assisted Therapy for Children and Adolescents with Mental Disorders: What is the Specific Impact of the Horse?**, Anna Katharina Alexandridis

C. AAI-Specific Populations – ROSS HALL EDUCATION BUILDING: ROOM 709

Moderator: James Serpell, Ph.D., BSc.

1. **Measuring the Psychosocial Impacts of Prison-Based Dog Training Programs and In-Prison Outcomes for Inmates**, Jaci Gandenberger
2. **Implementation and Evaluation of a Multicenter Dog Assisted Therapy Program in Spanish Government Penitentiary System**, Paula Calvo
3. **Influences of AAT on Episodic Memory in Patients with Acquired Brain Injury**
Felicitas Theis

3:45pm **Open Farm** – Green Chimneys area staff (animal caretakers, program facilitators, therapists and interns) and students are available to explain/demo different nature based program areas in greater detail in an informal and informative fashion – a map will be provided to guide participants to various areas. You are free to visit one, two or more areas and there are no formal presentations. Meet, mingle, ask questions and engage in dialogue.

5:30pm **Cocktails, Snacks, Share Time** (literature table) – DINING HALL

6:00pm **Banquet** – GYM

Welcome and Introduction

Bob Vetere, President & CEO American Pet Products Association; President, Green Chimneys Board of Directors

Special Guest Performance, Dinner, VIP/Benefactor Greetings

Sponsor Greetings and Introduction of Keynote

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Keynote

Ice Cream and Carrots

Kitty Stalsburg, Executive Director High Hopes Therapeutic Riding

Dessert and Music

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9:00-9:45am **Keynote – GYM**
Considering the Placebo Effect in HAI
Jens Gaab, Ph.D.; University of Basel, Switzerland

9:45-10:45am **Utilizing Nature-Based Programs to Provide Sensory and Emotional Regulation Strategies for Children**, Miyako Kinoshita, MA, Shauna McWilliams, LMSW and Rachael Chiulli, MOT, OTR/L

11am-12:15pm **Session Three Oral Presentations**

A. One Health and Well Being – Sponsored by The Friends and Family of Andy Stallman, GYM
Moderator: Steve Klee, Ph.D.

1. **Emotional Welfare State of Therapy Dogs During AAT in an Outpatient Setting**
Francois Martin
2. **Trauma-Informed Care: Applying a Trauma Lens to the Animals as Well as the Humans in AAI**, Sarah Schlote
3. **Respecting the Individual Animal While Choosing Therapy Animals with the Greatest Potential for Therapeutic Benefit**, Ann Howie

B. AAI with Specific Populations – Sponsored by Chuck & Don's Pet Food & Supplies, DINING HALL
Moderator: Erica Elvove, MSW

1. **An AAI Study in the Nursing Home: Lessons Learned**, Lonneke Schuurmans
2. **A Dog-Assisted Activity Program to Promote Activity and Mood Among Elderly Home Dwelling People with Dementia**, Ingeborg Pedersen
3. **AAT and Eating Disorders: Preliminary Research Findings and Practice Application**, Patricia Flaherty-Fischette

C. AAI and Children- Sponsored by HABRI, ROSS HALL EDUCATION BUILDING: ROOM 709
Moderator: Robert Mitchel, Ph.D.

1. **Paws for Smiles at the Dentist: Exploring the Biological Impact of HAI**, Aviva Vincent
2. **Saliva Oxytocin and Cortisol in Pediatric Cancer Patients and Dogs Before and After AAT**
Naoko Yoshida
3. **AAI for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Survey of French Facilities**
Marine Grandgeorge

12:15-1:15pm **Lunch**



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Sponsor Greeting and Introduction

Francois Martin, Section Leader, Behavior and Welfare, Nestle PURINA

Recognizing and Preventing Stress in Therapy Dogs

Lisa Maria Glenk, Ph.D.

Poster Presentation Winner Announced

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3:40-4:15pm **Closing Keynote – GYM**

Creating Healthy Environments for People and Animals

Philip Tedeschi, MSSW, LCSW

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