What is WDA?

WDA is all wildlife diseases, all conservation, all one health, all the time.

Human Health

Wildlife and Environmental Health

Domestic Animal Health
Our mission is to acquire, disseminate, and apply knowledge of the health and diseases of wild animals in relation to their biology, conservation, and interactions with human and domestic animals.
Who are Members?

- Biology, ecology, human health and veterinary students
- Wildlife managers and conservationists
- Zoo and wildlife veterinarians
- Wildlife and One Health researchers
- Public health experts
- Agricultural health experts
- Natural resource agencies
- Zoos, libraries, non-profit organizations
Annual Conferences

- US and International
- Experts in the field
- Student-Mentor Mixers
- Hands-on Workshops
- Student Awards and Scholarships $
- Student Presentation Competition $
- Student Travel Grants $
WDA Website

- WDA information and connections
- Student education and worldwide connections
- Nineteen years of past conference proceedings
- Members area benefits (image libraries, out of print wildlife texts, Wildlife Disease Classics, Wildlife Health/Disease collection, Reports from the Field)
- Wildlife Employment & Training Opportunities

www.wildlifedisease.org
Student Involvement

• The WDA has a long history of strongly promoting and supporting students in their educational goals involving wildlife health issues.
  - Reduced membership fees
  - Student mixer at conference
  - Student on council
  - Student awards and scholarships
  - Student mentoring by fellow
  - Student chapter and travel grants
Student Chapters - Objectives

• Educate students interested in wildlife health and disease about
  - The profession and career opportunities
  - Job qualifications and education
  - Externships, volunteer, and research opportunities
  - Facilitate connections with other students worldwide
  - Facilitate local chapter activities
Student Chapters - Objectives

- **Enhance the skills of students interested in wildlife health and disease through**
  - Lectures
  - Workshops
  - Conferences
  - Field trips
- **Connect students interested in wildlife health and disease to mentors in WDA through the faculty advisor and guest lecturers**
What’s Involved?

- **FACULTY ADVISOR** – each chapter must have a faculty advisor who is a current member of WDA

- **OFFICERS** – officers are to be selected by members of the chapter

- **MEMBERSHIP** – student chapters are composed of undergraduate, graduate, professional students interested in the field of wildlife diseases. Membership in WDA is strongly encouraged
What Can You Get Out of It?

• Invite and meet renowned WDA scientists to lecture chapter members and have fun
What Can You Get Out of It?

• Learn from the field

Natural cave, Reserve of the Roc-de-Cher, Echarvines, France

Seal Rehabilitation Center of Pieterburen, Zeehondencrèche, the Netherlands
How to Get Started

Visit the WDA website
www.wildlifedisease.org - Students

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