

Getting Ready for New Orleans....

Program for the 1999 ASP Meeting - August 12 – August 16, 1999

The program for this summer's meeting promises to be stimulating and varied, reflecting the field of primatology. We had 200 abstracts submitted for the program (including an abstract for each workshop and roundtable)—so the program is quite full.

We will kick the program off with an address by keynote speaker, **Dr. Jeanne Altmann** of Princeton University. She will speak on the topic, "The role of social grooming in a primate society: From individuals through populations." As the recipient of our society's Distinguished Primatologist award, **Dr. Dick Dukelow** will address us with his "True Confessions of a Monkey Gynecologist." Featured speaker, **Dr. Terry Maple**, will speak on "Zoos as a Niche for Primatology" and **Dr. Steve Suomi**, will address the group with his lecture, "How do Jumpy Monkeys Survive?"

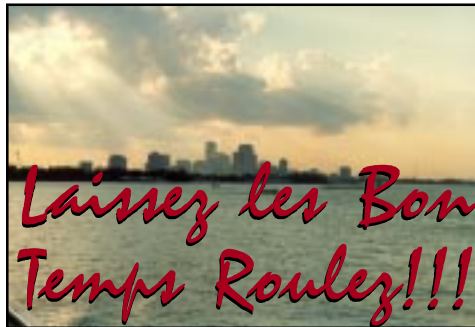
The day prior to the conference, August 12, a workshop on "The Care and Management of Captive Chimpanzees: Retirement from Laboratories to Sanctuaries" will be held from 9:00 to 4:30. Linda Brent, Fran Dolins, Erna Toback, and Mollie Bloomsmith have organized this workshop. Contact Linda Brent [lbrent@icarus.sfbr.org] if you would like to register for this event which is separate from the ASP conference.

Our conference will include some intriguing workshops. Janette Wallis has organized a workshop on "Technology in the Wild: A Workshop on the Technological Advances in Field Primatology." Under the guidance of Lynne Miller, the ASP Education Committee has organized an important workshop on public presentations, "Bringing Science to the Public: A Workshop in Giving Effective Presentations." This active ASP committee is also offering a roundtable discussion on an issue that should be of interest to many student members of the society: "Is there life after graduate school?: A roundtable discussion on career options beyond academia."

Tara Stoinski and Tony Rose have organized a workshop on "The African Bushmeat Crisis: New Findings, Theory and Solutions." Susan Lambeth and Linda Brent have organized a roundtable discussion on "Environmental Enrichment in the New Millennium."

Kathy Rasmussen has planned a roundtable discussion, "Encouraging Minority Participation in Primatology: Launching an ASP Initiative."

We have sessions of individually submitted abstracts on a wide variety of topics. These are listed in the Program Overview provided on pages 2 and 3 of this *Bulletin*. Poster sessions will be between 5:00PM and 7:00PM on Friday, August 13, and Saturday, August 14.



This year's Annual Meeting will be held in **New Orleans** from August 12-16. While this is not the heart of the tourist season in subtropical Louisiana, New Orleans is a great place to visit at any time of the year. The meetings will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, only a block and a half from the historic French Quarter, and all sessions will be completed by 7 or 8 PM to allow for dinner, Quarter crawling, and enjoyment of live music in the Quarter each evening.

Times for plenary sessions are different than in the past, so check your schedules. Poster sessions will be Friday and Saturday evening, and once again are arranged by topic for efficient viewing. Cash bars and food will be available....there are even rumors of butterfly shrimp and *muffalettas* at the opening reception, and *beignets* for morning coffee breaks.

The final "bash" will be aboard the Riverboat Natchez. The boat is docked at the wharf in the French Quarter, behind Jax Brewery on Decatur Street (kitty corner from Jackson Square on the uptown side). The boat will board between 6:30 and 7:00, so leave yourself plenty of time to get there. Once it leaves, it's gone, as is your entertainment and dinner for the evening!! There will be a Dixieland swing band, and the food will feature French Quarter Festival favorites, as only

We gratefully acknowledge the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Regional Primate Research Center of Tulane University for their support of the 1999 meeting. A big thanks to Margie Clarke who is working hard to put this meeting together!

If you have any questions about the program, please contact me. - *Mollie Bloomsmith, Program Committee Chair; Tel.: (404) 624-5990; Email: mbloomsmith@mindspring.com.*

New Orleans knows how to cook... Cash bars will be available. The boat will dock at 10:00 PM, allowing the early risers a chance to go back to the hotel, but the party will continue at dockside until 11:00 PM, at which point you can continue to party on nearby Bourbon St.

There will be a tour of the Tulane Primate Center the morning of August 16. If you are interested in the tour, contact Richard Harrison (harrison@tpc.tulane.edu) by August 9. The cost is \$10.00, payable at the meeting before 4:00PM on Friday, August 13.

The weather should be dry, by New Orleans standards, but always come ready for a rain shower. Everything indoors (including the steamboat) is well air-conditioned (bring a sweater!), and outside it should be around 85 degrees and 80% humidity. Many of the better restaurants require coat and tie (and appropriate female counterpart), so come prepared if you plan on wining and dining with the best. Lucky Dog has no dress code!

Come to enjoy...the meetings, the ambience of the Quarter. But also remember that New Orleans is a port city, with all of the associated dangers. Plan on visiting the Quarter in groups of 3 or 4 in the evening or early morning. The St. Charles streetcar line is fine for visiting the uptown section, and there is a steamboat that will take you to the zoo. For more distant museums and other tourist spots (including gambling at the riverfront), taxis are the appropriate mode of transportation.

Welcome to one of the most fascinating cities in the world. Not only a great place to visit, but the small town "feel" and warmth of the local people will reach out to you as soon as you touch down at the airport. Let the good times roll! - *Margie Clarke, Local Arrangements Chair* (Photo by M. Clarke)

ASP 1999 - Program Overview

Thursday, August 12th, 1999			
Morning	Workshop: The Care and Management of Captive Chimpanzees: Retirement from Laboratories to Sanctuaries. (Pre-registration required)		
Afternoon	12:00noon - 5:00pm Registration 12:00noon - 5:00pm Exhibits & Silent Auction Set-up 1:00pm - 6:00pm Standing Committee Meetings (times vary)		
Evening	6:00pm - 8:00pm Opening Reception (Food & Beverages)		
Friday, August 13th, 1999			
Morning	7:00am - 8:00am - Past Presidents' Breakfast 8:00am - 9:15am - Opening Remarks (various) & Keynote Address: Jeanne Altmann, "The Role of Social Grooming in a Primate Society: From Individuals through Populations"		
	9:30am - 12:00noon Session 1 Conservation	9:30am - 11:30am Session 2 Learning & Cognition, Part A	9:30am - 12:00noon Session 3 Infant Development & Maternal Behavior
	12:00noon - 1:30pm Lunch (and AJP Editorial Board Meeting) 1:30pm - 2:30pm Distinguished Primatologist's Lecture: W. Richard Dukelow, "True Confessions of a Monkey Gynecologist"		
Afternoon	2:45pm - 4:45pm Session 4 Ecology	2:45pm - 4:45pm Session 5 Learning & Cognition, Part B	2:45pm - 4:45pm Session 6 Breeding & Reproduction, Part A
	5:00pm - 7:00pm Session 7 Poster Session I: Breeding/Reproduction, Social Behavior, Colony Management/Enrichment, Demography/Population Studies/Genetics, Physiology/Endocrinology/Anatomy		
Saturday, August 14th, 1999			
Morning	8:00am - 10:45am Session 8 Social Behavior, Part A	8:00am - 9:45am Session 9 Ecology & Nutrition	8:00am - 10:30am Session 10 Neuroscience, Endocrinology, Biomedicine, and Physiology
	11:00am - 12:00noon Featured Speaker - Terry L. Maple, "Zoos as a Niche for Primatology" 12:00noon - 1:30pm Lunch (ASP Executive Committee Meeting)		
Afternoon	1:30pm - 3:30pm Session 11 Colony Management and Enrichment	2:00pm - 5pm Session 12 Workshop: The African Bushmeat Crisis: New Findings, Theory, and Solutions	1:30pm - 3:30pm Session 13 Human Evolution, Anatomy, and Growth 3:30pm - 5:00pm Session 14 Roundtable Discussion: Is There Life After Graduate School? A Roundtable Discussion on Career Options Beyond Academia
	5:00pm - 7:00pm Session 15 Poster Session II: Conservation/Ecology, Learning/Cognition, Maternal Behavior, Infant Development, Neuroscience/Biomedicine, Research Methods		

