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## October 25-27, 2018

Dear Friends,

Join us in the Sunshine State for the 2018 PATH Intl. Conference and Annual Meeting presented by title sponsor Purina. The state nickname is appropriate for our gathering of smiling, sunny and passionate PATH Intl. members, sponsors and everyone attending this annual event.

The schedule for this year's conference is a little different from past years. Through analysis of past annual conferences, we determined that only about half of attendees participated in the end-of-conference horse expo, which was where a lot of time, money and effort took place. We have eliminated the horse expo this year. Instead, there will be a full-day preconference arena option on Thursday. See the preconference session choices for both the off-site arena and the hotel on pages 2-3.

It will be easy to take advantage of multiple networking opportunities. Market Insurance will host a networking and reception area in the exhibit hall. Please join the PATH Intl. Board of Trustees for a meet and greet reception in the exhibit area after the opening session on Thursday evening. Exhibitors will be present to welcome you to this Fun in the Sun party. The region networking breakfast and an available lunch option in the exhibit hall on Friday will help you stay connected.

The PATH Intl. Health and Education Advisory along with PATH Intl. staff members selected outstanding session content. Superior session presenters will deliver educational experiences to take home and immediately implement. Learn how to build dressage into your EAAT program. Explore neurodiversity and how to be more inclusive. Find sessions to help maintain a healthy herd. Whether you are a certified professional ("Stepping Up the Fun: Lesson Plans That Promote Social Interaction"), an equine manager ("Sensitizing People to the Needs of Horses") or an administrator ("The Power of Effective Communication"), there are outstanding offerings for everyone.

This conference promises abundant networking and exceptional education. I always love the energized lessons we have after returning home from conference.

You can head home on Sunday or maybe arrive early or stick around for a Florida vacation. Go east or west from Orlando to find sandy beaches; St. Augustine, the first European settlement in the U.S., is only two hours away; manatees are waiting for you on the gulf coast; and of course you can travel south to Everglades National Park and the Florida Keys. You might even find another "world" close to our conference site (and enjoy the free shuttle).

We are thankful for all the PATH Intl. sponsors and conference exhibitors. Kudos to the super PATH Intl. Region 5 Host Committee for their talent, enthusiasm and hard work. Thanks also to the dedicated PATH Intl. staff members for their conference work and all the work they do every day. Huge thanks to members and other subject matter experts for stepping up and assisting in creating these offerings when called upon and especially the McCormick Research Institute for providing a center for the hands-on training. Please don't hesitate to say thanks. You know most of the work that makes an event successful is done behind the scenes.

Looking forward to visiting with long-time friends, making new friends, and seeing you all in Orlando!

Ross Braun



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# Welcome to Orlando

Located in Central Florida, otherwise known as "The City Beautiful" Orlando is one of the world's most visited destinations. Although the numerous themed attractions may steal the limelight, there is a vibrant and well-kept city center offering numerous other experiences ranging from cultural events, outside adventures, festivals, sports, dining and shopping.

## Things to Do

While the Rosen Centre is close to all the world-famous theme parks, you are not limited to theme park adventures. Ride an airboat to see the animals that call the Everglades home. The Morse Museum houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Tiffany, including jewelry, pottery, paintings, art glass and architectural objects. The Orlando Science Center is the perfect family destination to encourage learning through innovation and creativity. Tree obstacle courses or beautiful golf courses, the Mall at Millenia or the East End Market, cigar bars, piano bars or martini bars—the problem will be narrowing down your options!

Although there are many excellent dining choices in Orlando, including on International Drive, a number of options are available without leaving the hotel, including 98Forty Tapas & Tequila, Bانشو Sushi Bar, Everglades Restaurant and Red's Deli (open 24 hours). Don't want to even leave the pool? Harry's Poolside Bar & Grill is the perfect choice!

Visit [pathintl8.orlandomeetinginfo.com](http://pathintl8.orlandomeetinginfo.com) for discounts for conference attendees.



## HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION

### ROSEN CENTRE

9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

The hotel is located near many of Orlando's exciting attractions.

- 5 minutes to SeaWorld® Orlando and Universal Orlando™ Resort
- 10 minutes to Walt Disney World®
- 15 minutes from Orlando Downtown
- One block from Pointe Orlando shopping and entertainment complex

Reservations can be made online or by calling the hotel.

\* Online, visit <https://goo.gl/7bw9vw>

\* Or call the hotel directly at (407) 996-9840, and mention PATH 2018 to secure the discounted hotel rate.

### RATE

PATH Intl. has negotiated the following discounted hotel rates.

**Single/Double:** \$139 plus 6.5% sales tax and 6.0% hotel occupancy tax.

The contracted rate is good until either the room block sells out or until October 8, 2018. Availability and rate cannot be guaranteed once the room block is sold out or after this date.

The conference rate includes:

- Complimentary self-parking over the conference dates
- Complimentary 800 and local calls
- Complimentary access to the 24-hour fitness center

Note: Consider joining Rosen Centre's iPrefer program to receive free Internet, a room upgrade, and priority early check-in/late check-out with every stay.

### AIRPORT INFORMATION

The Orlando International Airport is located 11 miles (approximately a 15-minute drive) from the hotel.

From the Orlando Airport to the Rosen Centre

- MEARS Airport Shuttle – shared ride approximately \$19 one way and \$30 roundtrip

Visit [www.mearstransportation.com](http://www.mearstransportation.com) to make a reservation.

- Taxi approximately \$38 one way
- Uber/Lyft – approximately \$25 one way



PATH Intl. invites you to the annual preconference workshops. On your registration form, please note which workshop/s you will attend (you will only need to select workshops/sessions for the preconference). Space is limited, so register as soon as possible to secure your spot. FEE: \$80 PATH Intl. Members, \$105 Non-members, Lunch is provided at the hotel. Lunch and transportation are provided to the arena.

## AT THE ROSEN CENTRE 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Location: Rosen Centre  
9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

### P1 ▶ EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS: EXPLORING CENTER SUSTAINABILITY FOR YOUR CENTER

KC HENRY, KITTY STALSBERG AND NANCY KRENEK

Explore the sustainability of your center, identify areas for development or growth, and gain tools to strengthen and grow. **CE**

*KC HENRY brings extensive organizational development experience both in and outside of EAAT. She will lead you through an established nonprofit organizational assessment process that will highlight opportunities and challenges for your center as well as resources and information to address the findings specific to your center. KITTY and NANCY bring expertise in developing program cost analysis that will provide you with an understanding of the actual cost of the different services you provide and how to use that information to determine fees, fundraising and diversifying programming and revenue. The day will finish with a presentation from EquestrianProfessional.com that will guide you through this new PATH Intl. Center Member benefit, giving you a roadmap to utilize the extensive organizational tools and resources. Enjoy this day of hands-on learning to support your center's sustainability.*

### P2 ▶ NOVICE INSTRUCTORS

SUE ADAMS, JEN DONAHUE, MARSHA ANDERSON AND MARY JO BECKMAN

This interactive workshop is designed specifically for therapeutic riding instructors who have been certified for fewer than five years. A variety of topics will be covered to provide newer instructors with fresh ideas, new perspectives, tips, tricks and challenges to expand their instructor toolbox and further develop their teaching style. **RIDING CR**

*SUE ADAMS is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, faculty/evaluator, lead accreditation site visitor, former chair and advisor for the PATH Intl. Certification Subcommittee, former accreditation committee member and PATH Intl. Mentor. She is the former founder and ED of ARCH and is an advisor and instructor for Hearts TRC, Inc. in New Jersey. JEN DONAHUE is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, ESMHL, and a PATH Intl. Certified Driving Instructor Level III. She has served as head instructor and education coordinator for EQUEST, a PATH Intl. PAC in Wylie, TX, and is currently the specialty programs and community outreach coordinator. She is a PATH Intl. Lead Faculty, lead site visitor, driving faculty member, mentor and Texas state chair. MARSHA ANDERSON founded Equul Access, Inc., a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center, in 2002. Marsha is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, ESMHL, mentor, mentor trainer, lead registered instructor evaluator, associate advanced instructor evaluator, standards course faculty and lead site visitor. MARY JO BECKMAN co-founded the Caisson Platoon Equine Assisted Activity Program and was an initial member of the task force that became PATH International Equine Services for Heroes®. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Master Instructor, driving instructor level I, lead site visitor, lead faculty/evaluator and an associate mentor faculty member. She was the PATH Intl. James Brady Professional Achievement Award recipient in 2011.*

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### PH1 ▶ DOC, ARE YOU SURE HE'S LAME? AN EQUINE MANAGER'S GUIDE TO RECOGNITION AND CAUSES OF SUBTLE LAMENESS

DR. ASHLEY PHELPS

Do you struggle with recognizing subtle lameness? Perhaps you can see lameness in the forelimbs, but rarely in the hindlimbs? Improve your skills in determining subtle lameness and signs of distress in our equine partners, identify common causes of subtle lameness and discuss consequences for lack of recognition of lameness and distress. **CE**

*DR. ASHLEY PHELPS, current chair of the PATH Intl. Equine Welfare Committee, joined Ceva Animal Health, LLC, in April 2014, advising veterinarians in hospitals and shelters on reducing stress during veterinary visits and hospitalization. She graduated from Mississippi State College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004 and has consulted for the Memphis Zoo as well as volunteered for numerous local groups and events.*

1 to 4 p.m.

