

# ASP Challenges: 1999 and Beyond

## A Message from the President

An annual meeting is the place where one can take the pulse of a professional organization. By any measure of vitality, the meeting in New Orleans surely tells us that ASP is in robust health. The number of attendees, the quality and range of presentations, the activities and initiatives of the standing committees, and the overall air of enjoyment that was evident during the meeting speak to the strength and maturity of ASP. But even as I experience the post-meeting sense of satisfaction and optimism, I am aware that ASP, like other professional organizations, faces challenges in the coming years. As science becomes increasingly specialized, we are faced with decisions about where our professional allegiances lie. Most of us belong to more than one professional organization, and most of us have limited time and travel budgets. We have to carefully choose how to spend our time away from our labs and research sites and classrooms. ASP will only continue to attract our interest and attendance if it continues to offer something special.

What about ASP is unique? What ASP offers, in my opinion, is a professional home for people who believe that their own particular expertise in primatology, whether it be biomedical, conservation, behavior, etc., is enhanced by an association with and exposure to people within and outside of that expertise. The attendance at the keynote and featured speaker presentations in New Orleans (all of which were absolutely top-notch) was an indication of how interested our members are in theory, data, and applications from a range of topics in primate biology and behavior. While it is wonderful and critically important to meet with and listen to colleagues whose work is very close to our own, surely none of us would deny that ASP and its journal, *AJP*, give us a chance to expand our understanding of primates in ways that we do not normally explore. Such expansion has heuristic and practical value that should not be underestimated.

ASP will undergo some changes in the upcoming years. A new contract with the publisher of our journal will likely mean that, for the first time, ASP membership will include a subscription to *AJP*. Although this will mean an increase in membership costs, it will also mean that all ASP members will get *AJP* at a substantially discounted, and very reasonable, rate. It is good practice to link all members of

a professional organization to one another via their contact with the journal that publishes the best work of its members. ASP has also become increasingly involved in educational, scientific, and conservation initiatives, some of which are internal to ASP (e.g., the minority participation in primatology initiative; new uses for our website) and others that are externally developed (e.g., the bushmeat task force.) Involvement in such efforts usually means expending resources. Increasingly, ASP is looked to as an organization whose prestige will benefit a cause with which it is associated; ASP will have to face hard decisions as it decides which of the many worthy causes it can and will be able to support.

The membership of ASP is lucky to have a truly dedicated group of people working on its behalf. The members of the Board of Directors (**Melinda Novak**, Past President; **John**



1999 Distinguished Primatologist, Dick Dukelow

## Program Committee Praises ASP Speakers

The Program Committee would like to sincerely thank all of you that participated in making the 1999 ASP meeting in New Orleans such a success. The program was full, and displayed the wonderful diversity of topics that are of interest to primatologists.

Our conference was punctuated by wonderful presentations from four invited speakers, and the Program Committee would like to publicly thank each of them. **Dr. Jeanne Altmann's** presentation was a great way to begin the meeting. We are happy that the late date of the conference this year accommodated her schedule of field research, allowing her tre-

**Capitanio**, President-Elect; **Janette Wallis**, Executive Secretary; **Steve Schapiro**, Treasurer) have worked with me all year long to do the business of ASP, carving out time and energy from their otherwise full days. The chairs of the standing committees are taking their charges seriously and have been extremely responsive to my requests for action of various sorts. And we are lucky to have people among us like **Margie Clarke**, **Mark Laudenslager**, and **Bob Lessnau** who are willing to host ASP meetings that are -or will be- well organized and (true to ASP form) decidedly NOT stuffy.

Next year we will meet in Boulder, Colorado, a beautiful site indeed. Abstracts will be due before you know it, so think about your contribution to the scientific program. A meeting can never be successful if its members fail to present their best work at those times. I invite all students and new members to take advantage of the opportunity for scholarly exchange by submitting an abstract to the Program Committee when the call is issued. And I make a special request that all senior members of ASP do their part to maintain the quality of ASP meetings by participating in the scientific program with a paper, poster, or symposium presentation.

Increasingly, information relating to ASP will be available on our website ([www.asp.org](http://www.asp.org)). I hope you will get in the habit of checking the site regularly. The Bulletin remains as the primary source of communication with members, and, as you will see in the current issue, there is often much to report. As always, I welcome your input and advice on matters involving ASP.  
- Nancy Caine, ASP President

mendous depth of field data to be presented to our society. **Dr. Dick Dukelow** received the Distinguished Primatologist award, and treated us all to an informative and humorous discussion of what has been learned by "monkey gynecologists." Congratulations again, Dick. **Dr. Terry Maple** filled us in on the role of science in zoos, and let us in on some deep, dark secrets about conducting zoo research. **Dr. Steve Suomi** wrapped things up by detailing for us the development of his amazing research program in individual differences in monkeys, and what it all means. Thanks very much to all of you! - Mollie Bloomsmith, Program Chair.

# Education Committee Conference Report

The EC hosted two important events at New Orleans. The first was a roundtable discussion entitled "Life after Graduate School" which considered career options for those with primatology-related degrees. Panelists included **Stephen Easely, Joe Erwin, Helena Fitch-Snyder, Paul Houghton, Sue Howell, Mike Jurke, Bob Lessnau, Anj Petto, Becky Dowhan Schneider, and Judith Schrier.** These colleagues shared their own career experiences with a standing-room only crowd. The discussion that ensued included questions and answers about how to become better prepared to face today's job market, how to assess one's personal skills, and available resources (such as the internet) to help define and realize career goals. Given the success of this event, this discussion session may become an annual part of the EC's conference offerings.

The second event was a workshop on giving effective science presentations, run by myself and **Ann Weaver,** with helpful input from **Leanne Nash and Anj Petto.** Running long over our allotted two hours, we covered both oral papers and posters, including what information to put in and what to leave out, how to make useful visual aids, and how to engage the audience. Annie and I, assisted by Chris Johnson, are currently writing up these tips in a booklet that will soon be available through the ASP web site. We encourage you all to take a look at it before next year's meeting!

Of course, the main task of the EC was to judge the student presentations. The panel of judges included myself, EC members **Bob Lessnau, Leanne Nash, Anj Petto, Becky Dowhan Schneider, and Ann Weaver,** and pinch hitter **Shawn Lehman** (thanks Shawn!). We reviewed approximately 40 oral papers and 15 posters.

The best oral presentation was made by **Christina J. Campbell** (Department of Anthropology, University of California at Berke-

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*Christina J. Campbell & Jeffrey E. Fite take top student honors. (Photos: P. O'Neill Wagner)*

ley) for her paper entitled "Fur rubbing behavior in free-ranging black handed spider monkeys (*Ateles geoffroyi*) in Panama."

The best poster presentation was made by **Jeffrey E. Fite** (co-authored by Jeffrey A. French, Department of Psychology, University of Nebraska at Omaha) for work entitled, "The impact of infant care on sleep in marmosets (*Callithrix kuhlii*): Is less or disrupted sleep an additional cost of providing care to infants?"

Honorable mentions went to **Karen Bales** (co-authored by James M. Dietz, Department of Biology, University of Maryland, College Park) for a paper entitled, "A new 'founder effect' - establishment of dominance in wild golden lion tamarin groups;" to **Wendy Dirks** (Department of Anthropology, New York University) for a paper entitled "An evolutionary perspective on dental development in the siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*) from histology and radiography;" and to **Melissa S. Gerald** (co-authored by John Bernstein and Roystone Hinkson; Gerald from the Department of Anthropology, University of California at Los Angeles) for a poster entitled, "A novel method for measuring animal coloration."