Remember: ASP Program information and registration details can also be found on the ASP's web site. Plus, there is a new "Members Only" section that provides online copies of the ASP Bulletin (including this issue), for when you inevitably misplace your hard copy. Go to: www.asp.org

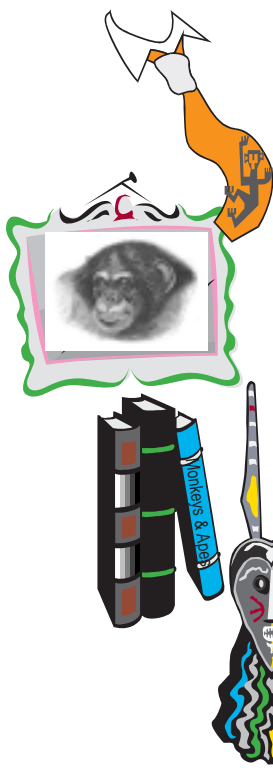
Sunday, August 15th, 1999			
Morning	8:00am - 11:00am Session 16 Social Behavior, Part B	8:00am - 11:00am Session 17 Workshop: Technology in the Wild: A Workshop on the Technological Advances in Field Primatology	8:00am - 11:00am Session 18 Roundtable Discussion: Encouraging Minority Participation in Primatology
	11:00am - 12:00noon Featured Speaker: Stephen J. Suomi, "How Do Jumpy Monkeys Survive?" 12:00noon - 1:30pm Lunch (And ASP Board of Directors' Meeting)		
Afternoon	1:30pm - 3:15pm Session 19 Breeding & Reproduction, Part B	1:30pm - 4:00pm Session 20 Roundtable Discussion: Environmental Enrichment in the New Millennium	1:30pm - 3:30pm Session 21 Workshop: Bringing Science to the Public: A Workshop in Giving Effective Presentations
	4:00pm - 5:30pm ASP Business Meeting		
Evening	6:30pm - 7:00pm Board boat for Dinner Cruise 7:00pm - 10:00pm Dinner Cruise 10:00pm - 11:00pm Boat docked for final hour of party!		
Monday, August 16th, 1999			
8:30am - 1:00pm Tour of Tulane Primate Center and Lunch			

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ASP Committee Notices

Conservation Committee

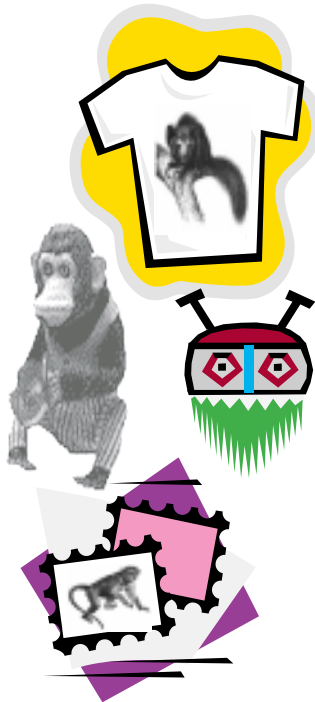
The Conservation Committee will hold its Seventh Annual Conservation Silent Auction at the ASP meeting August 12 to 16, 1999, at the Fairmont Hotel in beautiful New Orleans.



The Auction has become an anticipated event and an important fund raising activity for primate conservation.

You may bring your donations to the conference or you can mail them in advance to: Conservation Auction c/o Dr. Margaret Clarke, Dept. of Anthropology, Tulane University, 1201 Audubon St., New Orleans, LA 70118; E-mail address: mrclarke@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu. Primate-related items, crafts, and artwork are popular donation selections.

Your contribution to the Annual Conservation Silent Auction is an important contribution to primate conservation. - Sue Howell, Conservation Committee Member



Education Committee

The ASP Education Committee will sponsor two events in New Orleans. The first, **Is There Life After Graduate School?**, is a roundtable discussion on primate-related careers outside academia. It will bring together colleagues who have found permanent positions in zoological parks, research institutes, and the corporate world. It is our hope that both students and faculty will participate, voice their concerns about the future of primate-related careers, and share ideas about alternative career options. This event will be held Saturday, August 14, from 3:30 to 5:00.

The second event, **Bringing Science to the Public**, is a workshop on giving effective presentations, both oral and poster. We will pay particular attention to clear presentation of quantitative data, and how to integrate visual and verbal material. Students participating in the student competition are especially encouraged to attend, but all are welcome to come and share ideas. This workshop will take place on Sunday, August 15, from 1:30 to 3:30. - Lynne Miller, Education Committee Chair

Research & Development

In New Orleans, the Research and Development Committee will launch an ASP-wide minority initiative. The purpose will be to encourage greater minority participation in primatology. Discussants will outline programs proven effective for other organizations, including internships, education programs in schools and zoos, and ethnic diversity funds. ASP members are invited to attend and contribute ideas and insights. - Kathy Rasmussen, Research & Development Committee Chair

Andrews Becomes New Editor of the *American Journal of Primatology*

In April the ASP Board of Directors recommended to Wiley-Liss, the publisher of the *American Journal of Primatology*, that **Dr. Michael W. Andrews** be appointed as the new Editor of our journal. Wiley-Liss enthusiastically accepted the recommendation. Dr. Andrews replaces **Dr. Mike Raleigh**, who has served as AJP editor since 1992. Dr. Raleigh announced his intention to step down from his editorial post last year.

Dr. Andrews has clearly demonstrated his commitment to ASP, AJP, and primate research. He has served as a member and Chair of the ASP Publications Committee and as the Media Reviews Editor of AJP. He is an accomplished scientist with a strong record of peer-reviewed research in primate social develop-

ment and in computerized assessment of primate cognition and motor performance.