### PH2 ▶ LESSON PLANNING 101: PROMOTING SKILL PROGRESSION TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS OF THERAPEUTIC RIDING

MELISSA CONNER

Gain tools to develop skill-based lesson plans that are suitable for riders with a wide range of cognitive and physical disabilities. A review of the essential components of a lesson will be included, with an emphasis on effective teaching techniques and class management. The interactive workshop will provide space to work collaboratively with others to creatively engage in learning that is focused on skill-based teaching. Instructors will leave energized with new and practical ideas to increase the effectiveness of their teaching techniques and to promote skill progression in their students. **RIDING CR**

*MELISSA CONNER is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, ESMHL, lead evaluator for the registered level certification, mentor, lead site visitor, and is the executive director at Renew Therapeutic Riding Center, a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center, in Holland, MI.*

### PH3 ▶ TAKING THE REINS ON SPINAL CORD INJURY: COMPLICATIONS, PRECAUTIONS AND SAFETY

TERRY CHASE, ND, MA, RN, CEIP-ED

Take an in-depth look at complications associated with spinal cord injury (SCI): autonomic dysreflexia, skin sores, osteoporosis and heterotopic ossification. Current PATH Intl. precautions and contraindications will be discussed. Specific mounting and safety issues will be illustrated through pictures and participant discussion. Resources will be provided for continued learning and professional development. **DE**



# PATH INTL. PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

## Thursday, October 25

**TERRY CHASE, ND, MA, RN, CEIP-ED**, is assistant professor, Nursing-Mental Health at Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO. As patient and family education program coordinator at Craig Hospital, Englewood, CO, for 18 years, Dr. Chase created the innovative, "Working with Horses Educational Experience" for SCI and TBI in-patients. She is a self-motivated, highly educated individual living fully with spinal cord injury for 30 years.

### AT THE OFFSITE ARENA

8:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

#### Offsite Arena

McCormick Research Institute, Home of Heavenly Hooves and Horses & Heroes  
4651 Rummell Road, Saint Cloud, FL 34771 (<http://mccormick.us>)  
Buses will depart for the McCormick Research Institute from the hotel at 7:45 a.m.  
NOTE: There will be NO buses returning to the hotel until 3:30 p.m.

#### NEW! HANDS-ON PARTICIPATION OPTION

For a select number of sessions (see the designation HO beside the title), 15 people will be able to participate in a hands-on demonstration. This option, which is an additional \$20 per session, can be selected on the registration form. First come first served, so register early.

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

#### PA1 ▶ PARA-DRESSAGE COACHING

MICHEL ASSOULINE, KERRI SOWERS, CAROL YOUNG, LAUREEN JOHNSON, SARAH ARMENTROUT

Learn about the Para-Dressage Coach program, including what was learned from the pilot (which was partnered with PATH Intl., to increase awareness and coach education opportunities within Paralympic Equestrian Sports), what is in it for PATH Intl. Instructors, and what are ways to open up the competitive side to existing center students, and in particular para-eligible veterans. This session will include three demonstration riders. Two represent typical therapeutic riding center riders who are classified and starting out in para-dressage. One is a visually impaired rider, and the other is a lower grade disabled veteran. The third is an elite level competitor who will run through a full dressage test. **RIDING CR**

MICHEL ASSOULINE is the US Equestrian Head of Para-Dressage Coach Development and High Performance Programs, International Dressage/Para-Dressage Trainer, U.K. Coach Hall of Fame, U.K. Sport's Elite Coaching Program Graduate; KERRI SOWERS, USEF Classifier; CAROL YOUNG, Healing Strides of VA; LAUREEN JOHNSON, USEF; SARAH ARMENTROUT, Carlisle Academy

#### PA2 ▶ ADDRESSING TRAUMA WITH EQUINE-ASSISTED LEARNING (HO)

REBECCA BRITT

Dive into the impact of trauma on human development and how equine-assisted learning can help develop life skills that prepare children impacted by trauma for healthy transitions into adulthood. This comprehensive workshop covers trauma basics, interventions for challenging behavior, equine-assisted activities that develop life skills and role plays. **DE**

REBECCA BRITT, PATH Intl. Certified ESMHL, is the founder of Stable Moments, a program model for equine facilities that improves the life course of foster and

adopted children by developing life skills through equine-assisted learning utilizing community mentors. Rebecca is a social worker and is currently earning her master's degree in program evaluation.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

#### PA3 ▶ THE EFFECTS OF EMPATHETIC LEADERSHIP ON HORSES AND HUMANS: PROBLEM-SOLVING THERAPEUTIC HORSE TRAINING AND BEHAVIORAL ISSUES (HO)

CHRIS COOK

Ensuring a quality life for the equine population in the U.S. depends on finding a reliable lifelong match between the equine and a human activity. EAAT represents a significant section of the equine industry. Chris will guide you through developing sympathetic/natural-based methods that will not only support current and prospective equine development through low-stress training techniques, but also promote sustainability in herds and EAAT programing. This hands-on workshop will empower attendees to build mutually rewarding horse-human relationships by using empathetic leadership techniques rooted in respect, awareness and encouragement. **CR (ALL CERTIFICATIONS)**

CHRIS COOK studied under master horseman Peter Fuller at Willow Brook Natural Horsemanship Center in Pennsylvania and Pat Parelli at the Parelli Campus in Colorado. Earning titles of Senior Instructor and Senior Horse Development Specialist at Willow Brook and a 2-Star Parelli Instructor title. Chris started The Horse Development Program, LLC. Then with HBZ Inc. and Al Shaqab in the Middle East, Chris managed 40 trainers, 90 grooms and the development of 300 horses thus helping to execute one of the first and largest government-sponsored natural horsemanship contracts to help educate Arabic riding schools and EAAT programs. He is President and CEO of Wild Horsemanship Center.

#### PA4 ▶ MOUNTING/DISMOUNTING CLINIC - HO

JACQUELINE TILEY AND HEATHER HERNANDEZ-SEDILLO

Gain a brief overview of key components instructors need to consider when selecting an appropriate mount and dismount for their riders. Focus will then be on showing mounts and dismounts, when and whom they should be used for, review and discuss appropriate hand placement and body mechanics as various specific mounting and dismounting scenarios are discussed. Leave this session with a handout of additional information on types of mounting blocks, ramps, and lifts and a section addressing what instructors need to be aware of when mounting and dismounting as it applies to the PATH Intl. Precautions and Contraindications. **DE; RIDING CR**

JACQUELINE TILEY, PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, worked for programs in both Colorado and Texas as well as for PATH Intl. and the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Jacqueline serves PATH Intl. as a site visitor, online mentoring faculty, standards course faculty, OSWC faculty/evaluator and an advanced evaluator. She has also developed equestrian programs for Girl Scout Camps in California and North Carolina. HEATHER HERNANDEZ-SEDILLO, MEd community counseling, BS social work, executive director and co-founder of Reining Strength, PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, PATH Intl. ESMHL, and EAGALA Certified, has been a passionate member of the EAAT industry since 2004. Prior to co-founding Reining Strength, she served as co-director at Texas Tech University's Therapeutic Riding Center where she was on faculty in the Animal Science Department. Heather is a PATH Intl. lead certification evaluator and site visitor for center accreditation.



# WELCOME & OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Thursday, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

## A WAKE UP CALL FOR GLOBAL AWARENESS

A moderated panel discussion <sup>CE</sup>

We know how it is. You wake up early and immediately start the day. You spend the day in the barn or in the office, surrounded by work and challenges and victories and losses. And even though you love the work you do, by the end of the day you are exhausted and drop into bed, re-energizing enough to start again tomorrow. Life becomes small and perhaps too focused on the path immediately before you. Sound familiar?

In order to keep walking that important path, though, it is vital to look up, look around and know where you fit in the larger scheme of things.

PATH Intl. welcomes you to your wake up call. As equine-assisted activities and therapies professionals, we are part of that larger scheme of things. We are part of a global industry, and this general session is intended to wake us up and bring awareness to the dedicated people working in organizations that contribute to the growth, research, knowledge and sustainability of this amazing and life-changing field. It is the field YOU are part of.

This panel discussion, moderated by PATH Intl. CEO Kathy Alm, introduces you to five leaders whose work is propelling the expansive progress of our field. These leaders are global, not because of their location—although some are considered international—but because of their vision and the scope of their work. Questions to be explored may include: The field of EAAT encompasses a range of therapies and activities. How are these therapies and activities differentiated and how do they overlap and work together in your experience? How do you see EAAT fitting within the broader human-animal interaction field? How is EAAT paid for?

Welcome to the general session that kicks off the PATH Intl. Conference and Annual Meeting, presented by title sponsor Purina. Welcome to the wide-awake world.