Congratulations to all of these promising young colleagues, and thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful conference. - *Lynne E. Miller, Education Committee Chair.*



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## Thanks from Local Arrangements Chair

Many thanks to all of you who joined us in New Orleans for the Annual Meetings! It was a larger than expected attendance, and the staff of the Fairmont Hotel and the New Orleans Steamship company were wonderful at accommodating the changes. Many thanks to Janice Padwa, Steve Garcia, and Elizabeth Valdejuli for all the terrific "behind the scenes" work at the hotel. The newly implemented "work for

registration" was a success, and I would like to thank all of the student workers.

I would especially like to thank Shelley Falkenstein and Michelle Field who kept registration flowing smoothly and Michael Phillippi for the great drawing that graced the Wiley-Liss bags. More details in the next bulletin! - *Margie Clarke, Local Arrangements Chair.*

# Research and Development Committee Report

The Research and Development Committee made progress in several areas at the New Orleans meeting. The committee formally established an ASP-wide Minority Initiative, which was launched by a roundtable discussion. I would like to thank the roundtable participants (**Glover Barnes, Mollie Bloomsmith, Janis Gonzales-Martinez, Larry Jacobsen, Matt Kessler, Anj Petto, Steve Schapiro, and Karyl Swartz**) for their ideas and enthusiastic support during the ses-

sion and in the preceding months. The Board of Directors has approved start-up funds for the Initiative; our efforts in the coming year will concentrate on developing a plan to add minority outreach to existing programs in science education.

The R & D Committee also formalized a new General Small Grant Program. The program will be comparable to the Conservation Small Grant Program, and is intended to provide funding for non-conservation projects with

an emphasis on exploratory studies, projects that offer training opportunities, and innovative studies of primate care and research technology. Award amounts will range from \$500 to \$1500. Applications will be available early in 2000 on the ASP website, with a May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The R & D Committee will review the first proposals at the annual meeting in Boulder and will notify successful applicants shortly after that time. - *Kathy Rasmussen, Research & Development Committee Chair.*

## Conservation Committee Report and Announcement of 1999 Conservation Award and Grants



The Conservation Committee (CC) would like to thank all the individuals and organizations that have contributed to the ASP Conservation Fund over the past year thus helping to maintain ASP's commitment to the conservation of primates worldwide.

A record 22 Conservation Small Grant proposals were received this year of which 11 were recommended for funding. The CC has developed a formal grant application to assist individuals in applying for Conservation Small Grants. The application form may be obtained by contacting the CC Chair or via the ASP web page ([www.asp.org](http://www.asp.org)). The CC recommended that ASP travel support for students/researchers from habitat countries wishing to attend the upcoming IPS Congress be administered by IPS. Individuals receiving the ASP support should be notified that the travel funds are provided by the ASP Conservation Fund. The CC also recommended that a \$1500 contribution be made to the recently established Bushmeat Crisis Task Force of which ASP is a general member.

Contributions to the Conservation Fund during this year's meeting totaled over \$6800. Proceeds from the conservation silent auction totaled \$3800. I want to thank **Sue Howell** for an outstanding job in organizing the auction and to the others, especially the dedicated SAPS (Silent Auction Police), who helped make this year's auction a success. The lively and unique challenges during the dinner cruise (Joe Erwin's 15 \$100s challenge and the ritualistic piercing of **Jay Kaplan and yours truly**) brought in more than \$3000! Thank you to all.

The Senior Biology and Conservation Award was not presented this year. The Conservation Award went to **Rondang S. E. Siregar** of Indonesia for her work with orangutan rehabilitation and reintroduction and commitment to primate conservation.

Four *American Journal of Primatology* Subscription Awards were given to the following individuals: (1) **Michael Abedi-Lartey** of the Ankasa Resource Reserve, Ghana; (2) **Junus Daniel** of Sam Ratulangi University, Indonesia; (3) **Edem A. Eniang** of the University of Uyo, Nigeria; and (4) **Gabriel Ramos-Fernandez** of the National Autonomous University, Mexico.

Eleven Conservation Small Grants were funded as follows: (1) **Alex Degan** of The University of Chicago for "The Behavior of Extinction: Predicting Biogeographic Patterns of Lemur Responses to Habitat Fragmentation in South-East Madagascar;" (2) **Kaberi Kar Gupta** of Arizona State University for "Ecology and Conservation of Slender Loris in Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, India;" (3) **Joanna E. Lambert** of the University of Oregon for "The Influence of Habitat Conversion and Hunting on Primate Populations in the Dja Faunal Reserve, Cameroon;" (4) **Sahdin B. Lias** of Kinabatangan Orang-Utan Conservation Project, Malaysia for "Solving Orang-Utan Conflicts with Local Communities in the Kinabatangan Flood Plain, Sabah, Malaysia;" (5) **Alecia A. Lilly** of the Center of Orangutan and Chimpanzee Conservation and SUNY at Stony Brook University for "The Effects of Increasing Human Population

Density on Intestinal Parasite Loads in Gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*), Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*), and Indigenous Human Populations in and around the Mondika Research Center, Dzanga-Ndoki National Park, Central African Republic;" (6) **Barita O. Manullang** of the Wildlife Foundation of Indonesia, Indonesia for "Preliminary Survey on Population Status and Distribution of Primate Species in Disturbed Habitats After Forest-fires in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia;" (7) **Joseph A. Ntui** of the Federal University of Technology, Nigeria for "A Preliminary Investigation of the Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) in Oban Hills Forest Reserve, Nigeria;" (8) **R. Ethan Pride** of Princeton University for "Population Density, Social Behavior, and Physiological Stress in *Lemur catta*;" (9) **Saul Juan Solano** of Universidad Nacional Autonoma, Mexico for "A Comparative Study of Resource Use by Groups of Howler Monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*) in Isolated Rain Forests Fragments in the Region of Los Tuxtlas, Veracruz, Mexico," (10) **Sandra S. Suarez** of New York University for "Paternity, Relatedness, and Male Socio-Reproductive Behavior in Red-Bellied Tamarins (*Saguinus labiatus labiatus*) in Bolivia: Training Local Investigators in Field Techniques;" (11) **Elizabeth B. Yaap** of Harvard University for "An Orangutan Conservation Education Program for the Gunung Palung Area West Kalimantan, Indonesia."

Congratulations to all the winners! - *Randy Kyes, Conservation Committee Chair.*

**See Report on pages 8-9 from one of our past ASP Conservation Award Recipients**

## Trea\$ury Note\$

Fundraising at the meeting in New Orleans went well. The ASP Book Raffle netted \$665 for the General Fund. Thanks to **Harvard University Press, The University of Chicago Press, Cambridge University Press, and The Johns Hopkins University Press** for donating books to be raffled. Thanks also to all those who bought tickets. Congratulations to the winners who included: **Larry Jacobsen, Shelly Falkenstein, Jay Kaplan, Paul Telfer, and Sally Boysen.**

The New Orleans meeting is likely to make money (**Thank you Margie Clarke**), rather than lose money as predicted in the financial report. Therefore, our projected budget for 1999-2000 is considerably less gloomy than originally predicted.