The process by which Dr. Andrews was selected began in November, 1998, with the appointment of a search committee chaired by Dr. Jeff French and including Drs. Suzette Tardif and John Mitani. The search committee reflected the broad disciplinary views of anthropology, zoology, and psychology, and included an advisory group of current and/or former journal editors (Jeanne Altmann, Mike Raleigh, Chuck Snowdon). The search committee called for and accepted applications through mid-January. The committee's recommendation was then presented to and discussed by the Publications Committee. Acting on behalf of the Publications Committee, Dr. Bennett

Dyke in turn forwarded his committee's recommendation to the ASP Board of Directors.

We believe that Dr. Andrews will be a worthy successor to Dr. Raleigh, whose long and excellent work as editor of AJP we greatly appreciate. We look forward to equally high standards of performance from Dr. Andrews. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Andrews to his new post. - *Nancy Caine, ASP President*

New address for *American Journal of Primatology* manuscript submissions:

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Second, and hopefully final, dues notices should have arrived to those requiring them by now. Please pay at your earliest convenience. MANY members from 1998 have yet to pay. All individuals that pay by July 1, 1999 are guaranteed to be included in the 1999 ASP Directory. Remember, you can pay at the website by Visa or Mastercard. AJP subscriptions are taking a minimum of 8 weeks to start from the time that I receive your payment. I have had no luck speeding up this process, but am continuing to press the publisher. - Steve Schapiro, ASP Treasurer, sschapir@mdanderson.org

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

Perhaps one of the more pressing questions on many minds this year is whether ASP Featured Speaker, Terry Maple will be compelled to serenade conference attendees with his "Psongs My Psychologist Taught Me." These songs, first published in the *Worm Runner's Digest* (Vol. 18, 1976) and later republished in ASP's *Primate Humor Booklet* (1994), consist of "rewritten" lyrics of popular songs. Who can forget "The Hamadryas Love Song (You always herd the ones you love)" or "The Most Beautiful Go-

rilla (.that knuckle-walked out on me)?" And, of course, we all recall the romantic ballad, "Baboon" ("Baboon, you saw me standing alone, without a troop and apart, without a bond of my own.") Let us hope that Maple will indeed grace us with his baritone vocalizations.

Copies of the *Primate Humor Booklet* will be available for sale at the Conservation Auction, so you can even sing along. (All proceeds from sale of the Booklet go to the ASP's Conservation Fund.)

Get Ready!!!

To help you prepare for your visit to New Orleans, check out these internet web sites....

General Info:

Preview Travel Destination Guides (Fodor's):

http://destinations.previewtravel.com/DestGuides/0,1208,WEB_55,00.html

"Virtually New Orleans" - history, museums, entertainment:

<http://www.yatcom.com/neworl/vno.html>

Links to sightseeing, weather, etc.:

<http://www.usacitylink.com/new-orleans/>

General tourist information:

<http://www.neworleansweb.org/>

Specifics:

All about the French Quarter:

<http://www.frenchquarter.com/>

Fairmont Hotel - the ASP conference hotel:

http://www.fairmont.com/Hotels/Index_NO.html

The Steamboat Natchez - A Mississippi Riverboat, where we'll have our closing banquet:

<http://www.steamboatnatchez.com/>

And, of course, The American Society of Primatologists' web site provides all program and registration details -

<http://www.asp.org>

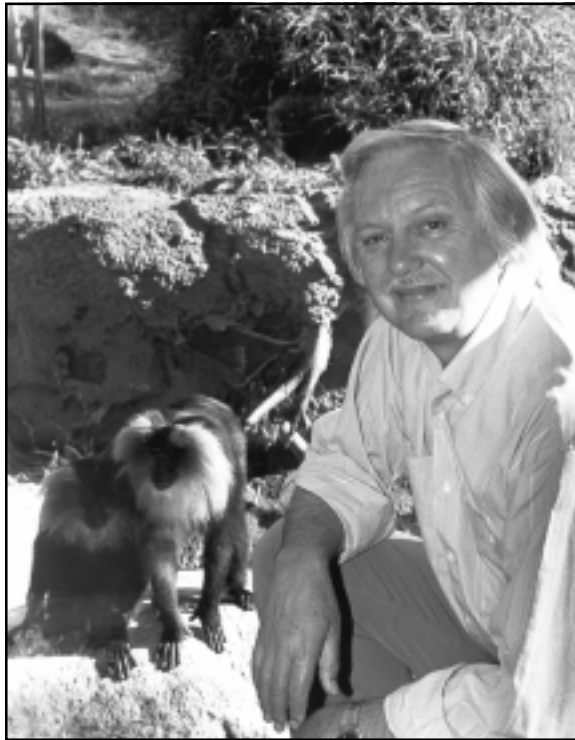


Honoring Primatologists

Dr. Donald Lindburg Receives AZA President's Award

AZA's President's Award was presented to **Donald Lindburg, Ph.D.**, behavior division head at CRES, "for outstanding and dedicated service to the Association and to the Profession." This award recognizes Dr. Lindburg's years of conservation and research efforts and his dedication to the giant panda initiative. David Town, AZA president, noted that Dr. Lindburg is a "valuable and distinguished member of the zoological community. His contributions greatly exemplify the highest standard of service and professionalism."

Before his work with giant pandas at the San Diego Zoo, Dr. Lindburg studied **macaques** for more than 30 years, and he has also worked with cheetahs, lemurs, condors, rhinos, drills, and golden monkeys. He taught anthropology at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and joined the CRES staff in 1979. Since then he has contributed significant research findings to the studies of reproduction and social interaction in captive lion-tailed macaque populations. In 1990, Dr. Lindburg won the National Zoological Park/Friends of the National Zoo Centennial Award for Excellence in Zoo Research. He is the former



Lindburg and friends (lion-tailed macaques, *Macaca silenus*) (Photo © Zoological Society of San Diego)

Editor of the journal *Zoo Biology**, Species Coordinator for the Giant Panda (AZA), and team leader for the Zoological Society's panda program.

The American Society of Primatologists consists of many very talented individuals. It's no surprise, then, that ASP members are often recognized by others for their outstanding achievements. This new feature highlights special honors received by our members. If you know a primatologist who is an *active member of ASP* and has received recent national or international recognition, please contact the *ASP Bulletin* Editor (janette-wallis@ouhsc.edu).



Donald Lindburg was a founding father and a former President of ASP. He has also served on a number of ASP Committees.

We congratulate Don for this important award from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.



*Note: The new Editor of *Zoo Biology* is Dan Wharton, Ph.D., Central Park Wildlife Center, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021-7095.

1999 ASP Membership Directory Coming Soon!!

Want a copy?
Want to be listed in it?
Then you'd better make sure you've
paid your 1999 ASP dues or you're
outta luck!

Contact ASP Treasurer, Steve
Schapiro today!
sschapiro@mdanderson.org

Changes to PRIMATE-JOBS Format

The Primate Information Network has made the following changes to the Primate-Jobs listing service:

1) A new category **Animal Care/Laboratory Tech Positions** has been created. Please use this category when appropriate for your listing. This applies to both positions available and positions wanted.

2) The category **Training/Educational Programs** has been changed to **Educational Programs, Internships, Field Courses**. This category pertains to educational opportunities, not to positions per se. Those wanting to list their educational programs (primate related only) should adopt the form to their needs.

We have been averaging around 17,000 hits a month on this Web page, so people are looking at the listings. For security purposes, once a position is submitted, changes must be sent

to the Primate-Jobs Administrator, Paul Dubois (pinadmin@primate.wisc.edu). He will make changes in your listings.

