

# animalrehabilitation

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

### HELLO TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ANIMAL REHABILITATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP!

I hope that the “dog” days of summer don't have you down but looking forward to the Fifth International Symposium on Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy in Veterinary Medicine. This meeting, a collaboration of the fields of veterinary medicine and physical therapy, will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from August 13-16, 2008. In association with the meeting, which will include both clinical and scientific presentations by practitioners from the USA, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, and South Africa (among others), there will be 2 sponsored preconference courses: one by Laurie Edge Hughes on management of the canine spine and the other by Lesley Goff on management of the equine sacroiliac joint. In addition, we hope to have a meeting of the ARSIG membership with potential for further discussion of the WCPT movement towards recognition of Animal Physical Therapy as a specialty within physical therapy worldwide. We hope to see you there! (For more information and to register, check out the website at: <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/outreach/events/rehab/home.html>.)

We'd like to thank those of you who participated in the Practice Analysis. We've completed the survey process and our next step is to consolidate responses and analyze the data. The SIG has hired a consultant to assist us in this over the coming months. We hope to have a fantastic document (ready for publication) as a result which will serve as a stepping stone for the SIG and our many future projects and goals.

We're very excited to announce that Carrie Adrian, our Vice President and Education Chairperson, has secured Narelle Stubbs, PT as our primary lecturer for CSM 2009. Narelle is truly a pioneer in the field of equine rehabilitation. Please plan to attend as opportunities to hear Narelle speak are few and far between. We're so very excited to be hosting her for our SIG programming.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of your SIG officers with questions or concerns, especially in your interactions and discussions with your various PT and DVM boards and state associations. We've got a fantastic State Liaison Network (but could always use a few more willing participants) and great support from the Section and APTA offices. Together we will move forward!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer!  
See you in Minneapolis!

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