The Conservation Silent Auction raised \$3800. The ear piercing Conservation Challenge on the boat raised \$3061. Special thanks to those who contributed at least \$100 to make the chal-

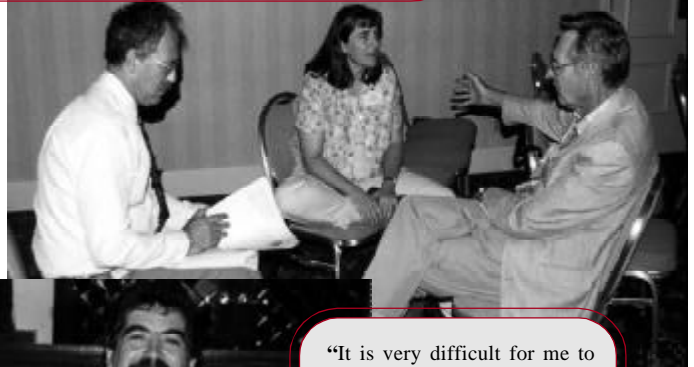
lenge, including **Melinda Novak, Steve Suomi, John Capitanio, Mike Andrews, Sally Mendoza, Nancy Caine, Glover Barnes, Mark Laudenslager, Kay IZard, Jeremy Dahl, Steve Schapiro, Bill Mason, Carolyn Crockett, Lynne Miller, Joe Erwin, Jay Kaplan, Janette Wallis, and Rick Lee.**

On a different note, I am preparing renewal notices for ASP membership in the year 2000. Remember that in 2000, ASP membership "dues" will include both dues for the Society and a one year subscription to AJP. The membership form will be a little more complicated than in the past, so please pay careful attention to it. You will of course also be able to renew at the ASP website using your Visa or Mastercard. Remember also that it takes the publisher at least 8 weeks to start your AJP subscription. **If you want to have uninterrupted delivery of AJP, renew right away.** - *Steve Schapiro, ASP Treasurer*



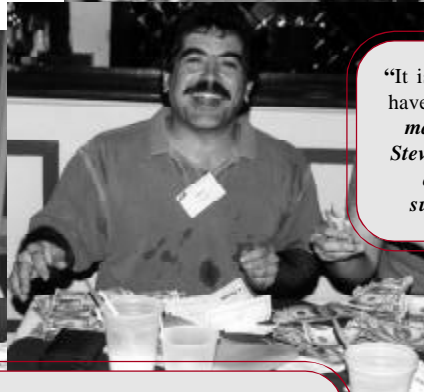
# ASP 1999

Listen and Learn: King of Field, Chuck Southwick, speaks with Queen of Lab, Mollie Bloomsith. (Matt Kessler's just trying to figure out if he's at the right meeting.)



The always effervescent, Margie Clarke, hosted this year's ASP meeting in New Orleans. Thanks, Margie!

"It is very difficult for me to have fun." - *Statement once made by ASP Treasurer, Steve Schapiro.* (Note smile on Steve's face when surrounded by money.)



*Unless otherwise noted, photos by Peggy O'Neill Wagner.*

Margie received a great deal of valuable help from many individuals. Here are some of them, hardly working. (Wake up, Richard.)



It has become a tradition for members of the Conservation Committee to take one last opportunity during the closing banquet to ask (a.k.a., nag, cajole, harrass, blackmail) members for donations to the Conservation Fund. This year, Conservation Committee Chairman, Randy Kyes, and "innocent bystander", Jay Kaplan, issued a brave challenge: if \$3000 was raised, they each would have an ear pierced. Whether through generosity or sadism, ASP members coughed up \$3061.

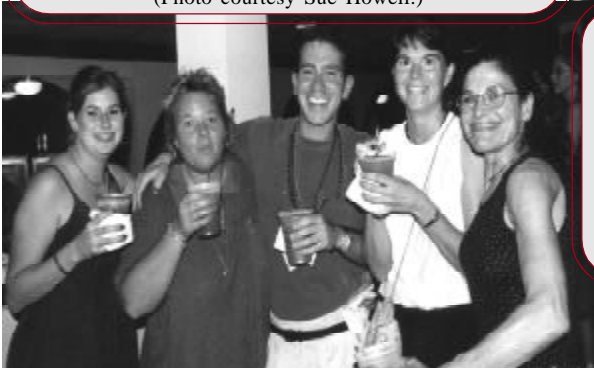


Thus, with an ample amount of fanfare and alcohol (isopropyl for the tool; ethyl for Jay & Randy), the ceremony was performed by Estella Jones and Gay Andrews. Notice He-Man Jay struggling to compose himself, as Randy grins like a fool while being stabbed with what turned out to be a safety pin.

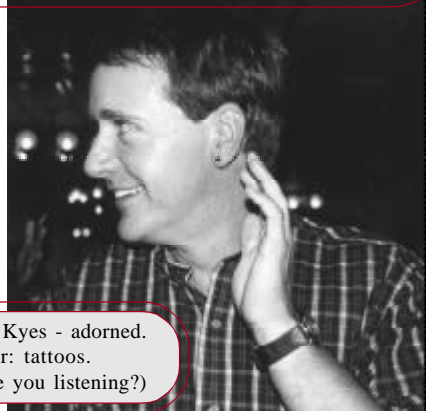
What a bunch of SAPS! (Silent Auction Police, that is.) These terrific folks helped to set up and monitor this year's very successful Conservation Silent Auction. The SAPS are: Laural Casler, Sue Howell (Chief SAP), Sarah Jazrawi, Melanie Schwandt, Joanne Morris, Laura Bidner, and Chris Kuhar. (Not pictured, Denise Murphy.) (Photo courtesy Sue Howell.)



You wouldn't know it by looking at them (in fact, you may not know it by conversing with them), but these are some of the most respected members of ASP.



The lovely Dr. Kyes - adorned. Next year: tattoos. (Ray Rhine, are you listening?)



## Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 12:17pm on 14 August 1999, by President Nancy Caine at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, New Orleans, LA.

Attending: Nancy Caine, Melinda Novak, Steve Schapiro, John Capitanio, Janette Wallis, Randy Kyes, Kathy Rasmussen, Michael Andrews, Gerry Ruppenthal, and Mollie Bloomsmith.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Business meetings from 1998. These minutes were accepted.

**Conservation Committee Report** - Chair: Randy Kyes, (a) (a=attending committee meeting). Committee Members: Kathy Bentson, Nora Bynum, Margie Clark (a), Carolyn Crockett (a), Carolyn Ehardt (a), Joe Erwin (a), Will Gergits (a), Sue Howell (a), Matt Novak (a), Dondin Sajuthi, Juan Carlos Serio Silva (a).

The committee did not recommend a Senior Biology and Conservation Award this year.

**Motion:** The Committee recommends that American Journal of Primatology Subscription Awards be given to (1) **Michael Abedi-Lartey** of the Ankasa Resource Reserve, Ghana; (2) **Junus Daniel** of Sam Ratulangi University, Indonesia; (3) **Edem A. Eniang** of the University of Uyo, Nigeria; and (4) **Gabriel Ramos-Fernandez** of the National Autonomous University, Mexico. **Approved.**

**Motion:** A record 22 Conservation Small Grant proposals were received this year of which 11 were recommended for funding, totaling \$8500 (See page 3 for list). **Approved.**

**Motion:** The Committee recommended a Conservation Award be given to **Rondang S.E. Siregar** of Indonesia for her work with orangutan rehabilitation and reintroduction and commitment to primate conservation. **Approved.**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommended that ASP travel support for students/researchers from habitat countries wishing to attend the upcoming IPS Congress be administered by IPS. Individuals receiving the ASP support should be notified that the travel funds are provided by the ASP Conservation Fund. **Approved.**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommended the Conservation Award amount be raised from \$500 to \$750. **Approved.** **Recommendation:** The Committee also recommended that a \$1500 contribution be made to the recently established Bushmeat Crisis Task Force of which ASP is a general member. **Approved.**

**Program Committee Report** - Chair: Mollie Bloomsmith (a); Committee Members: Tammie Bettinger (a), Dee Higley (a), Bill Hopkins (a),

and Leanne Nash (a). Not attending: Maria Boccia, Leslie Knapp, Rick Lee and Deborah Overdorff. The Committee has created a plan to begin electronic (online) submission of abstracts for ASP meetings. Details will be developed over the coming year. At present, the plan is to provide online registration for next year's meeting, with abstract submission being on disk.