If you are looking for someone to fill a position, please consider reviewing the positions wanted category for potential candidates.

Primate-Jobs and other Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center Internet services are supported by grant number RR00167, Regional Primate Centers Program, National Center for Research Resources, the National Institutes of Health.

If you have any questions about using Primate-Jobs, please contact: Larry Jacobsen, Primate-Jobs Coordinator, Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison, jacobsen@primate.wisc.edu; www.primate.wisc.edu. - Paul DuBois, P-JAdministrator; pinadmin@primate.wisc.edu

Conservation Conversation



Study of Conservation Biology on the White-Headed Langur, *Presbytis leucocephalus*, in China

Zhaoyuan Li, Chinese Academy of Sciences & University of Edinburgh, 1996 and 1997 ASP Grant Recipient

Fieldwork on the conservation biology of the white-headed langur, *Presbytis leucocephalus*, has been carried out in Bapen Reserve, Fusui County, and Longrui Reserve (now part of Longgang Reserve), in Ningming County, between Sept. 2, 1996 and Sept. 13, 1998. The objective was to evaluate the impacts of habitat fragmentation on the langur survival. Key questions to be answered were whether or not and how the langur species has adapted to the fragmented habitat behaviorally and in social structure. Fieldwork included surveys of vegetation patch distribution, langur population density, data collection on climate, vegetation composition, phenology, diet, and habitat use. Conventional field techniques were employed. Information on conservation issues was also collected.

The following preliminary findings have been obtained:

1. Bapen was in a relatively dry environment where rainfall changed seasonally and temperature fluctuated more widely compared to other colobine study sites in Asia. Because of vegetation clearance, the habitat in Bapen has become an island, severely fragmented. Plant species richness was negatively related to the extent of human disturbance.

2. Compared to some other sites in which there is more rainfall, species richness was higher in the limestone forest in Bapen, which did not follow the general pattern of species richness increasing with rainfall, and might be due to the wider amplitude of temperature fluctuation.

3. Vegetation experienced a seasonal change in flushing and fruiting. Temperature was a main factor in shaping leaf phenological pattern. A simple relationship between fruiting and any single environmental factor was not detected.

4. The white-headed langur prefers larger



continuous but not fragmented habitat. Because of habitat loss and selective hunting pressure, habitat fragmentation has caused subpopulations of langur disappearing in a habitat fragment of century ago and another fragment recently, and going extinct in a fragment. The population size is estimated to be 164-362 in Bapen Reserve and an overestimate of

410 made for Longgang Reserve. While maintaining stable in Longgang Reserve, it is declining in Bapen Reserve, which is indicated by 24.7% of decrease in population size, 48.5% in group density, and 55.5% in population density in the fragment Longgengshuang Hill (LGS). Habitat loss and hunting pressure may be responsible for the decline.

5. There is vacant habitat. If further effort is made, there will still be living space for langur population growth.

Further data processing is still going on, and the results will be reported in future publications. - Zhaoyuan Li ICAPB, Division of Biological Sciences, The University of Edinburgh, Ashworth Labs, King's Buildings West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3JT, UK; Tel.: 0131-650 5510; Fax: 0131-650 6564; E-mail: zhaoyuan@srv0.bio.ed.ac.uk.



(Photos of white-headed langurs and Chinese study site by Zhaoyuan Li)

Conservation Conversation (cont.)

Conservation Organizations, Zoological Parks, Animal Welfare Advocates, and Medical Researchers Call for Immediate Action to Address the Commercial Bushmeat Crisis in Tropical African Countries

On 19 February 1999, 34 experts, representing 28 different organizations and agencies, assembled at the offices of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) in Silver Spring, Maryland to discuss the commercial bushmeat crisis in tropical African countries and its impact on threatened and endangered species, particularly great apes. Participants in this meeting and many others in a growing worldwide network of concerned conservationists, zoo biologists, animal welfare advocates, and medical researchers, have developed the following consensus statement:

While we have our differences in approach, there is strong consensus that the commercial bushmeat trade in tropical African countries is having dire consequences, not only for wildlife, but also for people in Africa and throughout the world. If current unsustainable rates of exploitation continue, the commercial bushmeat trade will decimate, if not eliminate, some endangered species, such as great apes, forest elephants, and other fauna upon which the health of forest ecosystems depend. Indeed, it may have already caused the extinction of Miss Waldron's red colobus monkey, which formerly existed in the forested zones of Ivory Coast and Ghana.

The African great apes—chimpanzees, gorillas, and bonobos—are at particular risk. In fact, this illegal trade is destroying free-ranging populations of chimpanzees just when a proposal has been made that their protection in the wild may be important for understanding how to control the spread of HIV and other emerging infectious diseases in humans. Moreover, the killing and dressing of chimpanzee meat in the bush may present a human health risk for those engaged in this trade and is a potential point of entry for new diseases into the global human population.

Therefore, this group of concerned organizations and individuals is united in calling for immediate steps to halt the negative consequences of the illegal commercial trade in endangered and threatened species. The most pressing of these steps is the need for a wide array of mechanisms for public education in Africa and throughout the world as to the causes, consequences, and appropriate solutions to this crisis. This public education campaign should begin as soon as possible.

The governments of developed nations and, in particular, multilateral aid agencies should redouble their commitment to conservation and sustainable development in tropical African countries. They, along with corporate donors and foundations, should provide the human and financial resources necessary to seek workable solutions. Central and West African governments and conservation organizations have helped to establish a network of protected areas. However, there is presently inadequate political will and financial support to maintain a viable protected area system. Until responsible environmental action is a condition for international development loans and financing, until African governments take full responsibility for enforcing existing laws and maintaining vigilance against corruption, and until policy makers put the value of protecting wildlife ahead of immediate financial gain, there will be no way to stem the loss of tropical Africa's irreplaceable biological heritage, including our closest living relatives, the great apes. Logging companies, mining firms, and other extractive industries bear a significant responsibility for the growth of the unregulated commercial bushmeat trade. They must ensure that illegal hunting of threat-

ened and endangered species is prohibited in their concessions and minimize their impact on wildlife by providing alternative sources of food for their employees. They should also do all they can to contribute to equitable, transparent, and lasting solutions.

All of the organizations and individuals endorsing this statement will ensure that a common response to both the conservation and medical challenges is built upon a foundation of respect for the people who live in the areas in question. Solutions to the current bushmeat crisis must be developed in cooperation with the citizens of Africa, with their needs and aspirations in mind. This is especially important given that bushmeat has provided and continues to provide an important food source for the rural inhabitants of bushmeat trade countries.

Over the next several weeks and months, a Task Force will be formed to work with others to better define both the immediate as well as the medium and long-term components of this important campaign. In the meantime, we will be working with like-minded organizations throughout the world to help respond to this crisis. There is hope for a solution but action must be taken soon.

Organizational Signatories:

- African Wildlife Foundation
- American Society of Primatologists
- American Zoo and Aquarium Association
- Bonobo Conservation Initiative
- Bonobo Protection Fund
- Center for Applied Biodiversity Science
- Conservation International
- The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International
- ECOFACT
- European Association of Zoos & Aquariums
- Fauna and Flora International
- The Fund for Animals
- The Gorilla Foundation
- Greenpeace International
- The Humane Society of the United States/Humane Society International
- International Fund for Animal Welfare
- International Gorilla Conservation Programme
- Jane Goodall Institute
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Hulp aan Dieren
- The Primate Society of Great Britain
- Rainforest Action Network
- Society for Conservation Biology
- Tierhilfswerk Austria
- Wildlife Conservation Society
- World Society for the Protection of Animals
- World Wildlife Fund, U.S.

