**CONSERVATION MEDICINE AND DISEASES OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES**

**WHERE AND WHEN:**

Southwestern Research Station (SWRS) Portal, Arizona, July 30 to August 5, 2017.

**COURSE ORGANIZER AND MAJOR INSTRUCTOR:**

Elliott Jacobson, DVM, PhD, DACZM and Michael Garner, DVM, DACVP

**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS:**

Drs. Richard Funk, Leigh Clayton, and Walter Merker, and Mr. Barney Tomberlin

**PARTICIPANTS:**

The course is designed for undergraduates and graduate students in

Conservation Ecology, Wildlife, Biological Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine who expect to study, breed, and manage populations of amphibians and/or reptiles in the field and in captivity. “What does conservation medicine mean” and “How can it functionally be used to manage populations of amphibians and reptiles” will be explored. Concepts of infectious diseases, anesthesia, the use of pain medications, sampling techniques, surgical techniques, and handling of venomous species will be covered. The course will include teleconferenced lectures and necropsy labs. There will be opportunities to go out locally in the field to observe native herps. Blood may be collected from some of these animals.

**FEES:**

Tuition for the 6 night COURSE is $804 that should be paid by all participants on being

informed of their acceptance. Tuition covers course fees for the course and room and board at the SWRS. Preferred payment to SWRS is certified check or money order. If you must pay with a credit card, please call the SWRS office at 520-558-2396. Transportation costs between home

and Tucson (air) or SWRS (auto) are to be borne by participants. As participants register, we will obtain email addresses and send them out to all participants so that they can arrange carpooling to and from the station.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

The application form is available on the course website:

[**http://www.amnh.org/our-research/southwestern-research-station/education/conservation-**](http://www.amnh.org/our-research/southwestern-research-station/education/conservation-) **medicine-and-diseases-of-amphibians-and-reptiles**

**FOR LOGISTICS ABOUT THE COURSE PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SWRS PLEASE CONTACT:**

Group Coordinator, swrs@amnh.org or 520-558-2396

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 10 May 2016. IF ACCEPTED INTO THE COURSE, FEES ARE DUE BY 10 June 2016. PLEASE SEE CANCELLATION POLICY ON THE COURSE APPLICATION.**