### Awards and Recognition Committee Report

- Chair: Gerry Ruppenthal (a); Committee Members: Gabe Luback (a), Steve Suomi (a), Julie Worlein (a) Richard Harrison (a). Not attending: Linda Taylor.

The Awards and Recognition Committee discussed the status and condition of several ASP awards. The Committee sees a lack of clarity in the description of some awards and that more award categories may be warranted.

**Recommendation:** After discussion between the Conservation Committee and the Awards and Recognition Committee, this Committee recommends that the Senior Biology and Conservation Award, typically given by the Conservation Committee and focusing on Conservation, be given by the Awards & Recognition Committee in the future. Up to two awards will be given per year for non-professional, i.e., non-terminal degree individuals for outstanding contributions in laboratory or field research. Each awardee will be presented a commemorative award and \$500 from the ASP in recognition of their achievements. Honorees need not be a member of the ASP. **Approved.**

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that, for the qualifications of the Distinguished Service Award, wording be changed to "long time service to the Society." (Previous wording was unclear). **Approved.**

**Recommendation:** The Committee moves that the Society's outgoing Presidents be provided a plaque commemorating their service to the society. **Approved.**

A recommendation that past committee chairs be presented a certificate of service to the ASP was tabled until next year's annual meeting.

**Recommendation:** A nomination for the Distinguished Service Award was received by the Committee but the Committee felt that the nominee did not meet the criteria for that award. The Committee did recommend, however, that this nominee is meritorious and thus should be recognized by the Society in some new award category. **Approved.**

### Research and Development Committee Report

- Chair: Kathy Rasmussen (a); Committee members: Larry Jacobsen (a), Matt Kessler (a), Anj Petto (a), Melinda Novak (ex-officio). Not attending: Don Lindburg and Chuck

Snowdon.)

**Motion:** The Committee moves that ASP establish a general small grant program parallel to the conservation Small grant program, to be administered through the Research and Development Committee. The Committee recommends that the application process parallel that of the Conservation Program. Application deadline would be May 15th, to allow Committee members time to read proposals before the final review at the annual meeting. The Committee recommends that \$10,000 be allotted from the General Fund for the General Small Grant Program. **Approved.**

**Recommendation:** That the program give preference to training initiatives, start-up funds, supplement any funding for students, and innovations in animal care.

**Motion:** The Committee moves that the ASP adopt a Minority Initiative to encourage greater minority participation in primatology, and that \$5000 from the General Fund be allotted for this purpose. It was further recommended that initial efforts concentrate on developing a plan to add minority outreach to existing programs in science education and that a Task Force headed by Karyl Swartz coordinate the efforts of ASP Committees in developing and implementing the plan. **Approved.**

Last year, the Committee recommended that ASP adopt a formal set of ethical guidelines and make these available to members and the public on the ASP web site. The Committee has developed a draft of a set of ethical guidelines regarding the use of nonhuman primates in research. The purpose of the ASP guidelines would be to stand as a public document describing the Society's beliefs and standards, to guide the Society's policy statements, and to assist in the AJP editorial review of manuscripts. **Motion:** The Committee moves that the ASP Board of Directors accept the draft of the Ethical Guidelines and Solicit comments. **Approved.** The draft guidelines will be placed on the Society's web site's "members only" section. For approximately one month, the committee will solicit comments from members and finalize the guidelines.

**Publications Committee Report** - Chair Mike Andrews (a).

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends a membership directory be maintained in the members-only area of the ASP web site that is searchable by member's name, area of research interest and taxon of interest. Each directory entry would provide the member's name, address, telephone number, fax number, E-mail address, affiliation, area of interest, taxon of interest, and status as full or student member. **Approved.**

## Minutes from the Executive Committee (cont.)

**Motion:** Sally Mendoza be appointed Editor of ASP-E to explore its feasibility and invite contributions from primatologists for peer review and publication at ASP's web site. **Approved.**

**Membership and Finance Committee Report** - Chair: Steve Schapiro (a); Committee Members: Will Gergits (a), Bill Roudebush (a), Carol Shively, Jeff Roberts (a), Larry Williams

(a). Not present: Sally Boysen, Carol Shively, Joanna Altman, Leslie Digby, Ray Rhine.

**Motion:** The committee recommends accepting the Financial Statement, 1 June 1998 - 31 May 1999. **Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report** - Steve Schapiro submitted a financial report for review. At present the general fund balance is \$90,430.81, the conservation fund balance is \$90,206.90, and the

Watts Fellowship fund balance is \$5,940.82. Last year's ASP meeting hosted by Steve Schapiro netted a \$9,952.19 profit.

Nancy Caine announced that the ASP meeting in 2001 will be hosted by Armstrong State University, in Savannah, GA. The local arrangements Chair will be Bob Lessnau; dates will be determined soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

## Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 12:28pm, August 15th, by President Nancy Caine at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, New Orleans, LA.

The Board discussed and approved a proposed plan to provide a sign language interpreter during portions of the ASP meeting, particular for during large room presentations of the Keynote Speaker and other invited speakers. Local arrangements committees shall include the costs of an interpreter in their budgets. The following list of motions from Standing Committees were voted on by the Board:

The following motions were made by the **Conservation Committee:**

**Motion:** The committee recommends that four American Journal of Primatology Subscription Awards and a Conservation Award be given this year. **Approved** (see page 3 for details)

**Motion:** The committee recommended eleven individuals receive Conservation Small Grants. (see page 3 for list). **Approved.**

**Motion:** The committee recommends that the Conservation Award be increased to \$750 (from \$500). **Approved.**

**Motion:** The committee recommends that travel awards given to IPS to fund travel for researchers from habitat countries to attend the Congress be specially designated as "from ASP" but administered by IPS. **Approved.**

**Motion:** The Committee recommends that \$1500 from the Conservation Fund be given to the Bushmeat Crisis Task Force. **Approved.** (See page 9 for details).

The following motions were made by the **Program Committee:**

**Motion:** The committee recommends the development of online conference registration for future meetings. **Approved**

The following motions were made by the **Awards & Recognition Committee:**

**Motion:** The Committee recommends review and, if needed, modification of the wording for current award categories. **Approved.**

**Motion:** The Committee recommends providing special commemorative plaques to out-

going ASP Presidents. **Approved.**

**Motion:** That a nomination made this year for the Distinguished Service Award not be given as the DSA but as a special award. The motion was tabled pending the review of award categories that will be made by the awards and committee this year.

The following motions were made by the **Research & Development Committee:**

**Motion:** The Committee recommends that \$10,000 be made available for the Small Grants to be given by the R&D Committee. **Approved.**

**Motion:** The Committee recommends that \$5,000 be made available for the Minority Initiative and that Karyl Schwarz coordinate this action. **Approved.**

**Motion:** The Committee recommends the draft Ethical Guidelines be posted on the ASP web site for a set comment period. **Approved.**

The following motions were made by the **Publications Committee:**

**Motion:** The committee recommends that a membership directory be made available on the ASP's web site. **Approved.**

**Motion:** Sally Mendoza shall edit ASP-E. **Approved.**

It was announced that Bennett Dyke will become the new Chair of the Publications Committee, now that Mike Andrews has become Editor of *AJP*.