[Editor's Note: In addition, more than 40 individuals have signed this consensus statement. For more information, please contact: Michael Hutchins, Ph.D., Director, Conservation and Science, American Zoo and Aquarium Association, 8403 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3314; MHutchins@aza.org; Tel.: (301) 562-0777, ext. 240; Fax: (301) 562-0888.]

Conservation Conversation (cont.)

The Great Ape Conservation Act of 1999 (U. S. Senate #1007- May 12, 1999)

Last month, U.S. Senator Jim Jeffords (R. Vt.) introduced legislation to assist in the conservation of great apes and attempt to halt the illegal trade in the meat of wild animals including great apes. "The Great Ape Conservation Act of 1999" would provide support and financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of great apes, and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of great apes.

Jeffords' bill is modeled after his successful African and Asian Elephant Conservation Act, and Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act. The legislation will authorize up to \$5 million per year to fund various projects to aid in the preservation of the endangered great apes.

For the full text of the bill and current status, search "S. 1007" on the legislative web site: <http://thomas.loc.gov/> or contact Christine Wolf at The Fund for Animals (CWolf@fund.org). Additional information is on the Bushmeat Project's web site at: <http://biosynergy.org/bushmeat/>.

The following is a copy of the speech made by Senator Jefford to the U.S. Senate on May 13, 1999.

Mr. President, yesterday I introduced a bill to assist in the preservation of the great apes. The bill, the 'Great Ape Conservation Act of 1999', is modeled after the highly successful African and Asian Elephant Conservation Acts, and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act. It will authorize up to \$5 million per year to fund various projects to aid in the preservation of the endangered great apes.

Great ape populations currently face many threats, including habitat loss, population fragmentation, live capture, and hunting for the bushmeat trade. Of all these threats, the danger posed by the increasing bushmeat trade is the most severe. This trade is being facilitated by the construction of inroads to logging areas, which allows once remote forests to be linked directly with urban markets.

Chimpanzees, gorillas, and bonobos, once hunted sustainably, now face population destruction due to increased illegal trade, power-

ful weapons, and high market prices. This consumption of ape meat not only threatens ape populations, but poses severe health risks to humans. Human contraction of many viruses, including the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) has been linked to the slaughter and consumption of apes. With the loss of ape populations, comes the loss of critical medical knowledge that can be obtained through simple, noninvasive research on wild populations. Some estimates suggest that several thousand apes are killed every year across West and Central Africa, a level that is unsustainable and means the certain destruction of viable populations in the very near future.

If we do not act now, not only will great apes face extinction, but the ecosystems that depend on their contributions will suffer. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting legislation that can provide funding to the local farming, education and enforcement projects that can have the greatest positive impact. This small, but critical investment of U.S. taxpayer money, matched with private funds, could secure the future of these extraordinary animals.

E-BIOMED: A Proposal for Electronic Publications in the Biomedical Sciences

On May 5th, Harold Varmus, Director of the NIH, David Lipman, Director of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NLM/NIH) and Pat Brown, Stanford University, published an essay on the NIH web site, proposing a new system for electronic publishing. Comments on the proposal are currently being encouraged. The following was excerpted from the proposal:

"In this essay, we propose a system for electronic publication of new results and ideas in the biomedical sciences. We do this with the conviction that such means of publication can accelerate the dissemination of information, enrich the reading experience, deepen discussions among scientists, reduce frustrations with traditional mechanisms for publication, and save substantial sums of public and private money.

"In the plan we envision, E-biomed would transmit and maintain, in both permanent online and downloaded archives, reports in the many fields that constitute biomedical research, including clinical research, cell and molecular biology, medically-related behavioral research,

bioengineering, and other disciplines allied with biology and medicine. The essential feature of the plan is simplified, instantaneous cost-free access by potential readers to E-biomed's entire content in a manner that permits each reader to pursue his or her own interests as productively as possible. And we suggest a mechanism for governance (the E-biomed Governing Board) that involves all of the parties concerned—the scientific community (readers and authors), editors, computer specialists, and funding agencies."

"The essential feature of the plan is simplified, instantaneous cost-free access by potential readers to E-biomed's entire content in a manner that permits each reader to pursue his or her own interests as productively as possible. We have attempted to endow the plan with the flexibility necessary for evolution as patterns of use become established and as new opportunities for enriching the system are proposed.

The full text is available at: <http://www.nih.gov/welcome/director/ebiomed/ebiomed.htm>.

Field Census Data Wanted

I am looking for field census data to test a model for projecting relative contributions of developmental stages to population growth in free-ranging primate populations. In addition to what is in the literature, I need serial counts — two or more counts of the same group at different times (preferably separated by 2 years or more). Any system of age or developmental stage classification is acceptable. If you are willing to share these data, please contact Andrew Petto, Division of Liberal Arts, University of the Arts, 320 S Broad St, Philadelphia PA 19102-4994; 215/875-1104; FAX: 215/546-2027; editor@natcensci.org.

If you wish to announce a job opening or upcoming conference in the next *ASP Bulletin*, please contact the Editor: Janette Wallis, (405) 271-5251, ext. 47612; janette-wallis@ouhsc.edu
DEADLINE for the September issue of the *ASP Bulletin* - August 31.

Employment Opportunities in Primatology and Related Fields

Research Scientist, Biotech Company in Southern California. This position requires development of *in vivo* models for research and drug development. The candidate should have experience in *in vivo* models, *in vitro* models isolating, and application of analytical methods to study function in tissues including biochemical and molecular biology studies. Techniques include: PCR cloning, DNA sequencing, mutagenesis, subcloning of DNA fragments, *in vitro* transcription, Southern and Northern blot analysis, mRNA isolation, DNA transfection into mammalian cells in culture, recombinant protein expressions (e.g. baculovirus systems and CHO cells). Contact for more details. Qualifications: Ph.D. in Life Sciences. Contact: Natalie Kiwi, The Agency, 14622 Ventura Blvd., #432, Sherman Oaks, CA, 91403; Tel.: (818) 906-7000; Fax: (818) 906-7184; E-mail: nkiwi@biopharmajobs.com.