## PANELISTS:

### Ed Bracher, RDA – UK

*Ed Bracher has worked in the voluntary sector since 1986. He ran the World Public Speaking Championships and the World Debating Championships and was operations director for an international youth volunteering charity, with responsibility for ensuring the welfare of 2,000 volunteers working in 60 countries. Since 2004, Ed has been the chief executive of Riding for the Disabled Association, the UK's biggest voluntary organization dedicated to giving people with disabilities the chance to get meaningful opportunities to achieve amazing goals, through the provision of riding and/or carriage driving. Today RDA works with 28,000 people with disabilities and 19,000 volunteers.*

### Julie M. Broadway, CAE®, American Horse Council

*Julie is the president of the American Horse Council. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and received her MBA from Weems Graduate School. She is also a graduate of Duke University Advanced Non-Profit Leadership Program and a Certified Association Executive®. Julie has more than 30 years' leadership experience in for-profit and nonprofit sectors, and spent the past nine years as executive director of the American Morgan Horse Association and Educational Charitable Trust located in Vermont. She is past president of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Board of Trustees.*

### Prof.dr. Marie-Jose Enders-Slegers, IAHAIO (via video-recording)

*Dr. Marie-Jose Enders-Slegers is a professor in Anthrozoology at the Open University, in the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Heerlen, the Netherlands. She did her PhD in clinical and health psychology at the Utrecht University on the influence of pets on the quality of life of the elderly. She is president of International Association of Human Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO); board member of ISAZ; founder and chair of the Institute for Anthrozoology in the Netherlands; founder of the Circle of Violence: the Link Between Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence; founder and nowadays adviser of AALZOO (Animal Assisted Interventions in Care, Research and Education); fellow at the Denver University; advisor of the management board of HABRI International.*

### Nina Eckholm Fry, Denver University

*Nina Eckholm Fry is a director at the Institute for Human-Animal Connection at the University of Denver. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL, and a former Special Olympics Equestrian Coach. She serves on two national boards within the EAAT field and has trained in a number of equine-assisted approaches in North America and Europe. For the past 12 years, she has specialized in equine-assisted therapy as a treatment strategy in psychotherapy. She is a certified clinical trauma professional (CCTP) and has worked with populations diagnosed with trauma/PTSD, ASD, ADHD, anxiety and addiction, as well as with youth at-risk, cancer survivors, and military service members and veterans.*

### Roswitha Zink, e.motion Equotherapie in Austria

*Roswitha Zink is specialized in equine-facilitated psychotherapy, is a certified clinical trauma professional and works with populations diagnosed with trauma, psychiatric issues, cancer and other palliative care patients. She also trains students from psychology and veterinary universities in the ethology of horses, helping them to learn theory and horse body language. She did several scientific projects with the emphasis on nonverbal communication, mother-child bonding and mentalization and heart rate variability, relaxation and breathing technique training for humans to understand horses' breathing. She is the director of Animal Assisted Therapy Center in a psychiatric hospital in Vienna, Austria, and the Ray of Hope Farm for palliative children and adolescents.*



# PATH INTL. EDUCATION SESSIONS

## Friday, October 26

### Acronym Key

ASD	Autism spectrum disorder
CTRS	Certified therapeutic recreation specialist
EAAT	Equine-assisted activities and therapies
EAL	Equine-assisted learning
EFP	Equine-facilitated psychotherapy
PAC	Premier Accredited Center
PTSD	Post-traumatic stress disorder
SCI	Spinal cord injury
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TRI	Therapeutic riding instructor

### Friday Sessions

Track 1	Admin
Track 2	Program
Track 3	Equine
Track 4	Veteran
Track 5	Mental Health

### Continuing Ed Designations

CE	General continuing education
CR	Core requirement
DE	Disability education

process and a lead instructor for the Masterson Method Equine Specialist training program, which is designed to integrate some of the basic Masterson Method techniques into EAAT programs.

#### A4 ▶ VETERAN TRACK

##### Veterans for Veterans

JESSICA CHRISTEN AND TJ CHRISTEN

Discuss the effects, precautions, effectiveness and importance of utilizing veterans as volunteers in a veteran class and/or program based on the principle of shared experience and the unique military/veteran social dynamics. This includes a discussion of how shared experience, along with other unique social dynamics of veteran culture, leads to cohesiveness and how these traits and social dynamics promote progress and success for the veteran participant, volunteer and the class and/or program as a whole. **DE**

*JESSICA CHRISTEN holds degrees in equine science and sociology from Colorado State University, has been a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and teaching since 2015 and has been involved in military and veteran culture since 2011. She recently became the local VFW Post Auxiliary Secretary. TJ CHRISTEN is a marine combat veteran and an officer of the local VFW post, specializing in recruiting and welcoming new members.*

#### A5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

##### Integration of EFP and Choice Theory in Residential Addictions Treatment for Adolescents

DR. CHERYL MEOLA AND DR. W. LEIGH ATHERTON

Adolescents are a notoriously difficult population to work with in talk therapy. The application of Choice Theory to their treatment as well as experiential complementary therapies has been shown to enhance treatment and decrease recidivism in this population. The incorporation of EFP and Choice Theory into a six-week program with five adolescents in residential addictions treatment is described, including pilot study data, case studies and a detailed description of the structure of both the program and the research. **DE**

*CHERYL MEOLA, PHD, LPC, NCC, provides therapy and wellness counseling along with several talented equine co-therapists. Her research and clinical work focus on equine-facilitated therapy for clinical populations and equine-assisted wellness and stress reduction for professionals, veterans, parents, and others in day-to-day life. DR. W. LEIGH ATHERTON is with East Carolina University.*

## SESSION B • 10:15 TO 11:15 A.M.

#### B1 ▶ ADMIN TRACK

##### Center Stage: Learning How PATH Intl. Events Can Expand Your Center's Educational Programing

KATE ROBBINS

Hosting workshops/education days can serve as a means of revenue while facilitating the advancement and professional development of the center's own instructors and staff. Gain a general overview of PATH Intl. education events and center education days while presenting important considerations for hosting a successful event. **CE**

## SESSION A • 9 TO 10 A.M.

#### A1 ▶ ADMIN TRACK

##### Workplace Wellness Programs: Are They Right for Your Center?

CECELIA M. CONWAY

Learn about workplace wellness programs and how they can enhance both your employees' and volunteers' experiences at your center, decrease burnout, and increase enthusiasm and positivity. **CE**

*CECELIA CONWAY is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ACE health coach and owner of Sea Star Equestrian where she focuses on creating healthy equestrian athletes from a holistic approach. She is also an International Society of Rider Biomechanics coach as well as an active member of USDF, USEF, AQHA and IDCTA.*

#### A2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

##### An Introduction to Therapeutic Driving: Creating Diversity in Center Programing

PATH INTL. DRIVING COMMITTEE

Learn how therapeutic driving can help your program offer diverse services. The road to PATH Intl. certification and how all the pieces fit together for success will be discussed. **DRIVING CR**

#### A3 ▶ EQUINE TRACK

##### Masterson Method: Equine Bodywork Based on Connection With the Horse

LISE LUNDE

Learn the basic elements and principles of the Masterson Method, including instinctual prey behavior, levels of touch, non-resistance, equine response signals, and equine release signals. Discover how horses respond to and benefit from this bodywork approach, both short-term and long-term, and how people have deepened their relationship with horses through the Masterson Method. **ESMHL CR**

*LISE LUNDE has been a horse owner for more than 25 years and has been working in a therapeutic riding program for 10 years as a volunteer, certified riding instructor and has been a volunteer trainer in the program. She is a Masterson Method Certified Practitioner and is also involved as an instructor for the weekend training courses, coach and mentor for students going through the certification*



*KATE ROBBINS is a 30 year veteran of the therapeutic riding industry. She has held every position from volunteer to equine manager and instructor to program director. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, a member of the PATH Intl. faculty team and is a registered level lead certification evaluator. She has sat on several PATH Intl. committees and task forces and is the current chair for the riding certification subcommittee.*

## B2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

### Making the Connection: An Equine-Assisted Group for Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury

KATIE FALLON AND ADRIENNE FREELAND

Explore an eight-week equine-assisted program for adults who have lasting effects of TBI, stroke and concussion. The program helps participants acquire enhanced resources and resiliency for improved recovery, and helps practitioners to gather and evaluate information regarding the effects, ramifications and prospects for long-term healing from TBI. <sup>DE</sup>

*KATIE FALLON, founder and president of Bridle Paths in McLean, VA, is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced TRI and ESMHL with 15 years of experience teaching and facilitating sessions for children and adults with a wide range of physical, cognitive, behavioral, emotional and other challenges. She is also certified as an equine specialist through EAGALA. ADRIENNE FREELAND is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI. Her career path includes more than 20 years as a recreational therapist, with particular experience in treating patients with traumatic brain injuries and strokes. She currently serves on the board of directors and as a volunteer instructor for Bridle Paths.*

## B3 ▶ EQUINE TRACK

### Recognizing Lameness From the Instructor's Perspective

JENNY NELL HARTUNG

The sustainability of EAAT is dependent on the sound and healthy horses who do the hard work in our programs. All too often horses who are not 100% sound go to work and are expected to perform as if they are 100%. Through the use of video, handouts and a checklist to take home, recognize and locate when your horses are not sound as well as understand how unsound horses affect the success of your program. <sup>CR (ALL CERTIFICATIONS)</sup>

*JENNY NELL HARTUNG has more than 35 years of experience in the EAAT industry as a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, faculty/evaluator for both registered and advanced instructors as well as a coach for several Paralympic level Dressage riders. She has been the program director of one of the largest therapeutic riding programs in the country, with as many as 295 riders each week.*

## B4 ▶ VETERAN TRACK

### Understanding and Communicating With the Military Child

SARAH LLOYD

Understand what a military child goes through on a daily basis, and learn how EAAT can help this participant grow with your program, and to help him or her grow as a person. <sup>DE</sup>

*SARAH LLOYD is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor and mentor and has been a member for nine years. She graduated from St. Andrews University. She has been involved in the military community for four years as a military spouse and has worked with the military child for three years.*

## B5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

### Connected Horse: Equine-Assisted Workshops for People Affected by Early-Stage Dementia and Their Care Partners

PAULA HERTEL, MSW

Through Connected Horse's equine-assisted study, conducted in partnership with UC Davis, researchers measured the effectiveness of equine-assisted activities on stress reduction and quality of life indicators for people with early-stage dementia and their care partners. Gain an overview of the research findings and the benefits, highlights and lessons learned from community-based workshops. <sup>DE</sup>

*PAULA HERTEL, MSW, is a co-founder and president of Connected Horse, co-investigator for the Connected Horse UC Davis Research project, and has spent the last 25 years focused on improving service delivery systems for elders in need of care and services through consulting projects and executive management positions. Prior to her current ventures through Connected Horse, she was executive operations officer for Emeryoak, LLC, and chief operating officer of AgeSong Senior Communities.*

## SESSION C • 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

### C1 ▶ ADMIN TRACK

#### Insurance for Your PATH Intl. Center

DEBI DETURK PELOSO, CPCU

Learn about insurance products relevant to PATH Intl. Member Centers with a question-and-answer period in this in-depth presentation. <sup>CE</sup>