The following motions were made by the **Finance Committee:**

**Motion:** The committee recommends accepting the Financial Statement 1 June 1998 - 31 May 1999. **Approved.**

Melinda Novak was asked to chair the Nominations Committee for upcoming ASP Elections. Melinda will form a committee and accept nominations through late November. Candidate biographies will be published in the December *ASP Bulletin*.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

## Minutes from the Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 4:06pm on August 16th, 1999, by President Nancy Caine at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, New Orleans, LA. Sincere thanks were expressed to Local Arrangements Chair, Margie Clarke, and her committee for hosting the meeting.

The President announced the confirmed locations for the next two ASP meetings. Next year, we will meet in Boulder, Colorado, June 21-24, 200. Local Arrangements Chair will be Mark Laudenslager. The following year, Bob Lessnau will serve as the Local Arrangement Chair for a meeting in Savannah, Georgia (early August). Nancy Caine announced that ASP Officers will be elected soon, with terms of service to begin at the close of the 2000 meeting through the 2002 meeting.

Melinda Novak will chair the Nominations Committee. All members are encouraged to contact the committee with recommendations of potential candidates. Nancy Capitanio was

introduced to those present as ASP's Computer Geek and/or Goddess. In other words, Nancy serves as the ASP's web manager and has done an excellent job. She was thanked for her hard and efficient work. Nancy will help with the current plans for developing online meeting registration for next year.

Janette Wallis, Executive Secretary, was introduced by Nancy Caine. Janette thanked those who have contributed articles and photos to the ASP Bulletin for the last year and reminded everyone that the Bulletin's success relies on the generous cooperation of all members (especially Committee Chairs).

**Treasurer's Report** - Steve Schapiro reported that the ASP's financial health is not as positive as in past years, but this is due to a number of reasons that will likely change next year. Our funds grew by only 2.8% this year, compared to 24% the previous year. At present, we spend slightly more than we take in; our



## Minutes from the Business Meeting (cont.)

earnings are primarily due to Certificates of Deposit. Last year's meeting made a profit, primarily due to our getting a special deal from Southwestern University and making added income from sponsors of the Teachers' Workshop. The Conservation Fund tends to break even each year, giving out about as much in award and grant money as it takes in from various fund-raisers. Volume 1 of the ASP Book Series has made \$3309 in profits to date. By previous agreement, this amount goes into the ASP Conservation Fund. The projected budget for the coming year is \$79,000, with a projected loss of \$-26,110. (See update in Treasury Notes, page 3). We have had a 6 1/2% decline in our membership numbers this year. Steve explained that this is likely due to our sending out renewal notices late - an action made necessary by the ongoing contract negotiation with Wiley-Liss that may require AJP subscription with ASP membership. There are approximately 775 members in the Society at present.

### **American Journal of Primatology Report**

- Nancy Caine introduced the newly appointed Editor of the *American Journal of Primatology*, Mike Andrews. In addition, she thanked Jeff French and his Search Committee for their work in making the Editor choice. Mike pledged that his first obligation will remain to the Society, even though he serves as Editor for Wiley and is the chief negotiator on the contract. He is optimistic about the continued negotiation and believes an agreeable contract will be completed soon. Mike reported that the transition of Editorial offices is complete and manuscript flow has been vigorous. Since mid-July, there have been 55 manuscripts submitted to AJP. Andrews welcomes and encourages manuscripts in any or all basic and applied sciences in which primates are used. It will be necessary for authors to establish the value of the work to primatology. Some changes are being made regarding the Editorial Board and its role in the review process. A mission statement for the journal will be completed soon. The "Conclusions" section of each article will be eliminated in the future.

### **Conservation Committee Report**

Randy Kyes thanked all committee members for their work this past year. An unprecedented 22 proposals were submitted for Conservation Small Grants this year. Eleven were approved and funded. (See page 3). The Committee voted to give a Conservation Award to Rondang S.E. Siregar (See page 3). In addition, 4 new AJP Subscription Awards were given this year. This means that we now have 25

ongoing Subscription Awards in 22 countries. As usual, this year's ASP Conservation Silent Auction was a great success. Randy thanked all who donated items for the Auction. In addition, Randy thanked Auction Organizer Sue Howell and her "SAPS" (Silent Auction Police) for volunteering to work the Silent Auction. (See page 4 for names and photo of The SAPS). Early estimate of the Auction profit was more than \$3300. Randy warned that additional donations will be collected during the closing banquet. The Conservation Committee recommended and the Board approved \$1500 to be given to the Bushmeat Crisis Task Force. Randy Kyes represented ASP at the BCTF meeting last February. (See page 9 for more details).

**Program Committee Report** - Mollie Bloomsmith was not present at the Business Meeting, so Tammie Bettinger provided the report. This year, 200 abstracts were submitted to the Committee for presentation at the meeting. Eleven were withdrawn. The Committee will henceforth remove the upper limit of the number of abstracts that can be submitted, but the limit of two first-authored presentations will remain. The Program committee will develop online abstract submission for the future, but at this point only conference registration will be electronic for the 2000 meeting. The Committee announced the plan for more "teaching sessions" as part of programs as well as encouraging cross-disciplinary sessions in the future. Abstract deadlines for next year will be December 15th.

**Awards & Recognition Committee Report** - Gerry Ruppenthal announced that nominations are now being sought for ASP Distinguished Primatologists and the Distinguished Service Awards.

**Research & Development Committee Report** - Kathy Rasmussen announced that a draft of Ethical Guidelines was approved by the Board of Directors - as a draft. The draft will be posted on the ASP's web site in the "members only" section for review. Once a comment period passes (sometime in November), the final document will be made available to all. A minority initiative has been approved by the Board of Directors and money from the ASP General Fund will be provided to the R&D Committee to develop the initiative. In addition, the Committee will accept applications for non-conservation small grants to be awarded at next year's meeting.

**Education Committee Report** - Lynne

Miller announced that winners and honorable mentions were determined for the Student Best Poster and Best Paper Presentations. These would be announced at the banquet (see page 2). Lynne noted that the "Making Effective Presentations" workshop was a great success.

**Publications Committee Report** - Mike Andrews, out-going Chair of the Committee, reported on the Committee's very busy year. They selected a new Editor for AJP and are continuing the negotiation with Wiley-Liss on the AJP contract. The first contract was established in 1984, with several renewals since that time, however, this is the first time we have had a major re-negotiation. There were 484 responses to the web-based ASP survey regarding mandatory subscriptions. Most respondents agreed that making AJP subscriptions part of the ASP membership dues was a good idea; 77% of faculty, 83% of students, and 76% of technical staff were in agreement with the proposed plan. It was noted that 28.6% of the current ASP members are AJP subscribers (at \$99/year). The Committee has recommended that an ASP Membership Directory be made available on the ASP web site. In addition, the Committee suggests that ASP establish reciprocal relations with other societies for advertising organ journals. The ASP-E series of invited papers is being developed for publication on the ASP web site. These papers will be open to peer review; Sally Mendoza will serve as the online Editor. In addition, the ASP Book Series has two additional volumes in progress.

### **Local Arrangements Committee Report**

- Margie thanked her local arrangements committee for their hard work in making this a very successful meeting.

### **New Business:**

President Nancy Caine announced the formation of an Ad hoc Committee to consider the USDA's recently released guidelines regarding environmental enrichment. The Committee is asked to take comments from ASP members and consider in what way the ASP may make an official response to the USDA. John Capitanio will chair this Committee. Other members will be Kathy Rasmussen, Mollie Bloomsmith, Carolyn Crockett, and Melinda Novak. ASP members are encouraged to submit comments to any member of the Committee (see page 11 for details). Nancy Caine thanked the members of the Board of Directors for their work this past year. Though they did not always agree in discussions, all respect each other and want the best for the Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08p.m.