Attending Veterinarian (PVL#31743). The Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center (WRPRC) is seeking applicants for the position of research animal veterinarian. This is a senior level management position, with responsibility for the oversight of veterinary and animal care divisions at the Center. The WRPRC is an AAALAC-I accredited facility housing approximately 1,100 rhesus macaques and common marmosets. The successful applicant will be responsible for the oversight and management of animal services, which includes veterinary and animal care, at the WRPRC, and will be assisted by two clinical veterinarians. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: maintaining all practices in accordance with AAALAC-I standards, the Guide for the Care and Use of Animals, and the animal welfare regulations; designing and implementing programs of preventive medicine for the research colony; oversight of the surgical facility; assuring primate center compliance with the UW occupational health and safety program; providing employee training; and direct supervision of the colony manager in the daily management of the animal care program. The successful applicant will be responsible for providing clinical and surgical support as necessary, in the absence of other clinical veterinary staff. The successful applicant will assist research staff in developing grant proposals, animal care and use protocols, and provide continued consultation and training during the course of their projects. Qualifications: D.V.M. or equivalent degree from an AVMA accredited school of veterinary medicine. Experience in the daily care and management of nonhuman primates in a research facility. Strong proven

administrative skills, including knowledge of and experience in meeting AAALAC-I accreditation and federal compliance programs. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills, as well as strong clinical and surgical skills. ACLAM board certification is highly desirable. Annual renewable appointment. **Application Deadline: June 24, 1999.** University of Wisconsin is an equal opportunity employer. Contact: Dr. Joe Kemnitz, c/o Susan Carlson, Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Ctr, 1220 Capitol Ct., Madison, WI 53715-1299; Tel.: (608) 263-3500; Fax: (608) 263-1984; E-mail: carlson@primate.wisc.edu

Administrative Assistant, Karisoke Research Center, Rwanda (The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International). Primary duties include assistance in management of our Rwandan field staff of gorilla trackers and anti-poaching patrols, preparation of field reports, payroll, and financial reports, and regular contact with Rwandan governmental and non-governmental organizations. While this is primarily an administrative support position with limited opportunity for field work with mountain gorillas, the assistant will participate in and have responsibility for several ongoing conservation related field projects. Qualifications: Conversational level French and English (Swahili is desirable), computer expertise, travel or field work in Africa, completed bachelor's degree in biology, anthropology, wildlife management, or related field. Salary is \$500/month. Free room and board in Rwanda and a roundtrip air ticket. Appointment is for one year, with renewal for second year an option. We expect to fill this position **no later than 30 June, 1999.** Contact: Dr. H. Dieter Steklis, Chief Director, International Science and Conservation Program, The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International, Rutgers University, Dept. of Anthropology, Box 270 New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0270; Tel.: (732) 932-9351; Fax: (732) 932-1564; E-mail: science@gorillafund.org.

There are **several primate-related positions** advertised through Emory University's web site: www.emory.edu. (Two listed below.)

Supervisor, Animal Care, Emory University (Yerkes Primate Center). Supervises the daily operation of one large animal care facility or multiple small facilities. Assists investigative and veterinary staff. Observes animals for signs of illness, trauma, or social instability and reports abnormalities to the appropriate veterinary staff. Monitors the administration of special diets and medication. Supervises the main-

tenance of research animals, their cages, and facilities. Collects medical specimens. Trains and supervises staff. Requires a high school diploma or equivalent, four years of animal husbandry or related animal care experience which must include one year of laboratory animal experience and one year in a lead or supervisory capacity. Must be able to lift up to 75 lbs., willing to work in inclement weather in an indoor/outdoor work environment, with exposure to biohazards and potentially dangerous animals. Lab animal management, leadership skills, and working with primates preferred. Individual should also be certified by AALAS and be computer literate. See Emory web site for more information: www.emory.edu. Salary: \$10.62 - \$16.99 per hour. Contact: Frank Leist, Recruiting Specialist, Emory University, Human Resources, 1762 Clifton Road, Atlanta, 30322; Tel.: (404) 251-5627; Fax: (404) 727-7108; E-mail: fleist@emory.edu.

Senior Laboratory Assistant, Emory University (Yerkes Primate Center). Performs standard procedures which may involve the use of instruments, chemicals, solutions, laboratory animals, and related equipment. Cleans, sets-up and stores equipment. Assists in library searches and report writing. Prepares media, reagents, chemical solutions, and stains according to special requirements. Performs routine laboratory tests and research experiment procedures. Maintains required record-keeping. May work with small animals including monitoring, data collection, care taking, and surgery preparation and participation. **This is a temporary position!** A high school diploma or equivalent, three years of laboratory experience required. Ideal candidate should have an educational background (degree not required) in a related science field, i.e., biology, anthropology, or psychology. Previous experience in animal research (primate experience is beneficial) is preferred. Applicants with computer skills, especially in database applications and digital image editing, will be given highest consideration. See Emory University web site for more information: <http://www.emory.edu>. Salary: \$7.80 - 12.50 per hour. Contact: Frank Leist, Recruiting Specialist, Emory University Human Resources, 1762 Clifton Road, Atlanta, USA; Tel.: (404) 251-5627; Fax: (404) 727-7108; E-mail: fleist@emory.edu.

Laboratory Animal Medicine Technicians, Sierra Biomedical, Inc. We are seeking candidates who are interested in working in a pharmaceutical research environment. We currently have positions for experienced or entry level

Employment Opportunities (cont.)

Lab Animal Technicians and Research Technicians. We work exclusively with nonhuman primates. Candidates will be responsible for the following: Feed and tend to animal needs; clean cages; provide enrichment devices; observe animals and report illnesses or behavioral abnormalities. Routinely handle animals as required for duties. Must be able to lift at least 75 lbs. Perform other related duties as assigned. We prefer 6 months to 1 year of animal husbandry experience, but are willing to train otherwise qualified applicants. Beginning entry level rate: \$8-\$10 no experience, \$10-plus for experienced technicians. **Deadline: July 15, 1999.** Please forward resume to: Shauna Bauman, Director of Human Resources, Sierra Biomedical, Inc. 587 Dunn Circle, Sparks, Nevada, 89431, USA; Tel.: (775) 331-2201; Fax: (775) 331-2289; E-mail: sbauman@sierrabiomedical.com.

Primate Caregiver/Behaviorist, Wildlife Waystation (Retirement). Responsible for the daily care and enrichment of 50+ Chimpanzees retired from Bio-Medical Research. Qualifications: At least 5 years experience working with juvenile and adult primates/chimpanzees. Salary: Commensurate with experience. Support provided for internship/volunteer positions (travel, meals, Contact: Dean Seymour, Wildlife Waystation, 14831 Little Tujunga Canyon Road Angeles Nat'l Forest, CA, U.S.A. 91342-5999; Tel.: (818) 899-5201; Fax: (818) 890-1107; E-mail: info@waystation.org

Research Assistant, University of Maryland, Baltimore. Challenging research opportunity to perform complex experimental protocols related obesity, diabetes and aging in a unique colony of nonhuman primates. Requires Bachelors degree in a related science plus one year of relevant laboratory work experience or a Masters degree in a related field. The preferred candidate will be proficient in basic decision making regarding specialized animal husbandry, the carrying out of experiments, overseeing protocols and performing data analysis. Salary: \$23,948 - \$26,000. For more information visit our website at www.umaryland.edu/hs. Contact: Dana Randolph, University of Maryland, Baltimore Human Resource Services, 737 W. Lombard Street Baltimore, MD; Tel.: (410) 706-7171 Fax: (410) 706-8178 E-mail: drandolp@hr.umaryland.edu.

Research Assistant, Thomas Jefferson University. Full time behavior pharmacology position open in Parkinson's disease research laboratory. Applicant must have BS degree in psy-

chology or biology and experience handling primates. Duties include behavioral training/testing and data analysis of macaques and squirrel monkeys. Parkinsonian primates are trained to perform cognitive tasks (either within a Wisconsin box or computer-touch screen). Opportunity to work in other areas of research within the lab as well. Qualifications: BS degree in psychology or biology, experience handling primates in a research situation. Salary negotiable, full-time with benefits. **Application Deadline: until filled.** Must be a caring person who supports animal research in medicine. Contact: Maria Van Velson, Thomas Jefferson University, JAH Rm. 561, 1020 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107; Tel.: (215)503-0400; E-mail: maria.vanvelson@mail.tju.edu.

