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**Facilitation and Communication Skills**

**Training Course**

**Toronto Zoo, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

**April 11 – 14, 2016**

**Course Description**

CBSG is an international conservation organization whose mission is to "*transform passionate commitment to wildlife into effective conservation*". Through our experience conducting over 200 conservation assessments and population viability analysis workshops, we have repeatedly found the need for expert facilitation skills, group dynamics instruction, and conflict resolution training. This four-day interactive course will provide conservation program managers with an opportunity to learn and practice essential facilitation skills, including decision making, team formation and management, conflict resolution, communication skills, consensus building, and cross-cultural sensitivity. The course will include lectures, case studies, and significant time to practice facilitation skills. This course is being hosted by the Toronto Zoo and co-organized by CBSG, CBSG North America, and the Toronto Zoo.

**Potential Participants**

This course is targeted toward those wanting to develop the skills necessary to facilitate successful conservation planning. Not only will participants be able to apply these newly developed skills within their own professional fields, but we hope this training course will increase the pool of experienced facilitators who may contribute to future CBSG workshops. Participation is limited to 20 individuals.

**Instructors**

Onnie Byers, Ph.D., IUCN SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group

Jamie Copsey, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust

Anne Baker, Ph.D., CBSG North America

**Dates**

This course will be held11-14 April 2016. Participants should plan to arrive on the evening of 10 April. The course will finish at 5:00 pm on 14 April. Participants are asked to remain through the end of the course.

**Logistics/Costs**

The course fee (**US$700** early registration until 11 March; **US$750** after 11 March) will cover all course materials, breakfasts and lunches during the 4-day course, and transport from the hotel to the zoo and return each day. Transportation to and from Toronto and lodging are the responsibility of the participant and are not included in the course fee. Hotel rates should run approximately CA$94/night. Further information about the hotel and reservations will be provided upon confirmation of your registration.

**Registration**

Please return completed registration forms to Elizabeth Townsend, elizabeth@cbsg.org. Payment is due upon registration.

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***CBSG Facilitation and Communication Training Course***

***REGISTRATION FORM***

**11-14 April 2016**

**Venue: Toronto Zoo, Toronto, ON, Canada**

Yes, I would like to participate in the Facilitation and Communication Training course.

**Registration**

Below please provide your:

Name:

Title:

Institution:

City, State, and Email address:

Please indicate:

1. Your current occupation/position
2. How you plan to use the skills acquired in this course
3. Any dietary restrictions you have

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Your course fee can be mailed to:

 CBSG

 Attn. Elizabeth Townsend

 12101 Johnny Cake Ridge Road

 Apple Valley, MN 55124 USA

Checks made payable to “CBSG” are preferred; please note on the check that it is payment of registration fees for the “Toronto Facilitation Course”. If you cannot pay by check, please contact Elizabeth Townsend (elizabeth@cbsg.org) for alternate arrangements.

**Cancellation Policy**

Course registration cancellations prior to 11 March will be refunded minus a $50 processing fee; no reimbursement for cancellations after 11 March except in extreme circumstances.

**Please return the completed form to Elizabeth Townsend,** **elizabeth@cbsg.org**

**Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Toronto!**