



**THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024**

**MSMR HALF-DAY ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS**

**BOSTON MARRIOTT NEWTON**

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**ROOM: CHARLES RIVER EAST - CHARLES RIVER WEST**

**THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MAKING FRIENDS IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM:  
INSIGHTS FROM LABORATORY AND ZOO ENVIRONMENTS**

Effective socialization among animals, both within their own species and with humans, is essential for their well-being in laboratory and zoo settings. This workshop explores the dynamics of fostering social connections among animals, led by experts who specialize in understanding and facilitating these interactions. Topics covered will focus on novel strategies and evidence-based approaches for animal introductions as well as low-stress handling techniques for various species. Participants will gain insights into the complexities of managing diverse personalities and experiences within animal groups or pairings. Overall, this workshop will provide a platform for professionals to exchange knowledge, refine techniques, and advance the art and science of fostering relationships in the animal kingdom for the betterment of animal welfare and science/conservation efforts.

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