Curator / Animal Keeper, Suncoast Primate Sanctuary. Thirty-year-old private, non-profit, primate facility in Southwestern Florida interested in interviewing applicants for one or more positions. Facility currently undergoing extensive renovations with openings for volunteers, interns, and salaried employees. Additional keeper(s) and support personnel needed to assist in the care of our small monkeys (capu-

chins, spiders, guenons, etc.) as well as great apes (chimpanzees, orangutans, and lowland gorillas). Animal husbandry experience desirable as is a sincere commitment to our ambitious redevelopment plans. Located in an attractive community (1 block from the Gulf of Mexico) with a reasonable cost of living. **Application Deadline: Open until filled.** Please send a resume and a brief description of your interest(s) to: Suncoast Primate Sanctuary, 4612 Alternate 19, Palm Harbor, Florida, 34683; E-mail: Scott@motif.mgh.harvard.edu.

Zookeeper/Caretaker, Primarily Primates, Inc. Primarily Primates, Inc., a non-profit animal sanctuary, is accepting applications for Caregiver/Zookeeper. References and minimum two years experience at an AZA-accredited zoo are required. A unique opportunity to work with a wide variety of primate species in a sanctuary setting. History of direct care with Callitrichids or chimpanzees a plus. Good communication skills essential. Position ideal for independent self-motivated mature individual. Position is outside in all weather with low pay. Fax resume to: William W. Swett, Primarily Primates, Inc., (830) 755-2435.

Volunteer Positions

Volunteer Supervisor, Drill Rehabilitation & Breeding Center. Work with national staff and ex-patriate director(s) to rehabilitate orphaned drills and develop drill breeding groups for eventual release to the wild. Chimpanzees are also maintained. Volunteers actively participate in all aspects of project including veterinary, administration, animal care, conservation education, fund-raising and basic project operations. Volunteers rotate between urban and field sites. The following are desirable but none are strictly required: animal, veterinary or health care experience; developing country experience; practical and mechanical skills. Salary dependent upon experience. Food, lodging, most in-country expenses provided. Term of Appointment: one year. **Application Deadline: ongoing.** Contact: Liza Gadsby, Pandrillus, H.E.P.O. Box 826, Nigeria; Tel.: 234 (87) 234-310; Fax: E-mail: drill@hyperia.com.

Volunteer Logistics Manager, CERCOPAN, Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria. Ensuring upkeep and maintenance of equipment and enclosures at primate rehabilitation centre, forest site (basic facilities only), including electric fence enclosures (solar powered) and Calabar facility (city location). Basic mechanical knowl-

edge essential (Land Rover, or VW experience asset). Basic knowledge of carpentry, welding, mechanics, etc., interest in conservation issues and primate rehabilitation is particularly necessary. Willing to tackle almost anything as well as learn on the job! Will also be training local staff. Living conditions at forest site VERY basic. Must enjoy "roughing it" in hot, humid (but enjoyable and challenging) environment! Qualifications: Relevant certification for mechanics, or similar trade preferred, but hands on experience and wide-ranging abilities essential. Must be a team player, easy going and a people person. Understanding and tolerance of different cultures, also of development issues essential. Good humour and patience also required. **No salary,** self funded. Possible flight London-Lagos- return, flight (in country) and work related travel meals and accommodation provided. One year minimum commitment with possible extension. Submit CV enclosed with email application, and not as attached file. Include letter stating why you want to work in a primate rehabilitation project and in Africa. State travel experience. Contact: Zena Tooze, CERCOPAN, Aintree Cottage Low St. Sloley, Norfolk UK NR12 8HD; Tel.: +44 (0)1692 538 342; E-mail: cercopan@compuserve.com.

Conference and Workshop Announcements

Communication and Social Ethology, 14-16 July 1999. Location: Lisbon, Portugal. Sponsor: Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour. Contact: R. F. Oliveira E-mail: ruio1@ispa.pt; Fax: 315-1-8860954.

Brazilian Primatological Society, IX Congress, 25-29 July 1999. Location: Mello Leitco, Santa Teresa, Espmrito Santo, Brazil. Focus: Primate Conservation—Perspectives for the 21st Century. Contact: Sirgio Lucena Mendes, Museu de Biologia Brazil; Tel.: (027) 259-1182; Fax: (027) 259-1182; E-mail: mendes@sigma.tropical.com.br.

Society for the Study of Reproduction (Annual), 31 July to 3 August 1999, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, USA. Contact: (Pre-registration materials) SSR Business Office, 1603 Monroe Street, Madison, WI 53711-2021; Tel.: (608) 256-2777; Fax: (608) 256-4610; E-mail: ssr@ssr.org. For meeting information and updates: <http://www.ssr.org>.

American Veterinary Medical Association, 10-14 August 1999. Location: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA; Tel.: (847) 925-8070.

American Society of Primatologists (22nd Annual), 12-16 August 1999. Location: Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Contact: Program Chair, Mollie Bloomsmith, TECHLab, Zoo Atlanta, 800 Cherokee Ave., S.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30315; Tel.: (404) 624-5990; Fax: (404) 627-7514; E-mail: mbloomsmith@mindspring.com. Local arrangements: Margaret Clarke, Department of Anthropology, Tulane University, 1021 Audubon St, New Orleans, LA 70118; Tel.: (504) 865-5336; Fax: (504) 865-5338; E-mail: mrclarke@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu. For more info see the ASP Web site (www.asp.org) and related articles in this newsletter.

6th Congress of the Gesellschaft Fuer Primatologie, 18-22 August 1999, Utrecht, The Netherlands. Meeting will be hosted by the Projectgroep Ethologie & Socio-oecologie, Utrecht University. Invited speakers will focus on "Perspectives in Primatology." The program committee invites individuals to present perspectives on their scientific work in any field of primatology. For more information contact Annet Louwerse, Liesbeth Sterck or Jan van Hooft at: GfP, Projectgroep Ethologie & Socio-oecologie, Pb 80.086, 3508 TB Utrecht, NL; Tel: +31-(0) 30-2535401; Fax: +31-(0)30-2521105; E-mail: Kongr.GfP@Bio.UU.nl. All information including deadlines, fees, registra-

tion form etc. may also be obtained via the society's web page: <http://www.dpz.gwdg.de/gfp/utrecht99.htm>.

American Psychological Association (107th Annual), 20-24 August 1999. Location: Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Contact: CPSE Office, Courtney Leyendecker; Tel.: (202) 336-6126; URL: apa.org/convention/.

Conference on Environmental Enrichment (4th International), 29 August- 3 September 1999. Location: Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. **Abstract deadline: 31 March 1999.** Contact: In Conference Limited, 10B Broughton Street Lane, Edinburgh EH1 3LY, Scotland, UK; Fax: +44 131 556 9638; E-mail: incoference@cablenet.co.uk.