*DEBI DETURK PELOSO with Markel Insurance has been in the equine insurance industry since 1982, specializing in commercial general liability coverages.*

### C2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

#### Debut of the Official USEF Para-Dressage Coach Model

CAROL YOUNG AND LAUREEN JOHNSON

Learn about the Para-Dressage Coach program, including what was learned from the pilot (which was partnered with PATH Intl., to increase awareness and coach education opportunities within Paralympic Equestrian Sports), what is in it for PATH Intl. Instructors, and what are ways to open up the competitive side to existing center students and, in particular, para-eligible veterans. <sup>CE</sup>

*CAROL YOUNG is the executive director of Healing Strides of VA, a PATH Intl. PAC in Boones Mill. LAUREEN JOHNSON is the Para-Equestrian Director of USEF.*

### C3 ▶ EQUINE TRACK

#### The 11 Pillars of Equine Nutrition

GEOFF TUCKER, DVM

Understanding the basic concepts of how the raw material given to the horse is converted into the energy that drives the horse engine helps every horse owner and equine manager learn to tailor their feeding program for all horses. Adjusting what is fed should create a healthy horse, a willing partner without behavior issues and even may save money in feed costs, veterinary care and in increased production time with the available stock in your program. <sup>CE</sup>

*GEOFF TUCKER, DVM, has been a horseman since 1973. He graduated from Cornell in 1984 and has been an equine veterinarian since then.*

### C4 ▶ VETERAN TRACK

#### Camp Courage: How Horses and Community Promote Growth for the Entire Military Family

HEIDI DERNING



Be inspired to work with military families through creating your own Camp Courage or similar program. As the children of military families experience joy through skills and friendships that center around horses and community, hope for the child and their family becomes a reality! When hope is present the possibilities for healing and thriving are limitless for military families. [DE](#)

*HEIDI DERNING has been with R.O.C.K. Ride On Center for Kids, a PATH Intl. PAC in Georgetown, TX, for 19 years serving as the first volunteer coordinator and then as a PATH Intl. Certified TRI. She has been involved with her program since it began in 2005 and since 2012 has spent the majority of her program hours having the honor of working mainly with veteran programs, which include classes and programs for veterans, service members and their families.*

## C5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

### Making the Invisible Visible: Neurodiversity and Embodiment

DR. VERONICA LAC

Gain tools to enhance student learning and increase inclusiveness. By challenging assumptions, biases and socio-cultural norms, Dr. Lac invites participants to bring awareness to issues of diversity through an embodied way. This interactive presentation will highlight the diversity of participant populations we serve, and how best to meet them where they need us to. [DE](#)

*DR. VERONICA LAC is a licensed professional counselor and PATH Intl. Certified TRI with more than 20 years' experience in training and presenting on how to work with issues of diversity and inclusion. She is the founder of The HERD Institute that offers training and certification in equine-facilitated psychotherapy and learning.*

## SESSION D • 1:45 TO 2:45 P.M.

### D1 ▶ ADMIN TRACK

#### Moving Forward: Developing Leaders From the Inside Out

MELISSA CONNER

Solid leadership is essential to move an organization toward a flourishing future and is essential for growth and impact in a community. Explore different styles of leadership as this session will consider the idea that everyone has something to contribute to the vision of a healthy organization. [CE](#)

*MELISSA CONNER is the executive director of Renew Therapeutic Riding Center, a PATH Intl. PAC in Holland, MI. In addition to being a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor and ESMHL, lead evaluator, lead site visitor and mentor, she has contributed to educational materials for PATH Intl. and regularly speaks in the community and across the country with groups interested in advocating for people with disabilities.*

### D2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

#### Interactive Vaulting: Collaboration Possibilities

NAOMI GEORGE

Interactive vaulting uses fewer resources (volunteers, horses) than typical therapeutic riding programs. This allows centers to serve more participants at a lower cost, opening the door to many partnership possibilities. Learn how one center has broadened the scope of their program by incorporating interactive vaulting. Examples include partnership with local public school systems, continued services during herd health

crises, even team-building activities with the staff and board of directors. [INTERACTIVE VAULTING CR](#)

*NAOMI GEORGE is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, Certified Interactive Vaulting Instructor, member of the PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Subcommittee and site visitor. She has mentored individuals from all over the world through PATH Intl. certifications including registered instructors, advanced instructors and interactive vaulting instructors. She currently teaches at Heartland Therapeutic Riding, a PATH Intl. PAC in Stilwell, KS, and specializes in distance mentoring, center consulting and staff development through eCoach Intl.*

### D3 ▶ EQUINE TRACK

#### Equine Panel, Part 1

LORRIE RENKER, JENNIFER RENKER, SAMANTHA SCHAUBROECK, SARAH REEGA, NINA EKHOLM FRY

An equine's well-being is paramount to providing a successful and effective EAAT program. To help programs be better at selecting and maintaining equines, the panel undertook an analysis of data from the past 10 years. This presentation shares their findings in the hopes that it will provide insight into maintaining the longevity and well-being of centers' four-legged partners. [CE](#)

*LORRIE RENKER is a PATH Intl. Certified Master Instructor and an interactive vaulting instructor. She holds a BS degree in elementary education from Bridgewater State College. She currently is the director of Heritage Christian Stables, a PATH Intl. PAC in Webster, NY. She is a recipient of the PATH Intl. James Brady Professional Achievement Award. JENNIFER RENKER has a master's degree in occupational therapy, a BA degree in health studies and an associate's degree in massage therapy. She is currently employed as a traveling occupational therapist. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI. SAMANTHA SCHAUBROECK is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor and registered level evaluator. SARAH REEGA is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, ESMHL and mentor. NINA EKHOLM FRY is a director at the Institute for Human-Animal Connection at the University of Denver. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL, and a former Special Olympics Equestrian Coach.*

### D4 ▶ VETERAN TRACK

#### Building an Effective Horsemanship Program for Veterans

KATHERINE JENSEN AND LISA SWANSON

Creating a safe environment for military veterans or clients who are experiencing post-traumatic stress or trauma-related symptoms to learn and develop horsemanship skills can be challenging. Incorporating a mental health provider (not versed in EAAT) provides additional support in developing appropriate lesson plans and activities and in lessons. Additionally, utilizing veterans who have been through the program to mentor new participants leverages camaraderie and teamwork that can be otherwise difficult to achieve. [DE; RIDING CR](#)

*KATHERINE JENSEN is a 10-year U.S. Navy Veteran who has always valued the therapeutic benefit of horses and has been a PATH Intl. Certified TRI for one year. LISA SWANSON is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and equine manager for nine years, with seven years working with veterans.*

### D5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

#### Horses and the Brain Arousal Model, or the Horse as the Coolest Neurofeedback Brain Training System Ever

SUSANNE HASEMAN

Learn about the Brain Arousal Model in learning and psychotherapy, and how equines can provide feedback to clients and students that can be used to train their brains for better function. [CE](#)

*SUSANNE HASEMAN is a licensed certified mental health counselor working with the assistance of horses at First Light Farm Counseling Services in Cornish, NH.*



She is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, ESMHL, and is a mental health faculty for the ESMHL workshop and skills test. She teaches the Healing Nature of Horses workshop for mental health and education professionals.

## SESSION E • 3 TO 4 P.M.

### E1 ▶ ADMIN TRACK

#### Interns Welcomed: How to Implement and Utilize Internships in Your Program

ALY OLSON AND AMANDA BUBB

Looking for passionate interns, but not sure if your program is ready? Discover how to form, recruit and maintain a successful and engaging internship program. **CE**

*ALY OLSON is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI at Reins of Life, Inc., a PATH Intl. PAC in South Bend, IN, and also serves as assistant to the executive director. She works closely with Reins staff, community partners and regional chamber of commerce offices expanding the Reins of Life network and scope of services. AMANDA BUBB is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL at Reins Of Life, Inc.; she also serves as the barn manager. She has served as the Indiana State Chair and is the current PATH Intl. Region 4 Representative. Amanda is also a PATH Intl. Mentor and associate site visitor.*

### E2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

#### Providing Services That Increase Your Bottom Line Without Increasing Your Costs

BUNNY YOUNG

Increase your program's income without increasing your expenses or tiring your herd out. Learn simple services that may add thousands to your program's annual budget as well as exposure in the community bringing in more donations, volunteers, and riders all while using the same staff and horses during down time from therapeutic riding. **CE**

*Diagnosed with a heart condition at a young age and being dependent on a service dog has culminated in BUNNY YOUNG'S emphasis of inclusion and sensitivity for all populations and teaches cultural sensitivity to law enforcement and correctional officers. With a master's degree in counseling and psychology with a concentration in equine-assisted mental health from Prescott College, she*

*has experience working with crisis response teams, first responders, trauma, depression, addiction and criminal offenders. Her consulting company, A Better Place Consulting, empowers and educates businesses and organizations about power of creating a positive work environment for employee and client retention.*

### E3 ▶ EQUINE TRACK

Equine Panel, Part 2 – see description in D3 **CE**

### E4 ▶ TRACK

#### Comparative Effectiveness of Therapeutic Riding and Traditional Stress Management Techniques on Heart Rate Variability and Salivary Cortisol in Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum

BETSY KEMENY, PHD, CTRS; STEFFANIE BURK, PHD; AND COURTNEY GRAMLICH, CTRS

Learn about the Horses and Humans Research Foundation funded research, which compares Heart Math stress management techniques to therapeutic riding for adolescents on the autism spectrum. The primary focus will be the presentation of the methods, results and discussion of the research. **DE**

