

AFA IN BRIEF
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CALL FOR PAPERS: AFA 2007 CONVENTION

Join us in Los Angeles, California from August 20-25, 2007 for the 33rd Annual Convention of the American Federation of Aviculture. We invite you to submit an abstract to present a paper during the Convention. For questions specifically regarding speaker topics and issues, contact Speaker Committee Chair Margrethe Warden, 770-277-6782 or birdbrain@mindspring.com

AFA AVY AWARDS

The AFA is reinstating a proud tradition long regarded as the most celebrated and esteemed awards presented in American aviculture, the prestigious AFA AVY Awards. The categories are open to members and in some instances, other aviculturists or institutions, who have uniquely distinguished themselves in challenging and difficult areas of aviculture.

Although it is not mandatory to award all categories each year, nominations in all areas are encouraged. Nominations for each award category must be submitted by December 31, 2006 via email to Linda Rubin at LSR@CockatielsPlusParrots.com. Nominees will be published in a future issue of the *AFA Watchbird*. For award categories and nomination requirements visit the AFA website (www.afabirds.org).

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE AFA STORE!

Some new books have been added to the online store. Add some great books to your avian library while supporting the AFA!

- *Waterfowl: Care, Breeding and Conservation*
- *Pea Fowl Breeding and Management*
- *Spix's Macaw*
- *The Lory Owner's Survival Guide*

2006 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS ON CD

Due to overwhelming demand, we sold the entire stock of printed copies of the 2006 proceedings. Now, for the first time ever, AFA is offering the 2006 Convention Proceedings on CD.

Visit http://www.afabirds.org/AFA_Store/proceedings.shtml to order your copy today.

AFA OPPOSES THE ADDITION OF TWO SPECIES OF FINCH TO THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT

The American Federation of Aviculture has issued a Position Statement opposing the listing of two species of finch, the Eurasian Siskin (*Carduelis spinus*) and the Common Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*). The Position Statement is based on the following biological and scientific data:

- These species are not native to the United States.
- These species are not migratory within the United States.
- These species are commonly kept and bred in captivity.
- Sightings of these species within the United States are considered rare and accidental.
- Listing of these species under the MBTA would constitute financial hardship to bird breeders, exhibitors at bird shows and commercial avian businesses.

For more information regarding the MBTA and to read the position statement, visit <http://www.afabirds.org/mbta.shtml>

AFA STORE HOLIDAY SALE!

The American Federation of Aviculture's Store is having a huge blow out sale for the remainder of 2006. Most items in the store are marked down significantly just in time for gift giving.

*T-shirts normally priced at \$25.00 each are now only \$8.50 each.

*Beautiful coffee mugs normally priced at \$10.99 are now just \$5.00 each!

*The special five piece set of CITES pins normally priced at \$34.95 are now \$12.50 for all five.

The sale will run through the end of 2006 while supplies last. Once the items are gone, they will no longer be available. Get some of your holiday shopping done early or stock up on gifts for the coming year for your friends!

As part of the big inventory blow-out sale on the AFA Store, the past AFA convention proceedings have also been put on sale. Marked down from \$35 and \$25, you can get the 1991 - 1999 proceedings for just \$5 each plus shipping and the 2000 - 2005 proceedings (sorry, 2006 is sold out already!) for just \$10 each plus shipping. In order to help you decide which ones to purchase, we have included a listing of all talks and speakers that submitted their papers for each year. You will recognize many of the past speakers and their topics. Here is a great opportunity to add to your library on avian information at a very reasonable cost. Just like the other sale items, once the inventory is depleted, it will not be reprinted.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY FROM THE AFA!!!