# Conservation Conversation



## Ecological Study of the De Brazza's Monkeys (*Cercopithecus neglectus*) Before Translocation in Kenya

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1998 ASP Grant Recipient

De Brazza's monkeys (*Cercopithecus neglectus*) have a wide geographical distribution in Africa (Wolfheim 1983). However, in Kenya they are restricted to the western region (Brennan 1985; Decker 1985; Karere 1995). The Kenyan population is endangered due to wanton destruction of its habitats and being killed for raiding crops. The total population was estimated to be less than 200 individuals in 1983 (Brennan 1985) and their status has been deteriorating (Karere 1994; Karere 1995; Karere *et al.* 1997). At present, the majority of the individuals of this species live in unprotected and isolated patchy riverine forests in the Cherangani Hills, Mt Elgon, and Trans-Nzoia plain. Only about 30% of the total population occupy protected habitats in Kisere Forest Reserve in the Kakamega Forest complex and Saiwa Swamp National Park.

Although the species is not listed as endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red Data Book (IUCN 1996), the Kenyan population warrants different consideration. There is urgent need to translocate some of the individuals living in unprotected habitats to a protected area (Decker 1985; Wahome 1989; Karere *et al.* 1997). However, establishment of a suitable release area has been a problem due to a paucity of information on their ecology, biology, and behavior. This is vital to help in identifying essential requirements of their habitat (Griffith *et al.* 1989). This article summarizes results of an ecological study on a group of De Brazza's

monkeys living in a private farm (Sinyerere) near Cherangani Hills. This group is proposed to be translocated to Buyangu Forest National Reserve (BUNAFOR) by the Institute of Primate Research (IPR) in collaboration with Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). The group was reportedly the most threatened in Kenya due to continued encroachment on the forest patch and killing because of raiding crops (Karere 1995). BUNAFOR, unlike the rest of the Kakamega Forest Reserves, is well protected by KWS and has not experienced selective logging in the past (Tsingalia 1988). De Brazza's monkeys were reported in BUNAFOR in February 1999.

Scan sampling technique was used to investigate their home range, vertical and horizontal habitat use, activity pattern, feeding and social activities. A modified quadrat method was used to establish their monthly home range sizes.

Socioecology of one group of De Brazza's monkeys, comprising of 16 individuals to be translocated, was studied in a forest patch of

1.5 hectares. Their home range size ranged from 0.20 to 0.85 ha. and differed significantly. The monthly horizontal habitat use (i.e., distance travelled from the river and group spread) was significantly different. Time spent at various heights above the ground in the forest was neither significant nor influenced by the hour of the day. The activity pattern of the De Brazza's monkeys was observed to have a diurnal rhythm as reported on its congeners in Kakamega Forest. They spent 47.15% of their time feeding on fruits but leaves (mature and young) were also substantially eaten (32.2%). Feeding peaks occurred in the morning and evening hours.

The De Brazza's monkeys in Sinyerere Farm as reported on their sympatric elsewhere, exhibited an array of feeding and social behaviours (Wahome 1989; Guatier and Gautier-Hion 1987). They foraged near the Nzoia River and ate more fruits to leaves. Young leaves formed the highest proportion of the amount of leaves fed. Two feeding peaks by De Brazza's monkeys were observed in Sinyerere forest patch. This concurs with observations reported in Kisere Forest by Wahome (1989). He reported that feeding activity had the highest percentage of time spent by this species. This contradicts with my findings in which more time was spent resting to other activities. This contrast could be attributed to differing feeding behaviors by these two sub-populations. My study group was observed on several occasions raiding crops on farms adjacent to their habitat. This habit, rarely observed in Kisere Forest, is a possible need to supplement their scarce natural food in the small forest patch. Hence, their raiding behaviour in which the crops provide easily



De Brazza Monkey (*Cercopithecus neglectus*). (Photo by Sammy Kisara)



## Conservation Conversation (cont.)

acquired and abundant nutritional food. Therefore, spending rest of their time either socializing or resting. Altmann and Muruthi (1988) reported that wild free-ranging baboons (*Papio cynocephalus*) spent more time foraging to resting in contrast to semi-provisioned groups in Amboseli National Park, Kenya.

The study group occupied a small home range along the river, which was characterised by dense vegetation. Their sleeping grooves comprised of tall trees with dense liana vegetation. This possibly gives the monkeys a protection from environmental hazards, for example, cold breezes and intruders. The grooves were situated about 5 m from the river. Wahome *et al.* (1993) reported the De Brazza's monkeys in Kisere forest Reserve had sleeping near the river. The reason for their restriction near the rivers and streams is not well known. However, it is possible that besides the security afforded by the dense vegetation along the relict. riverine forest, that they fed on certain types of plant food like herbs found exclusively near the river. De Brazza's monkeys in Kisere Forest Reserve reportedly fed on high proportion of herbs in the swamp parts of the riverbanks (Wahome 1989).

The ecological information derived from this study will be vital in the selection of suitable release site in the proposed habitat. That is, a site with relatively high abundant plant species fed on by this particular group of De Brazza's

monkeys and near the river. Information on their home range size will assist in deciding the approximate area likely to be occupied by this group once translocated in the new area, hence help in the logistics of their monitoring.

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## Bushmeat Crisis Task Force Formation Nearly Complete

The concept for a Bushmeat Crisis Task Force (BCTF) was generated at the end of February at a meeting organized by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. The meeting was convened by AZA at the request of current AZA President Dr. Terry Maple. Formation of the Task Force is nearly complete.

An election is currently underway to select nine steering committee members and eleven organizations have decided to provide significant financial support. These include: the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Center for Applied Biodiversity Science at Conservation International, Dian Fossey Fund International, Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund, Humane Society of the United States, Jane Goodall Institute, Rainforest Action Network (Randall Hayes), Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund - U.S., and Zoo Atlanta. All of these organizations have contributed a mini-

um of \$5,000. The Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund will contribute \$25,000 over the next five years.

Once the election is completed, the steering committee will meet to hire a coordinator and formulate an agenda for the coming year. Activities will include serving as a clearinghouse for information, educating decision makers in relevant embassies, U.S. government agencies and multi-lateral aid agencies and increasing public awareness.

The BCTF list serv (bushmeat@aza.org) has become a major method of communication on related topics. Over 110 experts from many countries now share information and ideas as a result of the list serv. To become a member, please contact LHodskins@aza.org and include a brief description, including your organization, title and relevant expertise. - Submitted by Michael Hutchins, Ph.D., Director, Conservation and Science, AZA

### ASP & the Bushmeat Crisis

At the recent meeting in New Orleans, the ASP Conservation Committee and Board of Directors voted to provide the Bushmeat Crisis Task Force \$1500 from the ASP Conservation Fund.

In addition, the Bushmeat Workshop, organized by Tony Rose and Tara Stoinski was a great success. Specially invited panel members included: Tom Strusaker, John Oates, Mohammed Bakkar, Steven Gartlan, Heather Eaves, Omari Ilambu, Richard Ruggiero, Kerry Bowman, and Anthony Rose.

# Primate Field Studies Global Database

The Primate Society of Great Britain (PSGB) is compiling a millennium edition of their guide to primate field projects: Current Primate Field Studies (a supplement to their newsletter *Primate Eye*). For the first time, this guide will be compiled in collaboration with the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Centre (WRPRC) and will also be available electronically on the Field Studies section of the International Directory of Primatology website (<http://www.primate.wisc.edu/pin/idp/index.html>). This merger of PSGB and WRPRC field directories will establish a single comprehensive global database that will



maximise accessibility and minimise redundancy for both users and contributors alike.

