



President's Message



Dear ATA Members,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I extend my warmest holiday greetings to each and every one of you. The holiday season is a time for reflection, gratitude, and joy, and it brings me great pleasure to address you as the president of our esteemed association.

2023 has been a year filled with accomplishments, challenges, and shared moments of growth. Our collective efforts have contributed to the success and resilience of our association, and I am truly grateful for the dedication and commitment of our members. As we take a well-deserved break during the holiday season, I encourage

you to cherish the moments spent with loved ones, reflect on the

achievements of the past year, and look forward to the opportunities that the new year will bring. May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and an abundance of good memories. Let's recharge our spirits and return in the new year with renewed

energy and enthusiasm for the goals and missions that unite us. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Dubrovnik, Croatia from May 5th-8th 2024. The planning is well underway and we anticipate that our 50th Annual Meeting will be our best yet. Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Sean Harding, ATA President

Warm regards,

ATA Webinar scheduled for 12.12.23 Please join us for the next free ATA Webinar on

December 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM Central Time (Chicago time.) Presented by Xavier Manteca Vilanova: Air Transport of Companion Animals: Animal Welfare Considerations

Xavier Manteca Vilanova received his BVSc and PhD from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and an MSc in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare from the University of Edinburgh.



Currently, he is professor of animal behaviour and animal welfare at the School of Veterinary Science in Barcelona. He has published extensively and is diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine. Xavier has been member of the Animal Health and Welfare Panel of EFSA and has participated in several EU-funded research

able to join us in person on December 12th, a recording of the webinar will be available to current ATA members in the ATA Member Center approximately one week after the webinar.

Register for the webinar at: https://bit.ly/ATAWebinarDec12. If you aren't

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50th Conference Registration Is Open!



The Animal Transportation Association (ATA) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 50th annual ATA Conference, to be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia from May 5-8, 2024. This year's conference will be a celebration of the ATA's past accomplishments and a look ahead to the future of animal transportation. Start planning your trip and get registered today at: https://bit.ly/ATA2024Dubrovnik

We are finalizing the schedule and confirming the speakers. We have an extraordinary list of industry experts and professionals already on the agenda. View the list of speakers and topics on the website at: https://bit.ly/3NhnlpT

Dubrovnik has so much to offer and we don't want to miss a thing! We have included some unique activities on the agenda for attendees to experience the Croatian culture. We will embark on an Adriatic Cruise, tour the historic streets of Old City Dubrovnik and dine at the Arsenal restaurant while enjoying breath-taking views of the harbour.

Dubrovnik in 2024!

We look forward to seeing you in

Let's Be Social







Matthew Murphy, Director

Matthew Murphy currently sits on the board of ATA given its contributing value to his professional role as Global Supply Chain Director for Genus-PIC, the world's leading provider



of porcine genetic solutions. Following his education in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Illinois, Matt entered the pork production sector with a large, integrated, US producer and focused on the development of internal genetic improvement and dissemination processes. After nearly a decade of commitment to commodity pork production, Matt, along with his wife and three young children, moved to Nashville, TN, in order to pursue an opportunity with Genus-PIC for wider reach across the global pork industry. In his current role, Matt focuses on the production and delivery of porcine breeding stock across the global markets in which PIC operates. One of the strongest benefits of being an ATA member is access to a rich network of participants in the global transport of animals. From shippers to producers and other supporting functions, ATA membership spans this diverse

range of contributing stakeholders, all with a desire to improve the manner in which animals are transported around

What is your best advice for someone thinking about joining ATA? There is very little barrier to entry into an association that has the ability to grant access to network, knowledge, and other necessary resources in the effort of animal transportation. For a modest contribution to membership, the value is

What do you look forward to most at the ATA annual conferences?

The diverse contribution of knowledge at the annual ATA conferences is exceptional. Access to the vision, efforts, and knowledge of a network of key participants in global animal transportation is what I look forward to the most at the annual conference.

without bound should a desire exist to participate in or improve the global transportation of animals.