

## **ASM Host Resolution 2022**

WHEREAS, we don't realize how special something is until we have it taken away for 3 years - is it soooo great to be back in person again or what?; and,

WHEREAS, with 551 registrations, 322 abstracts submitted, this year's meeting is one of the largest ever, and notably is our 1<sup>st</sup> hybrid format meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Program Comm searched in vain for a vendor for beer bottle-modified KN95 masks, so mammalogists struggled to remain masked while enjoying libations during indoor social events; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes including the local O'odham and Yaqui, and the land acknowledgment presented at the meeting is an important step in reaffirming our efforts to address historical inequities and increase inclusion in our science; and,

WHEREAS, as if on cue, a massive heat dome containing temperatures reaching 110 F settled over Tucson for our annual meeting, but largely went unnoticed due to the arctic blast of extreme AC in meeting rooms; and,

WHEREAS, we voice our strong support and solidarity for our Ukrainian scientific colleagues and the Ukrainian people in general as they valiantly defend their country from the unprovoked invasion by Russia; and,

WHEREAS, President Lessa initiated the Tucson challenge for ASM fundraising and offered up meeting t-shirts as rewards for largest and smallest donations, and considered invoking a post-hoc Bayesian analysis based on the heavily-skewed Cauchy distribution to determine the winners; and,

WHEREAS, meeting attendees reported seeing both coyotes and roadrunners on meeting grounds; however, fortunately no dynamite, giant anvils, or rocket launchers were seen, so perhaps there is peace in this land, at least for now; and,

WHEREAS, Annie Alexander Award winner Olivia Chapman gave us a gut check showing that GI tract length increases with latitude; could we use next year's meeting location to explain our increasing waistlines?; and,

WHEREAS, Anna M. Jackson Award winner Flavio Coelho talked about ancient bears and that there was no evidence of ice age refugia in SE Alaska – perhaps

Flavio could talk to the Program Comm to fund a pre-meeting field trip next year to continue the search; and,

WHEREAS, the results of A Brazier Howell Award winner Allison Brehm provided an interesting human analogy – grooming levels in mammalogists declined sharply at low densities during the pandemic, but picked up dramatically as social density increased; and,

WHEREAS, we learned from Elmer C. Birney Award winner Douglas Njeri that, in a dangerous world, big-headed ants may in fact be a zebra's best friend; and

WHEREAS, from the presentation of Shadle Fellowship winner Savannah Bartel, we can conclude that only a mammologist would consider a pile of scat a potential form of eavesdropping; and,

WHEREAS, we learned from ASM Fellowship winner Dana Green that she has skillfully mastered the art of the pivot despite dumpster fires everywhere and that migratory tree bats are so cool; and,

WHEREAS, Grinnell Award winner Deedra McClearn taught us that field stations produce great science as well as future punk rock stars; and,

WHEREAS, we received from Aldo Leopold Award winner Thomas Lacher a 45-minute advanced crash course on the threats and shortfalls in mammalian conservation on a dynamic planet; and,

WHEREAS, C Hart Merriam Award winner Mike Willig understands the complexities of mammalian metacommunities but is still working on operating a pointer and mastering his directional terms; and,

WHEREAS, rumors have it that John Koprowski fled the state of Arizona thinking that he would avoid being roasted in the Host Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, seeing that the meeting was being held in a hot, dry urban center in the Sonoran Desert, the Program Committee considered another Texas Tech or Bass Pro Shop paved parking lot picnic, but the only available parking lot was valet only, so it was dropped from the program; and,

WHEREAS, this Host Resolution has the least # of references to drinking in recent memory due to high cost and lack of available watering holes here in the LaPaloma oasis; and,

WHEREAS, when baby canyon bats fell from their roost, of course it was Erin Baerwald coming to their rescue – way to go Erin!; and,

WHEREAS, many meeting attendees were observed participating in what we believe is a new sport – 2, 3, and 4-person golf cart relays; and,

WHEREAS, given the huge volumes of water in the restrooms, numerous fountains, irrigation of grounds, championship golf course, and massive swimming pool at the Westin LaPaloma, the mystery of the missing Lake Mead water may now be solved; and,

WHEREAS, the bench at the resort entrance advertised a wildlife trapper called Mr. Pack Rat, who will remove your mammalian vermin for a price; however, for the price of a beer and donation of the specimen, locals would be better off contacting any of the meeting attendees while we're in town; and,

WHEREAS, 10 lbs of frozen chicken may attract solitary foraging coyotes, but 90 min of free beer most definitely attracts communally foraging mammalogists; and,

WHEREAS, Roland Kays tried out a radio show version option of a highly visual study for his talk to generally unfavorable results; and,

WHEREAS, we were incredibly saddened by the long list of recent deaths of ASM members presented, all of which will be sorely missed; and,

WHEREAS, some runners at the Gordy Kirkland Run for Research were diverted by pursuing javelinas on the golf course; and,

WHEREAS, in an apparent attempt to capture mammalogists, the Westin LaPaloma constructed squeeze shoots in the bathroom stalls; this effort, however, was largely unsuccessful as we saw few mammalogists with telemetry collars, ear tags, or lip tattoos; and,

WHEREAS, attendees were mesmerized by the incredible beauty and grandeur of the mountains, the magnificent saguaros and other cacti, the incredible abundance of wildlife, including javelinas, coyotes, bobcats, canyon bats, Gambel's quail, great-horned owls, Cooper's hawks, verdins, white-winged doves, lesser nighthawks, chuckwallas and other lizards, and many other species, and the Westin LaPaloma itself was downright luxurious and among the most memorable meeting locations ever,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Society of Mammalogists, meeting at their annual meeting at the Westin LaPaloma in Tucson, AZ, 17-21 June 2022, sincerely thank Kerrell Dunsmore and family of The Next Great Event, Christi Classi from the ASM Business Office, Daria Cohen and Grant Goldhar of XC-D (our meeting platform), and especially Cody Thompson, John Hanson, and the Program Committee for their dedication and hard work in planning and organizing this successful meeting, which allowed us to see our friends and colleagues in person as well as virtually, as we look forward to the 13<sup>th</sup> International Mammalogical Congress in Anchorage, Alaska in July 2023.