*BETSY KEMENY has a PhD degree in administration and leadership from Indiana University of PA and an MS degree from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in recreation therapy. She is a full-time faculty member in a recreational therapy program at a CARTE accredited university. She is a member of the International Society for Autism Research. STEFFANIE BURK has a PhD degree in animal science from the University of Kentucky and teaches full-time in a college equine science program. As a PATH Intl. Certified TRI, she developed and oversees the department's EAAT minor. Additionally, she has multiple equine publications and is responsible for testing the salivary cortisol in both the human and equine samples. COURTNEY GRAMLICH has been the director of Storm Harbor Equestrian Center, a PATH Intl. PAC since 2005. Her role in the research has focused on the groundwork and therapeutic riding protocols and management of the data collection with the horses. She manages multiple PATH Intl. instructors in the facility.*

### E5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

#### Crisis in the Barn: EAAT Participants and Suicide

DR. HALLIE SHEADE, DANIELLE CRANDALL AND PAUL ZIEHE

The demand for EAAT services is rising by participants with mental health concerns including youth at-risk and military veterans. With an increasing rate of suicide in the U.S. population (and a higher risk in veterans and youth), it is important for EAAT professionals to feel confident and prepared to respond to those in crisis in a safe and supportive manner. **DE**

*HALLIE SHEADE holds a PhD degree in counseling and is a licensed professional counselor, and works in an inpatient psychiatric facility to evaluate and stabilize clients in crisis. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL. She is the president and clinical director of a full-time EFP practice. DANIELLE CRANDALL holds an MS degree in counseling and is a licensed professional counselor intern. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL. She has presented at numerous professional conferences and authored books on EAAT. PAUL ZIEHE is a military veteran and PATH Intl. Certified TRI specializing in working with other veterans.*

## SESSION F • 4:15 TO 5:15 P.M.

### FI ▶ ADMIN TRACK

#### The Power of Effective Communication: Promoting Quality Improvement in EAAT

DANIELLE CRANDALL, MS, AND HALLIE SHEADE, PHD

EAAT professionals are well-versed in the importance of effective communication with equines. But how often

## Poster Sessions

The PATH Intl. Health and Education Advisory is pleased to offer poster sessions again this year from abstracts submitted by researchers and practitioners. These visual displays of research, project and/or program findings will be on display Friday and Saturday. Presenters will be available at their posters on Friday, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

- The Effects of Hippotherapy on a 5-Year-Old With Scoliosis  
Denise Panariello, Bit by Bit Medical Therapeutic Riding Center
- The GREAT Postural Scale: Design and Preliminary Testing and How It Is Used to Evaluate Riders, Missy Saracino and Linda Frease, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center and InStride
- The Effect of Equine-Human Interaction on Inferred Stress Levels in Humans, Christine Rudd, EQUEST
- A Methodology for Determining the Relationship Between Equine Behavior, Knowledge and Emotional Safety, Katherine Cagle-Holtcamp, MS, Mississippi State University
- Application of a Survey Instrument to Determine the Impact of Volunteering in an Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies Program on University Students, Holly Evans, BS, MS Candidate in Animal Sciences
- Predicting Longevity/Incident Report in Therapeutic Riding Horses, Shelby Dinger

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# PATH INTL. REGISTRATION FAQs & INFORMATION

## Registration

The PATH Intl. Conference is a multi-day education affair. Sessions and meetings take place all day. In this registration booklet, the conference is grouped into main themes. Groups include preconference activities, education sessions, events, etc. The schedule on the back of the booklet will help you keep sight of the entire event as you complete your registration form or register online at [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org). Note that presentations and times are subject to change.

## To Do:

- Go to [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org) to register online.
- Please register for included meals you will be able to attend.
- Register early. Onsite registration for certain events will be limited.
- The contracted hotel rate is good until either the room block sells out or until October 8, 2018. Availability and rate cannot be guaranteed once the room block is sold out or after this date.
- Book your flight and make your travel plans!

## 3 Ways to Register

- Register online at [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org).
- Complete this registration form and fax it with credit card information to (303) 252-4610.
- Complete this registration form and mail it with full payment to:

PATH Intl.  
P.O. Box 33150  
Denver, CO 80233

Please do not both mail and fax your registration. This could result in duplicate registrations and/or duplicate charges. Please make a copy of your registration form for your records.

## Questions?

Contact Elias Holdman at [eholdman@pathintl.org](mailto:eholdman@pathintl.org) or (800) 369-7433, ext. 125.

## FAQs

- There are no single-day registrations except for preconference activities, which may be attended without attending the full conference. Please mail or fax registration forms.
- The PATH Intl. office must receive registration forms by September 28, 2018. After this date, you must register onsite.
- Use one registration form per person. Feel free to make copies of the forms. Download additional copies at [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org).
- Personal checks are accepted from U.S. banks only. Make checks payable to PATH Intl.
- Once registered, you will receive a confirmation via email.
- Registration and cancellation requests will not be accepted via phone. (See cancellation policy below.)
- PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Centers are eligible to receive one complimentary full registration when three or more individuals are registered and paid for (one per center, per year). To take advantage of this discount, please mail or fax your registration forms. This discount is not available online and cannot be combined with any other offers.
- PATH Intl. centers can register up to five individual non-members at the member rate. To take advantage of the center discount, please mail or fax your registration forms. This discount is not available online and cannot be combined with any other offers.
- Children ages 12 and under cannot attend sessions or workshops.
- The conference is valued at \$1,675 per person.

## Cancellation Policy

Full refunds are given only if a written cancellation request is received by September 24, 2018. A 50-percent refund is given if written notice is received between September 25 and October 4, 2018. Individuals who do not give written notice to PATH Intl. prior to October 4, 2018, will not receive a refund.

## Additional/Optional Tickets

Registrants can purchase additional/optional tickets for family and friends. Additional/optional tickets are limited and can be purchased with a full registration only. Guest tickets may not be available onsite; please register early.

## PATH Intl. Higher Ed Member Faculty and Students

PATH Intl. Higher Ed member faculty and students of higher education member institutions receive a special rate of \$305 through onsite registration.

## Students

College/University students receive a special rate of \$330 through onsite registration.

Note: A valid accredited college or university ID is required at check-in. The full conference registration fee will be charged if valid ID is not presented.

## Videotape and Photography Policy

Videotaping and photographing of sessions and workshops by attendees is prohibited.

## Hotel Information

Rosen Centre  
9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819  
(407) 996-9840

To receive the discounted PATH Intl. rate, book your hotel room directly through the PATH Intl. conference web page or mention PATH 2018 when you call.



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## Exhibit Hall

Opens Thursday, October 25

See the schedule on the back of this booklet for hours  
Junior Ballroom F&G, Rosen Centre

Help us kick off the networking and fun at the PATH Intl. Exhibitor Party after the general session, 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 25. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks (open bar of beer and wine from 6-7, then cash bar), and the opening of the silent auction and merchandise booth.

## Meet the Board Reception

Sponsored by Markel Insurance

Thursday, October 25, 6-7:30 p.m.

Meet members of the PATH Intl. staff and board of trustees, exhibitors and other attendees. PATH Intl. thanks Markel for their sponsorship of this reception. Be sure to stop by the Markel booth, right next to the board reception!

## Exhibitors –

### NEW, CEU Opportunity

PATH Intl. sponsors and exhibitors are delighted to offer you information, products and special deals. Get to know them!

In a new twist on the old bingo-style game, each exhibitor has provided an educational question to help you get to know them. Log your answers in the app in order to earn one general CEU. All entries are eligible for the prize drawing at the end of the evening.

## Silent Auction

The PATH Intl. Silent Auction is always a favorite destination between sessions as bidders keep track of items such as riding shirts and breeches, sponsor coupons, art, jewelry, books, horse merchandise and more. If you have items you would like to donate to the silent auction, contact Cher Smith at [csmith@pathintl.org](mailto:csmith@pathintl.org), (800) 369-7433, ext. 123. If you have items you would like to donate to your region's basket, contact your region rep.

## PATH Intl. Merchandise Booth

Whether you want to buy shirts for your center's volunteers or keychains for your kids (or favorite participants), you won't find better deals on PATH Intl. logo merchandise and conference souvenirs anywhere else.

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# 2018 PATH INTL. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

When completing this registration form, please put a check mark in the bullet next to your choices.  
It is helpful to have the conference registration booklet in front of you during the registration process.