World Anthropology at the Turn of the Century, IVth International Congress of Ales Hrdlička, 31 August to 4 September 1999. Location: Praha-Humpolec, Czech Republic. Organized by: Charles University in Prague, Czech Anthropological Society, Town Humpolec, National Museum, Prague, Museum of Dr. Ales Hrdlička, Prague. Focus: Theory, History, Methodology, Human Evolution...Primatology. Contact: Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague, Viniená 7, 128 44 Praha 2, Czech Republic; Tel.: 420 2 21900144; Email: vaclav.vancata@pdf.cuni.cz (Vaclav Vancata); web site: <http://www.natur.cuni.cz/hardlicka>.

La Asociacion Mexicana de Primatologica (AMP)—Simposio Nacional de Primatologica, 6-9 September, 1999. Location: Catemaco, Veracruz, Mexico. Theme: Investigacion y conservacion de primates neotropicales. Other themes: Se podran proponer ponencias, paneles y carteles individuales o colectivos sobre otros temas relacionados con la primatologia no humana. Contact: Dr. Jorge Martinez, Depto. de Filosofia, UAM-IZTAPALAPA, APDO. POS TAL 55-536, 09340 Mexico, D.F. Telephone: (5) 724 47 85 Fax: (5) 724 4778 E-mail: amp@xanum.uam.mx Note: Fecha limite de recepcion de propuestas: 31 de Mayo de 1999.

Models Primatologicos de La Evolucion Humana, Asociacion Primatologica Expanola (APE, III Congreso), 20-22 September, 1999. Location: Campus de la Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona. Inaugural lecture to be given by Professor Adriaan Kortland "Protohominid behaviour in primates". Contact: Secretariadel Departamento de Biologia Celular e Fisiologia, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, 08193 Barcelona, Spain; Fax: 93 581 2295; E-mail: jvea@psi.ub.es.

Symposium on Nonhuman Primate Models for AIDS (17th Annual), 6-9 October 1999. Location: Doubletree Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Host: Tulane Regional Primate Research Center. Contact: Rita Duck, Tulane RPRC; Tel.: (504) 892-2040; Fax: (504) 893-1352; E-mail: rita@tpc.tulane.edu.

Chimpanzee Conference, 19-23 October, 1999. Location: Sunset Zoo, Manhattan, Kansas, USA. Focus: Approaching a More Humane Ethic Toward Captive Chimpanzees. Guest speakers: Dawn Prince-Hughes, Anne Pusey. Contact: vlandau@u.arizona.edu; Tel.: (520) 621-4785; Fax: (520) 621-2230.

International Symposium on Endocrinology of Aging (Serono Symposia USA), 27-30 October, 1999. Location: Tempe, Arizona USA. Contact: Leslie Nies, Endocrinology of Aging, Serono Symposia USA, Inc., 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061 USA Fax: 1-781-982-9481.

Association of Primate Veterinarians, 5-7 November 1999. Held prior to the national AALAS meeting in Indianapolis, IN. Focus: Clinical and experimental medicine, new developments in occupational health and regulatory matters. APV continues to encourage trainees in lab animal medicine through its travel grant program. Contact: David Lee-Parritz, Harvard Medical School, Animal Resources Center, 665 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, USA; Tel: (617) 432-2162; Fax: (617) 432-2438; E-mail: dleeparritz@hms.harvard.edu.

American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS - National), 7-11 November 1999, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA; Tel.: (901) 754-8620.

Mating and Social Systems of Old World Monkeys, 1 December 1999. Winter meeting of the Primate Society of Great Britain. Location: Institute of Zoology, London, UK. Offers of papers—oral or posters—are very welcome. Contact: Dr. Caroline Ross or Mairi Macleod, School of Life Sciences, Roehampton Institute London, West Hill, London SW15 3 SN, UK; E-mail: c.ross@roehampton.ac.uk or m.macleod@roehampton.ac.uk.

Evolution of Mind, 2-3 December, 1999. Location: Zoological Society of London, UK. Winter Conference of the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour. Contact: Celia Heyes E-mail: c.heys@ucl.ac.uk or Karen McComb E-mail: karenm@biols.susx.ac.uk

Conference and Workshop Announcements (cont.)

Australasian Primate Society (XVIIIth Annual Conference, 3-5 December, 1999. Location: Taronga Park Zoo, Sydney NSW, Australia. Contact: Mr. Graeme A. Crook, PO Box 500, One Tree Hill, South Australia 5114 E-mail: crook.graeme@etsa.com.au

The Committing to Conservation Conference, hosted by the San Diego Zoo, will be held December 9-12, 1999 in San Diego. Pre-conference option field project begins 8:30 AM Dec. 9th; conference officially begins with the ice breaker at 7PM on Dec. 9 and ends after the banquet on Dec. 12th at 9 PM. Full registration fee is \$175; including all events and lunches. Participation fee for the optional field conservation project is \$40. Conference rate at the Rancho Bernardo Inn is \$129 per night, single or double. For details, contact: Jackie Winegrad, San Diego Zoo Curator's Office, (619) 685-3208. The overall conference theme is "Making a Difference" Each day has a sub-theme: 1.) Being savvy about cultural/social issues affecting *in-situ* projects 2.) How to influence human behavior and conservation outcomes 3.) Practical local issues and solutions. Participants interested in presenting a paper or poster in support of one of the themes should send a

300-word abstract to Valerie Thompson at the San Diego Zoo, vthompson@sandiegozoo.org Abstracts are due **by July 15, 1999**. Something new this year...the Zoological Society of San Diego is awarding a total of \$15,000 in grant funding (up to \$5,000 each) to worthy conservation projects conceived by participants of the Committing to Conservation Conference. For an application form and more information, contact Pegi Harvey, E-mail: p h a r v e y @ s a n d i e g o z o o . o r g Applications are due by **August 1, 1999**.

Primate Socioecology: The Role of Life Histories. The German Primate Center (DPZ) will host an international conference on primate socioecology from 14 to 17 December 1999. The focus of this meeting ("2. Goettinger Freilandtage") will be on life history variation among primates. Invited speakers will examine causes of variation in life history traits and explore the consequences of this variation for behavioral and reproductive strategies. An additional goal is to better characterize unique aspects of primate life histories and illuminate general principles through comparison with other mammals. Submission for relevant oral (15 min) and poster contributions are invited.

The conference is also open to guests without presentations. The deadline for submission of abstracts wishing to be considered for spoken papers or posters is August 1, 1999. Guests must also register in advance by October 1, 1999. Additional details are available from Peter Kappeler (pkappel@gwdg.de), the conference secretariat (gft@www.dpz.gwdg.de), and the conference web site: <http://www.dpz.gwdg.de/freiland.htm>

International Primatological Society, 7-12 January 2001. Location: Adelaide, Australia. Host: Australasian Primate Society. President, Mr. John Lemon, Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo, NSW. Mr. Graeme Crook is Chairman of the Organizing Committee. Deadlines: Symposium titles: July 1999. Abstracts: January 2000. For more information and to be put on the Congress Organizer's mailing list, contact: Conventions Worldwide, PO Box 44, Rundle Mall, SA 5000, Australia; E-mail address: satconv@camtech.net.au (Send postal address, telephone, fax and e-mail address). Telephone: +61 8 8363 0068 Fax: +61 8 8363 0354 Graeme Crook's e-mail: APS_Editor@msn.com.au or crook.graeme@etsa.com.au

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