

2021 ADI VIRTUAL CONFERENCE  
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE  
September 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

(Subject to Change)

**ALL TIMES LISTED ARE EASTERN TIME ZONE**

**Sunday, September 12th**

- 14:30 p.m. – 15:00 p.m. **Welcome/Accreditation Awards Slideshow**  
*Richard Lord, Assistance Dogs Australia, ADI Board Chairperson*
- 15:00 p.m. – 16:00 p.m. **Opening Keynote Speaker – Amy Dixon (Guide Dog user/Paralympic Athlete)**
- 16:15 p.m. – 17:15 p.m. Networking Activity

**Monday, September 13th**

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION – Conference Welcome**  
*Jenn Ceia, Centar Za Rehabilitaciju Silver, ADI Conference Committee*
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Michele Pouliot – “Positive Reinforcement Training – Who Needs It!”**
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Networking Activity
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. – 13:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- Admin Track **How To Human Workshop**  
*Grisha Stewart, MA, CPDT-KA, KPACTP, Founder, Empowered Animals, LLC*
- Training Track **Remote Dog Trainers-From Puppies to Placement**  
*Heather Kidd, Pacific Assistance Dog Society (PADS)*  
*Miranda Turenne, Pacific Assistance Dog Society (PADS)*
- Specialty Track **Panel Discussion-Hearing Dogs: Selection and Training of Confident Hearing Dogs and Their People**  
*Crystal Snyder, Paws with a Cause*  
*Angela Bentivegna, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides*
- 13:30 p.m. – 13:45 p.m. Break
- 13:45 p.m. – 15:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- Admin Track **How To Human Workshop con'd**  
*Grisha Stewart, MA, CPDT-KA, KPACTP, Founder, Empowered Animals, LLC*
- Training Track **Michele Pouliot Workshop 1**

Specialty Track	<b>Different Lens; Same Focus: Working with Mental Health Professionals in Placing Dog with Veterans with PTSD</b> <i>Dr. Cynthia Crosson, Harvest Consulting and Consultation</i> <i>Dr. Emma Riley, Boston VA Medical Center</i>
15:00 p.m. – 15:15 p.m.	Networking Activity
15:15 p.m. – 15:30 p.m.	Break
15:30 p.m. – 16:15 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION
Admin Track	<b>Evolving and Innovating: Doing More to Help More</b> <i>Paige Mazzoni, Canine Companions for Independence</i>
15:30 p.m. – 16:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Training Track	<b>Michele Pouliot Workshop 2</b>
Specialty Track	<b>A Group Effort to Establish Courthouse Facility Dog Placements in the European Union</b> <i>Ellen O'Neill-Stephens JD, Courthouse Dogs® Foundation</i>
16:15 p.m. – 16:30 p.m.	Break (Administrative Track)
16:30 p.m. – 16:45 p.m.	Break (Training Track and Specialty Track)
16:30 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Admin Track	<b>Don't Panic!</b> <i>Martin Atkin, Founder &amp; Director, Funnel Web Media</i>
16:45 p.m. – 17:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Training Track	<b>From Pet to Assistance Dog: Care and Training in Assistance Dog Partnerships</b> <i>Jamie Arathoon, Dog Assistance In Disability (Dog A.I.D.)</i>
Specialty Track	<b>Assistance Dogs Reduces the Injury-Associated Episodes in People with PoTS</b> <i>Clare Pesterfield, Medical Detection Dogs</i>

## **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>ACCREDITATION BASICS</b> <i>Laura Hilbert, Assistance Dogs International</i>
09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>IBC Hospitality</b> <i>Bob and Marina Phillips, Phillips Next Generation</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<b>GENERAL SESSION – Welcome</b> <i>Jillian Ashton, ICAN, ADI Conference Committee, ADI Education Chairperson</i>
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Ian Dunbar – “The Power of Positive Training”</b>
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Networking Activity