PATH Intl. Center Affiliation (if applicable)		College/University Student Affiliation (if applicable)		
Individual Name		PATH Intl. Membership Number		
Address		City	State Zip Code	
Day Phone	Fax Number	Email (required for confirmation)		
Check all that apply:		How did you learn about this event?		
<input type="radio"/> This is my first time attending the PATH Intl. Conference.		<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. website		<input type="radio"/> Mailing
<input type="radio"/> Please check only if you are attending a preconference workshop and NOT the full conference		<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. eNews		<input type="radio"/> Word of Mouth
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<input type="radio"/> Special Meal Requests:		<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Diabetic	<input type="radio"/> Gluten free
		<input type="radio"/> Vegetarian	<input type="radio"/> Other: _____	
<small>(PATH Intl. will make every attempt with the hotel and caterers to accommodate requests; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed.)</small>				

## CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS WANTED – A FUN WAY TO MEET COLLEAGUES!

- ☐ Registration
- ☐ Merchandise booth
- ☐ Room monitors
- ☐ Silent auction

## SECTION 1: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration Type	Price
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc., Member Fee by Aug. 31	\$415
<input type="radio"/> Non-member Fee by Aug. 31	\$505
<input type="radio"/> Faculty/Students of PATH Intl. Higher Ed Member Institutions Through Onsite	\$305
<input type="radio"/> Standard Student Fee Through Onsite (with valid full-time, accredited college/university ID)	\$330
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc., Member Fee Sep. 1 – Sep. 28	\$515
<input type="radio"/> Non-member Fee Sep. 1 – Sep. 28	\$605
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc., Member Fee Onsite	\$550
<input type="radio"/> Non-member Fee Onsite	\$640

Section 1 Subtotal: \$

## SECTION 2: PRECONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Thursday, October 25	Price
Lunch will be provided with a preconference registration at both locations. Transportation is provided to the arena.	
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. Members	\$80
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. Non-members	\$105
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. Preconference Day at the Rosen Centre Please select one of the following 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. options	
<input type="radio"/> P1 • Executive Directors • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
<input type="radio"/> P2 • Novice Instructors • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
OR	
<input type="radio"/> PH1 • Lameness • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	
AND	
<input type="radio"/> PH2 • Lesson Planning • 1 to 4 p.m.	
<input type="radio"/> PH3 • Spinal Cord Injury • 1 to 4 p.m.	
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. Preconference Day at the McCormick Research Institute Please select one of the following 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. options	
<input type="radio"/> PA1 • Para-Dressage • 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.	
<input type="radio"/> PA2 • Addressing Trauma • 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.	
<input type="radio"/> Hands-on (limited to 15) (additional fee)	\$20
Please select one of the following 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. options	
<input type="radio"/> PA3 • Empathetic Leadership • 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.	
<input type="radio"/> Hands-on (limited to 15) (additional fee)	\$20
<input type="radio"/> PA4 • Mounting/Dismounting • 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.	
<input type="radio"/> Hands-on (limited to 15) (additional fee)	\$20
<input type="radio"/> I will need bus transportation to and from the arena.	

Section 2 Subtotal: \$



Individual Name

PATH Intl. Membership Number

**SECTION 3: MEALS & EVENTS**

Please check all meals and events you will be attending. Included with full conference registration only. See section 5 to purchase additional tickets for guests.

**Thursday, October 25**

- ☐ General Session  
☐ Fun in the Sun Exhibitor Party & Meet the Board Reception

**Friday, October 26**

- ☐ Hot breakfast buffet and region networking  
☐ Lunch in exhibit hall (ticket for sandwich or salad in registration bag; beverages provided by Market Insurance)

**Saturday, October 27**

- ☐ Hot breakfast buffet and annual meeting  
☐ Awards luncheon

**SECTION 4: PATH INTL. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership Type	Price
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| <input type="radio"/> I would like to join PATH Intl. as an individual member   | \$65  |
| <input type="radio"/> I am renewing my PATH Intl. individual membership   | \$65* |
| <input type="radio"/> I am renewing my PATH Intl. instructor membership (renewal requires additional compliance form) | \$85  |

\*Rates for other member categories vary. Please contact PATH Intl. for dues.

Section 4 Subtotal: \$

**Section 5: Guest Tickets (Price per person)**

Ticket Type & Day	Price	# Tickets	Total \$
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- ☐ Hot breakfast buffet  
 Friday, October 26 \$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Hot breakfast buffet  
 Saturday, October 27 \$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ PATH Intl. Awards Luncheon  
 Saturday, October 27 \$60 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5 Subtotal: \$

**SECTION 6: TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT & PAYMENT**

Registration Totals (Please add the totals from the following sections to get the grand total.)

Total \$

Section 1

Section 2

Section 4

Section 5

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Round up and donate now to the PATH Intl. Disaster Relief Fund

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# PATH INTL. EDUCATION SESSIONS

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## Friday, October 26 – Saturday, October 27

do we focus on the effectiveness of our communication with each other? Learn interpersonal strategies to improve the quality of EAAT programs in order to promote positive participant outcomes, reduce conflict, increase volunteer retention, and improve staff efficiency, morale and resilience. **CR (ALL CERTIFICATIONS)**

*DANIELLE CRANDALL holds an MS degree in counseling and is a licensed professional counselor intern. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL. She has presented at numerous professional conferences and authored books on EAAT. HALLIE SHEADE holds a PhD degree in counseling and is a licensed professional counselor, and works in an inpatient psychiatric facility to evaluate and stabilize clients in crisis. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL. She is the president and clinical director of a full-time EFP practice.*

### F2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

#### Creating a Strong Volunteer Team

BRETT BAUER

Are you new to or struggling with volunteer management? Learn how to set a solid base by selecting appropriate volunteers and training them to be successful from the start. Delve into training practices, creating presentations and handbooks that connect with your audience and how to make the most of hands-on training. The session will touch on scheduling methods and keeping volunteers engaged. **CR (ALL CERTIFICATIONS)**

*BRETT BAUER grew up riding horses. She has a brother with disabilities and when these two worlds came together it made a perfect career path. She has been a PATH Intl. Certified TRI for five years and currently works full time as an instructor and volunteer manager. She currently schedules volunteers for Heartland Therapeutic Riding, a PATH Intl. PAC in Stilwell, KS, serving 65 weekly riders with 140 volunteer spots to fill. The center's volunteer retention rate is high and currently has a waiting list for volunteers.*

### F3 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

#### Fundamentals of Ground Driving and Long-Lining in a Therapeutic Lesson

M. TERESA BRON

Discover the differences between ground driving and long-lining a horse during a therapeutic ground lesson. Attendees will learn the benefits of ground driving and long-lining for a participant, as well as how to identify students for this type of ground lesson. The role of volunteers, necessary equipment and horse requirements will be discussed. Safety and adherence to PATH Intl. standards will be addressed and stressed for all aspects of this presentation. **DRIVING CR**

*M. TERESA BRON, MEd, State Chair, is a PATH Intl. Certified Driving Instructor, TRI, ESMHL, and an active intermediate level combined driving competitor. She is the American Driving Society (ADS) Executive Secretary and a Learner Judge with the ADS Licensed Officials, and has completed the Carriage Association of America Level 2 Driving Proficiency Program. Teresa is working with the Pegasus Project in Yakima, WA.*

### F4 ▶ VETERAN TRACK

#### Combing Through Symptoms of ADHD With Mindfulness Meditation and Grooming

DR. CARLENE HOLDER TAYLOR

Explore the use of mindfulness meditation practice

combined with equine grooming behaviors to reduce the symptoms of ADHD and anxiety. Attendees will experience the effects of mindfulness practice in this experiential session and develop an understanding of how to apply mindfulness practice with participants during grooming activities. **DE**

*DR. CARLENE HOLDER TAYLOR is a 20+ year EFP provider as a licensed clinical mental health counselor/licensed professional counselor. She is a former PATH Intl. Board of Trustees member and the recipient of the PATH Intl. Equine-Facilitated Mental Health Professional of the Year award. Currently, she is a visiting professor at a university specializing in the development of AAT/EAAT programming in both graduate and undergraduate programs in a healthcare college.*

### F5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

#### Overcoming Obstacles

LINDSEY CROSBIE AND IAIN CROSBIE

The Overcoming Obstacles project, the only one of its kind in the UK, uses competitive Western trail to enable women and girls aged 3+ who are survivors of violence or abuse to develop essential life skills, build confidence, improve mental and physical health, create social networks, gain leadership skills, and access employment and training. As they learn to literally overcome obstacles both on the trail and in the arena, they learn tools that help them to break down barriers in all aspects of their lives. **DE**

*LINDSEY CROSBIE is a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor, equine-facilitated learning practitioner and Hooves for the Heart Instructor who specializes in working with women and children who have experienced trauma. All of her work involves rescued and rehabilitated horses. In 2011, she co-founded WITH, a nonprofit organization that provides therapeutic horsemanship sessions to disadvantaged people and provides training and support to therapeutic horsemanship practitioners.*

### Acronym Key

ASD	Autism spectrum disorder
CTRS	Certified therapeutic recreation specialist
EAAT	Equine-assisted activities and therapies
EAL	Equine-assisted learning
EFP	Equine-facilitated psychotherapy
PAC	Premier Accredited Center
PTSD	Post-traumatic stress disorder
SCI	Spinal cord injury
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TRI	Therapeutic riding instructor

### Saturday Sessions

Track 1	Admin
Track 2	Program
Track 3	Instructor
Track 4	Program Development
Track 5	Mental Health

### Continuing Ed Designations

CE	General continuing education
CR	Core requirement
DE	Disability education

## SESSION G • 9 TO 10 A.M.

### G1 ▶ ADMIN TRACK

#### Building a PATH Intl. Center From the Ground Up

POLLY KORNBLITH

Hear a detailed overview of the process of building an ADA-compliant facility; becoming a nonprofit; identifying the audiences to serve and programs to run; recruiting



business, graphic and technology consultants willing to donate their services; developing marketing materials; obtaining software and other products at no- or low-cost; customizing software to streamline all the business management tasks; soliciting and appreciating donors; networking with community organizations; and—finally—opening the doors. <sup>CE</sup>

*POLLY KORNBILTH is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL. She has a master's degree in education and 40+ years working in the field. She owns and runs a 12-stall, ADA-compliant barn with an attached arena in Sherborn, MA.*

## G2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

### Stepping Up the Fun: Lesson Plans That Promote Social Interaction

ANTHONY BUSACCA

Teaching to the group and keeping all of the riders in a class moving and engaged are important elements of any group lesson. Explore ways to make some of the most common and popular riding patterns and activities more socially interactive and challenging. <sup>RIDING CR</sup>

*ANTHONY BUSACCA is a PATH Intl. Certified Master TRI with 30 years of experience in the equine-assisted activities and therapies profession. He has conducted numerous instructor training workshops and seminars throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. He is a PATH Intl. Lead Faculty/Evaluator for the riding instructor certification.*

