

Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society **ovas.ca**

AQUAMANIA

MARCH 23-24, 2013

What is it?

AquaMania is a two-day event for anyone interested in:

- getting advice on how to improve or get started as an aquarist
- meeting other people who have a passion for the aquarium hobby
- meeting vendors and manufacturers and getting to know their products
- buying various aquarium products, livestock, and aquatic plants at auction

If you're into aquariums, this is the place to be!



Where is it?

Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre,
1876 Robertson Road, Bells Corners

What's the cost?

FREE ADMISSION!
Donations to help finance the event are welcome.

What's the schedule?

Saturday, March 23

Speakers

- 10:00 a.m. Dr. Hernán López-Fernández - "Fish collection in South America"
11:00 a.m. Dr. Stephan Tanner - "Techniques for breeding egg layers"
1:00 p.m. Les Wilson - "Food Nutrition: from the basics to the future"
2:00 p.m. Jason Baliban - "The Art of Aquascaping"
3:00 p.m. Dr. Stephan Tanner - "Pleco nutrition"
4:00 p.m. Jamie Baquero - "Sustainability of the marine hobby trade"

Exhibit and Sales Room

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Confirmed exhibits: AngelFins, Cobalt, John's Fish Foods, Ponds and Aquaria, Seachem, and Zoo Med.

If you are interested in having an exhibit or being a vendor please contact us - public-relations@ovas.ca

Sunday, March 24

OVAS Annual Giant Auction

Pre-registration online at OVAS.CA

Onsite registration and public viewing: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Auction starts at 11:00 a.m.



Dr. Hernán López-Fernández



Dr. Stephan Tanner



Les Wilson



Jason Baliban



Jamie Baquero



OVAS Giant Auction

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Our Speakers

Dr. Hernán López-Fernández

Born in Uruguay and raised in Venezuela, Hernán's fascination with fishes started at an early age when his father bought him the first of many aquariums. A few years later, he discovered cichlid fishes and decided to dedicate his career to studying them. His studies include the feeding ecology of *Satanoperca* cichlids, the phylogeny of geophagine cichlids and genetic speciation in North American sunfishes. As Curator of Ichthyology in the Department of Natural History at the Royal Ontario Museum, Hernán's research focuses on the evolutionary biology of South and Central American cichlids. His work is helping us better understand the origin of the most diverse freshwater fish fauna on the planet.

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Hernán will present his fish collection trips in various locations in South America, showcasing various species of cichlids.

Dr. Stephan Tanner

Born in Switzerland, Stephan has been a fish keeper since 1982. A fascination for biology led to a master's degree in Ecology and Molecular Biology (1995) and a PhD in Human Molecular Genetics (1998). During his undergraduate years, he worked many years for a local fish store (Spiezer Zoo). In 1992, Stephan became a member of the International Society for Barbs, Tetras, Loaches, and Catfishes; also serving as editor for their quarterly publication. He regularly travels to Germany for fish related events. He is also a member of the ACA, ALA, NANFA, and the Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts, and owner of SwissTropicals, LLC, known for Poret© filter foam and Jetlifters™.

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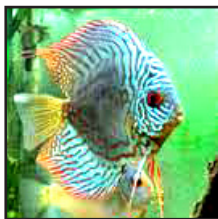
Pleco nutrition - Suckermouth catfish were long regarded simply as algae eaters to clean up the aquarium. Nothing could be further from the truth, since the members of the family Loricariidae have a wide variety of feeding strategies. The choice of food in the husbandry of the various types is critical

in maintaining and breeding these great fish.

Egg layers - Barbs and Tetras are commonly sold cheaply in pet stores and thus very few hobbyists try their luck on breeding them. However, only a few dozen species make up the market but there are hundreds of species that are sporadically imported. Without breeding them, they often disappear after a short while. Here are a few simple ideas to try your luck with fish that actually pose a challenge to reproduce.

Les Wilson

Les is a founding partner of Cobalt International, overseeing Marketing, Product Development, and Sourcing. He previously spent 17 years with United Pet Group aquatics. Les began his career with Marineland as an aquatic biologist, working in and then managing the aquatics lab. As Director of Marketing, he was responsible for the Marineland, Tetra, Instant Ocean, and Jungle brands. Les personally spearheaded many of the projects you know today, including his favorites Marineland LED lighting, Bio-Spira Nitrifying bacteria, Corner flow tanks, and the Marineland Deep dimension aquariums. In 2011 he started Cobalt International with the goal to get back to his roots as a fish geek and give back to the hobby the lessons he learned.



- Seachem
- Zoo Med Aquatic
- Cobalt Aquatics



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Les will speak about Discus fish nutrition basics, fish food formulation, production techniques and latest advancement in fish food technology and advanced nutrition.

Jason Baliban

Jason has been an avid aquarist since 1980, starting with a 10 gallon aquarium and blue gravel. Since that time, he has worked with salt and fresh water aquariums and planted tanks. Over the last eight years, Jason has focused primarily on planted tanks, approaching each planted aquarium as a piece of art. He strives to create compositions that inspire himself and others, while providing healthy environments for his plants and critters. Jason's talent has been proven worldwide by placing 2nd in the Aquatic Gardener Association's 2008 Aquascaping contest, and was the 3rd highest ranked U.S. aquascaper in ADA's aquascaping contest. His work has been featured regularly, both online and in print. Jason also maintains a website, Project Aquarium (Projectaquarium.com), dedicated to keeping planted aquariums.



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Jason will share aquascaping techniques, tips and tricks, and showcase various examples of planted tanks.

Jamie Baquero

Jamie is a marine biologist and has been involved in the trade of marine ornamentals since 1985. In 1989 he was part of Ocean Voice International, contributing to find solutions to the problems facing the marine aquarium industry. Since then Jamie has been in contact with different levels of the trade from collection points to retailers and aquarium hobbyists in Canada. He has worked on developing sustainable methods for marine aquarium fish harvest, developing marine aquarium fish holding facilities, and training operators on all aspects of aquarium management. Jamie was also a member of the Marine Aquarium Fish Council (MAFC) working group. Jamie runs Récifs (www.recifs-reefs.ca) a business specializing in aquarium, fountains, water columns, and aquatic garden design, installation and maintenance. The Casino du Lac Leamy is one of Récifs' customers.



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Jamie will speak about the sustainability of the marine hobby trade and how hobbyists can help.

Giant Auction

Sellers

- Instructions for registration of items will be provided on the OVAS forum: ovas.ca/forum/index.php
- Auction FAQs are available at this link: ovas.ca/ovas/auctions/auction-faq

Buyers

- Hundreds of items are typically available: various fish, plants, frags, accessories, and tanks.
- Bidding normally starts at \$2
- Go to OVAS.CA for a preview of listed items, starting on the week leading up to the auction on March 24.

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