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.	Break
11:45 a.m. – 13:15 p.m.	<p><b>GENERAL SESSION – Panel Discussion – Trainer Standards and Evolving a “Traditional” Program: Thoughts from an Organization in Transition</b>  <i>Jennifer Rogers, Palmetto Animal-Assisted Life Services (PAALS)</i>  <i>Flora Baird, Canine Companions for Independence</i>  <i>Dusan Pospichal, Helpes – Centre for Assistance Dogs</i>  <i>Maragaret Hicks, Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS)</i></p>
13:15 p.m. – 13:30 p.m.	Break
13:30 p.m. – 14:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Admin Track	<p><b>COVID-19 among Dogs: Risk Factors and Prevention</b>  Vladimir Stevanovic, Deputy Head of Virology Unit, Senior Clinical Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb</p>
Training Track	<p><b>Connecting the Dots</b>  Kim Mizia, Canine Companions for Independence</p>
Specialty Track	<p><b>Tune-Up Time: Continuing Education for Assistance Dog Teams</b>  <i>Stephanie Peebles, Susquehanna Service Dogs</i>  <i>Susan Tyson, Susquehanna Service Dogs</i></p>
14:30 p.m.- 14:45 p.m.	Networking Activity
14:45 p.m. – 15:00 p.m.	Break
15:00 p.m. – 16:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Admin Track	<p><b>What Do You Stand For?</b>  <i>Kent Noble, Bill Daniels Chair of Business Ethics at the University of Wyoming</i></p>
15:00 p.m. – 16:00 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Training Track	<p><b>May the Force “FREE” Be with You</b>  <i>Melissa Spooner-Raymond, Leader Dogs for the Blind</i></p>
Specialty Track	<p><b>Medical Detection Dogs: COVID-19 and Bacterial Infections</b>  <i>Maureen Maurer, Assistance Dogs of Hawaii</i>  <i>Dr. Cate Dorr, Assistance Dogs of Hawaii</i></p>
16:00 p.m.- 16:15 p.m.	Break
16:15 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION
Training Track	<p><b>Shaping Novel Service Dog Skills Through Positive Reinforcement</b></p>

*Becky Kier, Service Dogs, Inc.*

16:15 p.m. – 17:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION

Specialty Track **Making the Grade: Development of Cognition and Temperament in Assistance Dogs**  
*Emily Bray, Canine Companions for Independence*

16:30 p.m. – 16:45 p.m. Break (Admin Track)

16:45 p.m. – 17:45 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION

Admin Track **Introduction to Membership in the ADI International Breeding Cooperative**  
*Bob and Marina Phillips, Phillips Next Generation*

17:15 p.m. – 17:30 p.m. Break (Specialty Track)

17:30 p.m. – 18:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION

Specialty Track **ADI NA Membership Benefits: AA Puppies-In-Flight and the Ground Transportation Program**  
*Barrie Madasu, Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.*

### **Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **CANDIDATE BENCHMARK PROGRAM**  
*Shannon Chaney, Assistance Dogs International*  
*Steph Atkin, Assistance Dogs International*  
*Julianne Larson, Can Do Canines*

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION – Welcome**  
*Peter Gorbing, Dogs for Good, ADI Board Vice-Chairperson, ADI Conference Committee, ADI Standards Chairperson*

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Martyn Drake “Strategy in a Post-Pandemic World”**

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Networking Activity

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION

Admin Track **Martyn Drake Senior Leadership Workshop 1**

Training Track **Dog Education – a new S M A R T model for Training**  
*Yrsa Franzén-Gornerup, Svenska Service-och Signalhundsförbundet (SOS)*

Breeding Track	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION-Weaning Puppies in a Prison Program</b> <i>Susan Guy, Canine Partners for Life</i> <i>Deb Bauer, Canine Partners for Life</i> <i>Michelle House, SCI-Somerset</i> <i>Kaity McGinn, Can Do Canines</i> <i>Karin Balgaard, Can Do Canines</i>
12:45 p.m. – 13:00 p.m.	Break
13:00 p.m. – 14:15 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSION
Admin Track	<b>Martyn Drake Senior Leadership Workshop cont'd</b>
Training Track	<b>Building a Positive Foundation to Training and Working with Dogs and People</b> <i>Duncan Edwards, Dogs for Good</i>
Breeding Track	<b>Peri-Whelp Bitch Management</b> <i>Nicola Cotton, Seeing Eye Dogs, Australia</i> <i>Lina Xi, Seeing Eye Dogs, Australia</i>
14:15 p.m. – 14:30 p.m.	Networking Activity
14:30 p.m. – 14:45 p.m.	Break
14:45 p.m. – 15:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Admin Track	<b>Creating standards for assistance dogs though the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) – an update on this significant initiative</b> <i>Peter Gorbing, Dogs for Good</i> <i>Marijan Sesar, Centar Za Rehabilitaciju Silver</i>
Training Track	<b>The Keys of Training/Relationship Given to Foster Families</b> <i>Vanessa Wey, Os'mose</i>
Breeding Track	<b>IWDR: A Canine Record Management System based on Science</b> <i>Eldin Leighton, IWDR</i>
15:45 p.m. – 16:00 p.m.	Break
16:00 p.m. – 17:00 p.m.	<b>CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Arash Bayatmakou (Service Dog User)</b>
17:00 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.	CONFERENCE CLOSING 2022 ADI Conference Announcement