## G3 ▶ INSTRUCTOR TRACK

### To Clip or Not to Clip: From Lead Line to Independence

KRISTEN MORELAND

At some point, we've all been addicted to the lead line, afraid to unclip, afraid to let loose the 1,000-pound equine with our favorite student on board. However, the time has come! This session will encourage us to get over fear, and give us the best strategies to achieve independence for riders. It will help us to know when we need to clip or not to clip, along with the techniques we can use to attain the ultimate goal of eliminating the lead line. <sup>RIDING CR</sup>

*As a graduate of St. Andrews University's prestigious therapeutic horsemanship program, as well as having more than 25 years in the saddle, KRISTEN MORELAND has a plethora of experience to share. She is the lead instructor at Beyond Limits Therapeutic Riding in Emerson, GA, and has a reputation for pushing her riders—and instructors—to levels they've only dreamed of. She has taught and consistently challenges the instructors to break out of their normal routines and remember why they started teaching in the first place!*

## G4 ▶ PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TRACK

### Setting Up and Maintaining an Organized Facility on a Budget

REBEKAH RECKER

Learn various ways to better manage facilities through recycling, repurposing and re-inventing; ways to make less expensive tools and equipment utilizing common items from local stores; Attendees will be given suggestions of low-cost materials that can be used in place of costly items. <sup>CE</sup>

*REBEKAH RECKER is the chief operating officer of Riders Unlimited, Inc. She has a degree in special education, has been a PATH Intl. Certified Instructor since April 1995, and as a Special Olympics coach took riders to the Special Olympics World Games in 1999. She has almost 25 years of experience in setting up and organizing facilities with little to no money.*

## G5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

### Quantifying Outcomes of the Equine Gestalt Coaching Method In 2017

G. THOMAS MANZIONE, PHD, AND JACLYN MANZIONE

Learn about the Equine Gestalt Coaching Method and the demonstrative impact it has on adolescents and young adults between the ages of 12 to 24, who are homeless with a significant history of trauma, mental illness and substance abuse. <sup>DE</sup>

*DR. G. THOMAS MANZIONE is a Board Certified Professional Counselor by the American Psychotherapy Association and a National Certified Alcohol Counselor II by the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. In addition, he currently instructs at a local law enforcement training academy. Dr. Manzione is a PATH Intl. Certified ESMHL. JACLYN S. MANZIONE, MS, is a registered psychotherapist in Colorado and a certified Equine Gestalt Coaching Method Practitioner. She is a volunteer member of the board at The Right Step, a PATH Intl. PAC in Littleton, CO. Jaclyn is the owner/operator of the Xanthus Equine Gestalt Center LLC, an equine-assisted psychotherapy facility located in Pinecliffe, CO.*

## SESSION H • 10:15 TO 11:15 A.M.

## H1 ▶ ADMIN TRACK

### 11 Factors That Ensure Nonprofit Effectiveness, Part I

KC HENRY

There are lots of pieces and parts that make your nonprofit great. It is far more than excellence in programing. Is your team's precious time and resources focused where it is most needed? These 11 critical categories will address every aspect that leads to exceptional results for sustainable centers of any size. <sup>CE</sup>

*KC HENRY is a professional consultant with more than 30 years in both nonprofit management and consulting. She has given presentations on nonprofit management, governance and fundraising within the EAAT field and to general nonprofit audiences both nationally and internationally. She has had decades of experience serving as executive director of multiple nonprofits and has 30+ years of experience serving on every size nonprofit board.*

## H2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

### Equine-Assisted Leadership Development

JEFFREY ARNOLD AND CAROLE PETTITO

Explore an equine-assisted leadership development methodology proven in multiple PATH Intl. Member Centers to develop leadership skills for local organizations (corporate/professional), colleges/universities, veterans and youth at-risk. The methodology focuses on advancing an individual or team's leadership skills using EAL, assisting organizations and society to develop better and more inspiring leaders while creating a unique and innovative additional revenue stream for your facility. <sup>ESMHL CR</sup>

*JEFFREY ARNOLD has spent a 23-year career in corporate consulting, developing leaders all over the world. He has worked with more than 100 CEOs and client organizations worldwide. In 2008, he was honored with the esteemed Inspiring Leadership award by the world's largest consulting firm as measured by revenue, a Fortune Global 500 company. He was recently featured in JH Style magazine discussing the use of experiential, accelerated, equine-based leadership development. CAROLE PETTITO, PhD, is founder and executive director of On Eagles' Wings Therapeutic Horsemanship, a PATH Intl. PAC in Fairmont, WV. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI, ESMHL, served on the PATH Intl. Higher Education Task Force, and also was on the PATH Intl. Membership Oversight Committee for two terms. She developed and currently teaches the PATH Intl.-based EAAT minor in West Virginia University's equine program.*

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# Keynote and Awards Luncheon

Saturday, October 27 • 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Next 20 Years  
The journey from soldier to participant  
to PATH Intl. Certified Instructor

We've all seen the statistics: 20 veterans commit suicide each day; up to 20% of veterans and military personnel experience post-traumatic stress disorder, compared to 7-8% of civilians; 55% of women and 38% of men have experienced sexual harassment while in the military.

The statistics are staggering. And yet, PATH Intl. Centers and Certified Professionals are part of the solution, offering help and healing through PATH International Equine Services for Heroes®. As more and more veterans are served at PATH Intl. Centers (more than 6,200 in 2016), those statistics are becoming human beings, faces of the ones we serve.

Meet Mitchell Reno, the PATH Intl. keynote speaker. Reno served in Afghanistan and Iraq before his military career came to an end when an explosion in Iraq left him with a traumatic brain injury. After years of struggle, pain, and failed attempts to deal with the pain, Reno found hope at BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding and Educational Center, a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center in Harvard, IL. Through the mentorship of Meggan Hill-McQueeney, President and COO, and PATH Intl. Instructor Patrick McKeivitt, Reno found life again.

It is not an idle life. Reno became a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor and has delivered lessons to veterans and civilians alike. He participated in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Illinois Special Olympics as a PATH Intl. Certified Instructor and volunteer. He has gentled mustangs, one in particular he credits with saving his life. At the 2016 Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo, Reno and nine other veterans gentled 22 Mustangs over a 12-day period in front of thousands. He has instructed veterans of both peacetime and war eras, of all ages and all disabilities. As a wartime veteran and combat infantryman himself, Reno can relate on a personal level with the participants and is able to facilitate the partnership between equine and human more efficiently.

Reno also rode 20 miles for Trail to Zero through New York City and Manhattan. Trail to Zero, hosted by BraveHearts, was created to raise awareness of the roughly 20 veterans a day who commit suicide.

Through events like Trail to Zero and programs like BraveHearts' Operation Mustang, veterans are finding new purpose, as are the Mustangs. BraveHearts partners with the federal Bureau of Land Management to corral the wild Mustangs in an effort to control population growth. As stated on the BraveHearts website, "Connecting with a wild horse requires an exchange of trust, quieting the mind and staying in the moment for both to begin to heal."

"I am very passionate about horsemanship and the healing power the horse provides, as it saved my own life," Reno says. "I'm starting to look forward to the next 20 years of my life."

## PATH Intl. Awards

Join us for the PATH Intl. Awards Luncheon, dedicated to the people and equines making a world of difference in EAAT. Celebrate with peers and colleagues as we honor recipients of the following awards:

- PATH Intl. Equestrians of the Year
- PATH Intl. and Regional Certified Professionals of the Year
- PATH Intl. and Regional Equines of the Year
- PATH Intl. and Regional Volunteers of the Year
- PATH Intl. and Regional Veterinarians of the Year
- PATH Intl. James Brady Professional Achievement



From left to right: PATH Intl. Board of Trustees President Ross Braun; 2017 PATH Intl. Certified Professional of the Year Kelly Slonaker; PATH Intl. CEO Kathy Alm.



### H3 ▶ INSTRUCTOR TRACK

#### Riding to a Different Beat

AVIVA VINCENT

Explore the synergies and potential impacts of combining music therapy with therapeutic riding to strategically enhance participant outcomes. **CE**

*AVIVA VINCENT is a veterinary social worker and a doctoral candidate in social welfare at the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. She has been involved in the therapeutic riding community for more than 15 years and currently serves as a program director of Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, a PATH Intl. PAC in Chagrin Falls, OH.*

### H4 ▶ PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TRACK

#### Developing Your Good Idea Into a Broad-Based Community-Supported Program

PATRICIA BROERSMA

Small and medium-sized centers often have a multitude of sustainability challenges related to how to gain (and keep) broad community support for their programs. Learn principles, guidelines, and in-depth practical strategies of what works from the proven wisdom of international community development and how these apply specifically to the therapeutic riding industry. **CE**

*PATRICIA BROERSMA is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI, ESMHL and mentor, as well as faculty for the ESMHL certification workshop. She has established two PATH Intl. centers and taken them to premier accredited status, plus developed two innovative programs for special audiences within those centers, gaining wide-spread community support for both of them. She has trained with and worked for 40 years with the Institute of Cultural Affairs and the Foundation for Mind Research.*

### H5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

#### Executive Function Skills: Significance for EAAT

CECILE KOMARA

Learn about the components of executive function, how physical activity and executive function can work together, and how executive function is demonstrated in EAAT. **DE**

*CECILE KOMARA earned her PhD degree in special education with an emphasis in early childhood special education from the University of Kansas in 2006. In 2012, she earned an MS degree in human environmental sciences majoring in human development and family studies. She is currently an assistant professor in the department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Alabama. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor and also is a lead accreditation site visitor.*