We invite all those who are currently carrying out primate field studies, or who completed a field study during 1998-1999, to submit their project details to this scheme. Submissions should be made before 1 March 2000, either electronically or by hard copy.

In the first instance, submissions can be made on the electronic form found on the International Directory of Primatology website (<http://www.primate.wisc.edu/pin/idp/idpqfield.html>) [those who already have an electronic entry in the IDP can use the online form for updating]. If submissions are made by hard copy, the following information should be included: (1) title of field study project; (2)

country and location; (3) project start and end dates; (4) research objectives; (5) species studied (list latin names); (6) other primate species found at site; (7) positions for field workers/volunteers; (8) sponsoring institutions; (9) name of project director together with their institution, address, city, state/province (not abbreviated), mailing code, phone number, fax number, e-mail address and website address; (10) the names of other research personnel on the project (including the contact person for these project details: if same as director, please list as same); (11) keywords that best describe the field study; and (12) miscellaneous comments (optional). Submissions by hard copy should be mailed to: Guy Cowlshaw, Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY, UK (E-mail: [guy.cowlshaw@ioz.ac.uk](mailto:guy.cowlshaw@ioz.ac.uk)).

## Awards & Recognition: Call for Nominations

The Awards and Recognition Committee, in behalf of the ASP, is soliciting nominations for two ASP awards to be considered prior to next year's meeting in Boulder. 1) The Distinguished Primatologist Award. This award honors a primatologist who has had an outstanding career and made significant contributions to the field. There have been five previous award winners. The recipient of the Distinguished Primatologist Award will be invited to deliver an address at the 2001 meeting. Nominations must include a curriculum vitae and at least three letters of support for the nominee sent to the address below by June 1, 2000. 2) The Distinguished Service Award. This award is not presented on any scheduled basis but is presented to deserving individuals who have contributed long-time service to primatology and to the ASP. Nominations should include the nominee's name and a seconding letter of sup-

port by June 1, 2000 to: Gerry Ruppenthal, Chair, ASP Award and Recognition Committee, CHDD Box 357920, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195; Fax: (206) 616-9774; E-mail: [gerry@u.washington.edu](mailto:gerry@u.washington.edu).

## Plan Now for ASP 2000!

For next summer's meeting (June, 2000), the Program Committee is planning to invite several speakers who can give our society some insight into progress in their own areas of expertise in primatology, and where they see those areas progressing in the next century. If you have any suggestions for whom to invite, please contact Mollie Bloomsmith ASAP ([mbloomsmith@mindspring.com](mailto:mbloomsmith@mindspring.com); (404) 624-5990).

Information about the 2000 meeting and the Call for Abstracts will be mailed to mem-

bers in late October. The postmark deadline for individual abstracts is **December 15, 1999**. General abstracts for symposia or workshops must be postmarked by **December 1, 1999**, with individual abstracts for each participant in a symposium due **December 15**. Additional information will be provided in the October mailing and on the ASP's web site ([www.asp.org](http://www.asp.org)). As usual, accepted abstracts will be published in the *American Journal of Primatology*. - Mollie Bloomsmith, ASP Program Committee Chair.

The ASP will hold the 2000 meeting in Colorado at the Regal Harvest House, Boulder, Colorado, June 21-24. The web site for the hotel is [www.boulder@regal-hotels.com](http://www.boulder@regal-hotels.com) and information about Boulder is at [www.visitorsbureau@chamber.boulder.co.us](http://www.visitorsbureau@chamber.boulder.co.us).

The Nominations Committee of ASP (Chris Abee, Paul Houghton, Melinda Novak, Susan Perry, and Anne Savage) is seeking nominations for the positions of President Elect, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominees should be members in good standing who are willing to serve. We urge members to help us with this task by recommending qualified individuals. Please send your nominations to Melinda Novak, Chair. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the process. - Melinda Novak, ASP Past President, Nominations Committee Chair.

## Call for Nominations for Officers of ASP



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**Deadline:**

**November 1, 1999**

## ASP Responds to the USDA Comment Period Extended for Draft Policy on Environmental Enrichment for NHPs

As you may be aware, the USDA has recently published in the Federal Register a new Draft Policy on Environmental Enrichment for Nonhuman Primates. You may see this Draft Policy by pointing your web browser to: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ac/eejuly15.html/>.

Once at that URL, the Draft Policy can be accessed by clicking on the link at the bottom of your screen. (There is an .html and a .pdf version.) The APHIS site not only contains the link to the Draft Policy, but also includes a very long document called the 'Final Report', which is essentially the literature review that they conducted in order to help them create the Draft Policy. Be aware that the Final Report and Draft Policy are two different documents, and **it is the Draft Policy that is at issue here!**

The USDA has set a **deadline of 13 October 1999** for the public to submit comments on the Draft. Nancy Caine, President of ASP, has asked me to chair an ad hoc committee to explore whether ASP should comment on the Draft Policy, and if so, what the nature of that comment should be. We would like to solicit the input of the membership on this issue. Of course, you are free to submit your own comments to USDA as well (instructions on how to do this can be found in the Policy statement itself). However we would appreciate your opinions about the Draft Policy, regardless of whether you submit comments to USDA separately. This is valuable to us because individuals at different facilities and in different positions will likely focus on different aspects of the Policy.

Because time is short, we are asking you to provide any thoughts about the Draft Policy to any of the members of the committee via email. We hope to submit a report to the Board of Directors soon. I have listed the names and E-mail addresses of the committee members below, all of whom have agreed to receive comments from the membership.

We appreciate your input. - *John Capitanio, ASP President-Elect.*



▲ *Rhesus monkeys at the University of Wisconsin enjoy grapes as part of their routine enrichment program. (Photo: Viktor Reinhardt)*

▼ *University of Oklahoma baboons try out their new cage, equipped with climbing structures and swings. (Photo: Janette Wallis)*



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## Primate Enrichment Forum E-mail List Re-activated

The Primate Enrichment Forum (PEF) is an E-mail list serv, initiated in 1997 to facilitate communication among primate research facilities on the topic of environmental enrichment for monkeys and apes. After an 8-month hiatus, the E-mail list has been reactivated to provide a resource to the primatology community - especially as it works to conform to the new USDA policies (see article, this page). The new

policies stress the importance of providing additional social opportunities and inanimate enrichment for captive nonhuman primates housed in research and other facilities. Through open discussion, subscribers of the PEF list may help facilitate compliance with these guidelines and, thus, enhance the "psychological well-being" of our primate charges.

The Primate Enrichment Forum is a closed E-mail list (i.e., new subscriptions are based on approval) and posts are unmoderated. Archives and member directories are available to subscribers at the list's official website. A digest format is available.

The PEF list has approximately 400 subscribers, including veterinarians, biomedical and behavioral scientists, laboratory animal technicians, and colony managers. Individuals representing zoos and other facilities housing non-human primates are also invited to participate. For more information, you may contact David Seelig at [david.seelig@yale.edu](mailto:david.seelig@yale.edu).

