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SHEDD HOSTS LAB SESSION IN FIRST-EVER GATHERING OF GLOBAL VISIONARIES, CHICAGO IDEAS WEEK

Aquarium Session on Oct. 13 explores "One Health" concept, interconnectivity between human, animal and ecosystem health

CHICAGO – [Shedd Aquarium](#) will present a thought-provoking lab session on the concept of "One Health" next Thursday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. as part of [Chicago Ideas Week](#) – a seven-day celebration of innovation and ideas focused on bringing the world's best speakers together with the Midwest's best thinkers.

During the city-wide platform for ideas, innovation and community, Shedd's session, titled "One World, One Water, One Health: Initiatives in Aquatic Medicine," will introduce a practical and innovative approach recognizing the interconnections among humans, animals and their shared ecosystems as well as the economic, cultural and physical factors that influence health. The lab session will feature a panel discussion and conclude with a behind-the-scenes tour of the aquarium.

Led by Dr. Ilze Berzins, Executive Vice President for Animal Health, Conservation and Research at Shedd, the panel of experts will discuss the challenges facing aquatic health including zoonotic and emerging diseases, water quality and habitat loss, and together with the participants, will explore the process required for long-term success – the collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches needed at the local, regional, national and international levels in ecology, animal health, public health, economics and policy.

"The goal of Chicago Ideas Week is to connect Chicagoans with the world's biggest thinkers and thought leaders, naturally aligning with our mission to connect people to the educational and conservation wonders of the living world. Shedd Aquarium is honored to be involved with this series and to serve as a hub for engaging conservation-minded conversation," said Dr. Berzins.

Following the discussion, participants will go behind the scenes at the aquarium for a one-hour tour. The tour will include exclusive observation access to the veterinary hospital, animal care facilities and water quality lab.

Chicago Ideas Week will run from Oct. 10 -16 and will offer a variety of educational sessions across the city. The price for "About the Lab: One World, One Water, One Health: Initiatives in Aquatic Medicine" at Shedd is \$15. Registration is available online at www.chicagoideas.org.

For more information about Shedd Aquarium, please call 312-939-2438 or visit www.sheddaquarium.org.

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