



CAOAC Convention Toronto 2014 – “Conservation & Preservation”

Presented by Durham Region Aquarium Society (DRAS)

Full Details at www.dras.ca/

May 16th – 18th 2014 - Victoria Day Weekend.

Humber College, North Campus, 201 Arboretum Blvd. M9W 6V3,
(Humber College Blvd. **east entrance**, Toronto. - *Free parking*)

Fish Show including Conservation Biotope displays

Vendor EXPO and Auction combined Sunday - Open (no fee) to all attendees and public

Room Sales: Friday and Saturday for attendees

Conservation and Preservation is our theme with displays on:

C.A.R.E.S. Conservation, Awareness, Recognition, Encouragement, Support - **Preservation Program**

COTERC Canadian Organization for Tropical Education and Rainforest Conservation
– *Caño Palma Biological Station, Costa Rica*

Madagascar MAD Fish Conservation featuring – *Ptychochromis insolitus* – The “Mangarahara” Cichlid

DRAS guarantee a “minimum” \$1,000.00 Conservation donation from net proceeds to recognized aquatic fish conservation program(s).

Schedule of Events

Friday May 16th, 2014

12:00pm - 9:00pm Registration - Convention
12:00pm - 7:00pm Showroom set-up
7:00pm - 8:00pm Icebreaker
8:00pm - 9:00pm Speaker
9:30pm - 10:30pm Speaker
10:30pm - ? **CAOAC** Hospitality Suite

Saturday May 17, 2014

7:30am - 9:00am Hot Breakfast
8:00am - 6:00pm Registration - Convention
9:00am - 12:00pm Showroom
9:00am - 5:00pm Silent Auction
9:00am - 10:00am Speaker
10:30am - 11:30am Speaker
11:30am - 1:30pm Lunch Break
Show Judging
1:30pm - 2:30pm Speaker
3:00pm - 4:00pm Speaker
6:00pm - 8:30pm Banquet Buffet Dinner
8:30pm - 9:30pm Banquet Speaker
9:30pm - 10:00pm Award Presentations
10:00pm - 10:30pm Dry Goods Auction
10:30pm - ? **CAOAC** Hospitality Suite

Sunday May 18, 2014

7:30 am – 9:00am Continental Breakfast
10:00am - 4:00pm Vendor Sales
9:00am - 11:00pm **CAOAC** AGM & Awards
9:30am - 10:45am Auction Seller Registration
11:00am - Finish Auction

CAOAC Convention Registration

Full Registration.....\$79.00

Speakers, Banquet,
Saturday Hot Breakfast,
Sunday Continental Breakfast

Speakers only.....\$39.00

Banquet only.....\$39.00

Full Meal Plan.....\$55.00

(Banquet plus 2 Breakfasts)

Registration contact: **Barry McKee** – barry.mckee@rogers.com

CAOAC Convention Show Classes

Best of Show

Best Livebearer

Best Egglayer

- 1 Old World Cichlids
- 2 New World Cichlids
- 3 Old World Killifish
- 4 New World Killifish
- 5 Anabantoids AOV
- 6 Betta Male
- 7 Betta Female
- 8 Corydoras , Brochis & Aspidoras
- 9 Suckermouth Catfish
- 10 Catfish AOV
- 11 Rainbow Fish
- 12 Characins & Cyprinids (incl. Sharks&Loaches)
- 13 All Xiphophorous (Incl. Platies)
- 14 Guppy male
- 15 Guppy female
- 16 AOV Livebearer (Incl. Mollies)
- 17 AOV Fish & Aquatic Animal
- 18 Junior
- 19 Classic couples
- 20 Freshwater Shrimps
- 21 Photography
- 22 Aquatic Plants
- 23 Biotope Aquarium 5 gal & under

CAOAC 2014 Convention – Speakers



Dr. Paul Loiselle's list of titles and accomplishments is extensive. He is;

- The Curator of Freshwater Fishes at the New York Aquarium,
- The Senior Conservationist at the Wildlife Conservation Society in the United States,
- A founding member and fellow of the American Cichlid Association,
- The Technical Editor of the ACA publication, the *Buntbarsche Bulletin*,
- The Technical Editor of the C.A.R.E.S. Preservation Program Conservation Priority Species at Risk List, and
- A C.A.R.E.S. Preservation Program Specialist.

He obtained his Masters from Occidental College in Los Angeles, and his PhD from the University of California at Berkeley.

He has several fish, including the following, named in his honor;

- *Cichlasoma loisellei*
- *Nandopsis loisellei*
- *Parachromis loisellei*
- *Paratropheus loisellei*
- *Ptychochromis loisellei*

He is considered one of the premier experts and renowned for his knowledge of cichlids. However, he is also known for his involvement in conservation programs for the freshwater fish of Madagascar, and it is on this topic that we hope to have him speak at the convention.



Dr. Hernán López-Fernández, a long time friend to the Durham Region Aquarium Society, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, Curator of Ichthyology at the Royal Ontario Museum, and is the CARES Preservation Program Regional Coordinator for South America. He obtained his Bachelor of Science from the University of Los Andes in Venezuela and his PhD from Texas A&M.

You may recall that Hernán was the speaker at the DRAS 2012 Annual Dinner, giving the presentation “*Found Fishes of the Lost World: Diversity and Conservation Status of the Strangest Freshwater Fishes of South America*”

Born in Uruguay, and having lived most of his life in Venezuela, he now calls Toronto home, Hernán is an expert in Neotropical freshwater fish and the evolutionary biology of South and Central American cichlids.



Scott Dowd, a senior aquarist at the New England Aquarium, has spearheaded **Project Piaba** (piaba is the local name for the ornamental fish). The idea is to keep these fisheries in business and prevent workers from having to work in more ecologically destructive jobs such as timber harvesting. By teaching environment-friendly and sustainable ways to catch and sell the fish, the scientists are making huge strides against poverty and the exploitation of natural resources.

Project Piaba is a community-based interdisciplinary project established to understand the ecological and socio-cultural systems of the middle Rio Negro basin, Amazonas, Brazil, in order to conserve and maintain the live ornamental fishery and other renewable resources at commercially feasible and ecologically sustainable levels. The ornamental fishery in the Rio Negro is centered on the Cardinal tetra. Many interests world-wide are trying to produce this fish in aquaculture operations. Doing so would destroy the economic base for the Rio Negro communities, and would open up a vast area of rainforest to the destructive practices of mining, forestry, and agriculture. The Project Piaba team is working with fishermen to create a sustainable industry that can survive the numerous challenges it faces.



David Price is currently the Senior Environmental Consultant with LEAD Asia (“LEAD” being Language Education And Development), he consults on environmental and development issues throughout Asia, including climate change, corporate environmental policy, community-based conservation and ecological restoration.

Prior to that, he spent 25 years working for a Non-Government Organization doing language development, literacy and sustainable development in remote villages of Papua New Guinea.

A Kiwi (New Zealander) who is still studying via correspondence at Massey University (one of the largest universities in New Zealand), he now makes his home in northern California with his wife and son. He still travels extensively in his role as a consultant, and is actually scheduled to travel back to Papua New Guinea in April of this year.

His presentation will likely be on the conservation of the freshwater systems of Papua New Guinea and the associated fish. He has a species of fish (*Chilatherina pricei*) named after him, and is responsible for describing *Chilatherina alleni* after Dr. Gerald Allen.

He is also a photographer (www.laughingfrogphotography.com) so his presentation will likely be visually stunning. Combined with his extensive conservation based experience, we should have an excellent speaker that not many have heard before.