



## 3rd Annual Section Meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

*Hosted by Abu Dhabi Wildlife Center*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Announcement and call for papers

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#### **Location:**



The Emirate of Abu Dhabi is the largest of the seven Emirates and the Federal capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), is one of the most modern cities in the world. It is the center of government and business life in the UAE, headquarters of the emirates oil operating companies and embassies are based here.

The Abu Dhabi International Airport is 35 kilometers (22 miles) east of central Abu Dhabi and about 35 minutes drive. The weather in Abu Dhabi is coolest between November and April, but can reach 40 degrees Celsius (105 degrees Fahrenheit) at other times of the year. Arabic is the official language, but English is widely spoken. Currency can be converted at 1.00 USD (US Dollar) to approximately 3.67 AED (UAE Dirham).

#### **Theme:**

*“Wildlife health and conservation challenges in Africa and the Middle East”*

#### **Meeting Objectives:**

- To raise awareness of emerging and re-emerging wildlife health issues within the UAE, regionally and Internationally.

- To expose local and regional veterinarians and wildlife managers on the current trends and status of wildlife health.
- To highlight health issues relating to wildlife species of national importance e.g. falcons, Houbara bustard and Arabian oryx.

### **Submission of papers/Sponsorship:**

We invite submission of relevant paper and poster presentations. All persons whose papers are accepted for presentation will receive sponsorship for return airfares, accommodation, meals and transfers to and from the airport.

Titles for papers and posters should be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> May. A short abstract of your presentation will require to be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Participants:**

All participants will be provided with refreshments during coffee breaks, and will take part in all sessions and tours planned.