## SESSION I • 1:15 TO 2:15 P.M.

### II ▶ ADMIN TRACK

#### II Factors That Ensure Nonprofit Effectiveness, Part 2

KC HENRY

See description under HI **CE**

### I2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

#### Equine-Assisted Learning Combined With Traditional Tutoring Reduces the High School Drop-out Rate of Youth At-Risk

JO ANNE MILLER AND MARCIE EHRLMAN

Learn about a new, research-based, proven EAL program for youth at-risk. Participants learn not only academic skills, but also personal and life skills that have empowered them to lead satisfying, purposeful lives. This program can be reproduced at your PATH Intl. center, offering a new and proven sizeable revenue stream when collaborating with local school systems, providing centers with a new way to ensure sustainability. **DE**

*JO ANNE MILLER is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI, ESMHL and mentor. As a college professor of equine science and the executive director of Brook Hill Farm, a PATH Intl. PAC in Forest, VA, she is part of a team of college professors working in this field, providing research-based classes to college students, and research for publications in the field of equine-assisted therapies. MARCIE EHRLMAN is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI, ESMHL and mentor. She has served as instructor, director of volunteer services, and director of EAAT programs at various centers. She is an educator for people with disabilities. Jo Anne and Marcie co-presented this research paper at the HETI convention in June 2018.*

### I3 ▶ INSTRUCTOR TRACK

#### Train the Way to Success: Develop Effective Volunteer Training Material and Programs to Meet Your Center's Needs

BETH ANN YURKOVAC

Design and implement volunteer training programs that will ensure the success of your volunteers, participants and programs. Walk away with tips on how to build training protocols that are engaging, keep best practices and safety at the forefront of each training, and most importantly set your volunteers up for success. **CR (ALL CERTIFICATIONS)**

*BETH ANN YURKOVAC is the operations manager for Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Riding Center, a PATH Intl. PAC in Toano, VA. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, ESMHL, mentor and a certified medical reimbursement specialist. She has more than 20 years of experience in EAAT, including international experience, and developing and teaching volunteer training programs.*

### I4 ▶ PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TRACK

#### Maintaining Happy, Healthy and Sane Horses

KRISTEN MARCUS

Playing off a method introduced by Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources, Inc., in 2016, one center has modified and personalized a stress tracking system for each horse in the herd. Utilizing the tracker, CHAPS' herd health has improved, undesirable behaviors decreased and lameness/illness decreased significantly. In this presentation, you will learn what is tracked, how it is tracked and how to personalize and promote your own tracking system in your herd. **CE**

*KRISTEN MARCUS is the executive director for Children, Horses and Adults in Partnership (CHAPS) Equine Assisted Therapy, a PATH Intl. PAC in Sheridan, WY. She has an A.S. in equine science, B.S. in animal science specializing in equine management and nutrition and a Masters of Agriculture in animal science specializing in equine. She is an avid educator and taught the equine courses at Sheridan College before taking the job at CHAPS.*

### I5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

#### EAL and Helping Professionals: How to Integrate Equine-Assisted Wellness Programs for Health Professionals Into Your Program

DR. CHERYL MEOLA

Discover ways for helping professionals to reduce compassion fatigue and increase their mental fitness



for working with those who are suffering. The impact of workshops on clients, professionals and horses will be discussed as well as research studies showing the efficacy of these interventions. <sup>CE</sup>

*CHERYL MEOLA, PhD, LPC, NCC, provides therapy and wellness counseling along with several talented equine co-therapists. Her research and clinical work focus on equine-assisted therapy for clinical populations and equine-assisted wellness and stress reduction for professionals, veterans, parents, and others in day-to-day life.*

## SESSION J • 2:30 TO 3:30 P.M.

### J1 ▶ ADMIN TRACK

#### "It's OK to Disagree—Or Is It?" Boost Your Ability to Skillfully Navigate Difficult Conversations and Bring About Positive Change at Your Center

KATY SCHROEDER AND NINA EKHOLM FRY

Boost your skills in how to best navigate disagreements and difficult interactions at your PATH Intl. Member Center, regardless of your position or role. This science-based, interactive and experiential presentation contains practical and ready-to-use tools for both you and your center. <sup>CE</sup>

*KATY SCHROEDER, PhD Counseling, is an assistant professor with Texas Tech University. She specializes in equine-assisted mental health intervention development and outcome research, and is an expert on working with groups. Her current research efforts involve interdisciplinary collaborations with animal scientists, exercise scientists and psychologists to explore both human and equine outcomes in EAAT settings. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL. NINA EKHOLM FRY is a director at the Institute for Human-Animal Connection at the University of Denver. She is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and ESMHL, and a former Special Olympics Equestrian Coach. She is a certified clinical trauma professional (CCTP) and has worked with populations diagnosed with trauma/PTSD, ASD, ADHD, anxiety and addiction, as well as with youth at-risk, cancer survivors, and military service members and veterans.*

### J2 ▶ PROGRAM TRACK

#### Dressage for EAAT

CECELIA M. CONWAY

Does dressage seem overwhelming and out of reach? Learn foundational principles of dressage and how they can benefit both your herd and your riders. Come away with techniques and tools to build dressage into your program and develop opportunities for growth. <sup>RIDING CR</sup>

*CECELIA CONWAY is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI, International Society of Rider Biomechanics Coach, and the chair of a 26-show schooling series in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. She is also an active rider competing in traditional and western dressage as well as a member of the USDF, USEF, AQHA, and IDCTA.*

### J3 ▶ INSTRUCTOR TRACK

#### Nutritional Support for the Aging Horse

DR. KELLY VINEYARD

Just because a horse is advancing in age, he doesn't necessarily need to be put out to pasture. Thanks to advances in equine nutrition and veterinary medicine, horses today are remaining active and living longer than ever before. It is important to understand the unique nutritional needs of senior horses in order to ensure they can continue to live happy and productive lives well into their 20s, 30s and beyond. <sup>CE</sup>

*DR. KELLY VINEYARD is a senior nutritionist, equine technical solutions, with Purina Animal Nutrition. She is responsible for providing expert technical nutrition advice and insights in a variety of areas, including veterinarian and customer support, new product innovation and research. Dr. Vineyard earned her MS and PhD degrees in animal sciences with a focus on Equine Nutrition from the University of Florida. Her doctorate research focused on the effects of omega-3 fatty acid supplementation on immune function in horses, and she received the Innovative Research award from the American Society of Animal Science for this work.*

### J4 ▶ PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TRACK

#### Creating a Vocational Training Program for Students in Transition That Aligns With WIOA

KRISTEN MCGRAW

People with disabilities are often under-valued and often viewed as unemployable. Learn step by step how to turn a passion for horses into a prosperous job training program and employment opportunity for people with disabilities. <sup>DE</sup>

*KRISTEN MCGRAW serves as the program director for UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Inc., a PATH Intl. PAC in Goffstown, NH, and is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI, driving instructor, ESMHL, and EAGALA certified ES. She has served on several PATH Intl. committees and also served on the state Developmental Disability Council for six years.*

### J5 ▶ MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

#### EFL Vocational Training Program: Building Relations in the Dallas Independent School District's Special Education Community to Support Transition Planning and Career Exploration

JEN DONAHUE

Experience the potential expansion of EFL/EAAT programing that supports special education transition managers and students in transitional planning. <sup>DE</sup>

*JEN DONAHUE is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced TRI, ESMHL, lead faculty member for the registered level certification, lead site visitor, PATH Intl. Certified Driving Instructor Level III, driving faculty member and mentor. She serves as the PATH Intl. State Chair for Texas, the chair of the regional leadership team and serves on the PATH Intl. Driving Subcommittee and Accreditation Subcommittee.*

## Calling All Volunteers

Ask not what your association can do for you but what you can do for your association. PATH Intl. needs conference volunteers to ensure a smooth-running experience for all attendees. Plus, it's a great opportunity to meet other members. Light snacks are provided.

### What are some of the volunteer jobs?

Registration table, room monitors, silent auction and merchandise booth. Visit [pathintl.org/path-intl-conferences/international/volunteers](http://pathintl.org/path-intl-conferences/international/volunteers) for the information form and job descriptions.

To volunteer, contact:

Stephanie Angelieri, [stephaniea@newhopebc.org](mailto:stephaniea@newhopebc.org) or  
Gretchen Ahrens, [gretchen@calvincenter.org](mailto:gretchen@calvincenter.org)



## 2018 PATH INTL. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Registration 6 to 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Registration 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Merchandise Booth 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PATH Intl. Preconference Workshops 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Leadership Lunch (by Invitation) 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Welcome and Opening General Session 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Fun in the Sun Exhibitor Party and  
Meet the Board Reception 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Registration 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Merchandise Booth 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Networking Breakfast 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Silent Auction 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Session A 9 to 10 a.m.

Session B 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Session C 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch in Exhibit Hall 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Session D 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

Session E 3 to 4 p.m.

Session F 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Registration 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Merchandise Booth 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Breakfast and Annual Meeting 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Silent Auction 8 to 10:00 a.m.

Silent Auction Pick-up 2 to 4 p.m.

Session G 9 to 10 a.m.

Session H 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Keynote and Awards Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Session I 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Session J 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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## Member-To-Member Business

### Region Networking Breakfast

This is your region meeting!

Friday, October 26 • 7 to 8:15 a.m.

Join us for networking and meet others involved in EAAT in your state and take an active role in building your region.

Hosted by PATH Intl. Membership Outreach Committee  
Region Representatives.

### PATH Intl. Annual Meeting & Field Test Standards Hearing

Saturday, October 27 • 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Meet the PATH Intl. Board of Trustees, hear about the current state of the association and learn about association plans for the future. <sup>CE</sup>

## 3 Ways to Register

- Register online at [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org).
- Complete this registration form and fax it with credit card information to (303) 252-4610.
- Complete this registration form and mail it with full payment to: PATH Intl., P.O. Box 33150, Denver, CO 80233.  
Please do not both mail and fax your registration. This could result in duplicate registrations and/or duplicate charges.  
Please make a copy of your registration form for your records.

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