**Remember:  
The deadline for  
sending comments  
to the USDA is  
October 13th!**

### Speaking of Enrichment...Check out these valuable internet resources

**Environmental Enrichment for Primates - A Searchable, Annotated Database:**

[http://www.animalwelfare.com/Lab\\_animals/biblio/enrich.htm](http://www.animalwelfare.com/Lab_animals/biblio/enrich.htm)

**Laboratory Primate Newsletter Articles on Environmental Enrichment & Psychological Well-being:**

<http://www.brown.edu/Research/Primate/enrich.html>



## Employment Opportunities in Primatology and Related Fields

**Clinical Veterinarian**, University of Southwestern Louisiana, New Iberia Research Center, Louisiana USA. An AAALAC International accredited facility, the University of Southwestern Louisiana New Iberia Research Center (USL-NIRC) houses approximately 6,000 nonhuman primates (including Great Apes and eleven Old World and New World species). Our mission is to provide resources and support for the conduct of basic and applied research aimed at the solution of human health problems. Responsibilities of the Clinical Veterinarians include providing therapeutic, surgical, and diagnostic support for several breeder programs; evaluating animals and monitoring animal health on various research protocols, such as safety, pharmacokinetic, and efficacy, for the biotechnological and pharmaceutical industry; providing support and instruction to students, residents, visiting veterinarians, and clinical veterinary technicians in the principles and application of nonhuman primate medicine. Qualifications include a DVM/VMD from an AVMA accredited School of Veterinary Medicine. One to three years of technical experience with nonhuman primates is preferred but not mandatory; new graduates will be considered. Good interpersonal & communication skills are essential. A highly motivated, self-starter type of individual is sought. Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references to: Jennifer L. Moran, D.V.M., Head, Division of Veterinary Science, University of Southwestern Louisiana New Iberia Research Center, 4401 W. Admiral Doyle Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560; E-mail: jlm3461@usl.edu. USL NIRC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Bushmeat Crisis Task Force Coordinator**. The Bushmeat Crisis Task Force (BCTF) is a collaborative effort of international conservation organizations, zoological institutions, animal welfare advocates, and medical and conservation researchers. The primary goal of the BCTF is to facilitate the work of its members in identifying and implementing effective and appropriate controls over the commercial exploitation of endangered and threatened species in Africa. This commercial bushmeat trade is considered by the BCTF to be an immediate threat to local and regional extinction of numerous endangered and threatened species at particular risk are the great apes and other nonhuman primates. Primary responsibilities: Facilitate communication, organization and cooperation among various individuals and organizations represented in the BCTF; Facilitate and support key BCTF sub-committees - Leg-

islative Affairs, Public Relations, and Conservation-in carrying out their activities; Assist BCTF participants in information gathering and dissemination efforts to key decision-makers; Assist in the organization of BCTF and sub-committee meetings; Communicate and coordinate the BCTF activities with associated organizations in Europe and Africa; Recruit new BCTF participants; Manage the bushmeat@aza.org list serve; Coordinate and maintain a central repository for information, documents, and data, concerning the bushmeat issue; Maintain the database of bushmeat experts, Legislative/Public Relations/ Conservation contacts and members of the BCTF; Maintain documentation regarding the development and implementation of BCTF activities for reference and further development of similar conservation efforts; Coordinate/Assist activities and reporting of BCTF Consultants. Required Skills: PhD/MSc (preferred) or BSc (minimum) degree in Biology, Conservation, or Environmental Studies; Knowledge of African conservation issues, particularly bushmeat; Excellent written and spoken communication (working knowledge of French desirable); Excellent organizational and facilitation skills; Computer experience; Experience with legislative affairs and/or public relations a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Position is for one year and may be renewable on a year-by-year basis as dictated by need and willingness of the participants to support the position. Priority for the Coordinator's activities will be defined by the BCTF Steering Committee (STC) and directed by the BCTF STC Chair. The Coordinator will report directly to the STC Chair. Please forward Curriculum Vitae, including three references, to: BCTF Coordinator Search Committee c/o Dr. Michael Hutchins Director, Conservation and Science American Zoo and Aquarium Association 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 710 Silver Spring, MD 20910-3314.

**Veterinary Pathologist**, Tulane Regional Primate Research Center. Duties will include diagnostic pathology, consultation, and grant application. Development of an independent research program will be expected. Diagnostic cases come from the primate colony composed chiefly of Asian and African monkeys. Research programs include Simian AIDS pathogenesis vaccinology and drug treatment, Lyme-borreliosis, microsporidiosis, malaria and maternal-fetal transmission, tuberculosis, and gene therapy. The position will be available in the summer of 1999 and applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. Qualifications: Degree in Veterinary Medicine

and a Ph.D. or equivalent advanced education in Veterinary Pathology with research experience and ACVP certification preferred. Contact Peter J. Didier, D.V.M., Ph.D., Tulane Regional Primate Research Center, Tulane Regional Primate Research Center, Department of Pathology, 18703 Three Rivers Road, Covington, LA USA 70433; Tel.: (504) 871-6289; Fax: (504) 893-1352; E-mail: pdidier@tpc.tulane.edu.

**Senior Clinical Veterinarian**, University of Washington Regional Primate Research Center. This position has Center-wide decision making responsibilities for all clinical cases in the Nonhuman Primate Animal Colony on a daily basis, generating the benefits of standardized patient care and record keeping. Additionally, this position has the role of organizing the preventive medical schedule, ensuring veterinary availability on a 24-hour, 7-days-per-week basis, and providing oversight of our veterinary technical staff. The position reports to the Assistant Director of the Washington Regional Primate Research Center. Incumbent must routinely operate independently with little direct supervision on a day-to-day basis. This position exercises indirect supervision in the form of providing instruction to Veterinary and Animal Technicians regarding animal care. Qualifications: Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from a College of Veterinary Medicine that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association and licensure to practice veterinary medicine in at least one state of the U.S. Individuals must also have post-doctoral training or equivalent experience in laboratory animal medicine with areas of emphasis in nonhuman primates. Persons who are board-certified by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine are preferred. Selected candidate must participate in the WaRPRC Occupational Health Program and have excellent written and oral communication skills. Salary/funding: 54,000 to 59,000 depending upon experience. Contact Information: Kathy Swindler, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Regional Primate Research Center, University of Washington, H.S.B. I-421, Box 357330, Seattle, WA, USA, 98195; Tel.: (206) 543-9382; Fax: (206) 685-0305; E-mail: kathys@bart.rprc.washington.edu

**Post Doctoral Fellowship in Biological Anthropology**, Roehampton Institute London. We are looking for a biological anthropologist whose work will complement our research in human evolution, primate socioecology and life history evolution. Applicants from any area of biological anthropology are encouraged to apply but we are particularly interested in

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those whose work has an evolutionary outlook, e.g. primate (including human) evolution, behavioural ecology, evolutionary psychology, or research which will integrate biological anthropology with other areas of research in the School. **Closing date: 17 September 1999.** Qualifications: Ph.D. in a relevant topic (strong candidates who have completed their Ph.D. thesis but have not yet been examined may be considered). Salary GBP 17324- 22118. Term of appointment: 2 years. Human Resources Office, Roehampton Institute London, Senate House, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 5PU UK; Tel.: +44 181 393 3000; E-mail: humanresources@roehampton.ac.uk.

**Post-Doctoral Position in Evolutionary Primatology, WCS/NYCEP.** The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) seeks a Postdoctoral Candidate to work with one or more members of its staff for one year beginning March 2000. This position, offered under the auspices of the New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology (NYCEP), a graduate training program in all aspects of the behavioral and evolutionary biology of primates, is funded by an NSF Research Training Grant. The NYCEP faculty includes 31 researchers drawn from WCS, the American Museum of Natural History, City University of New York, Columbia University, and New York University. WCS, dedicated to preserving the earth's wildlife and wildlands, operates an international conservation program with over 250 field projects in 52 countries, as well as 4 conservation parks (including the Bronx Zoo) with a collection of over 30 primate species, in NYC. The position will be located, for at least six months of the year, in New York to allow interaction with WCS staff (Robert Lee, Colleen McCann, Andrew Plumptre, and John Robinson), NYCEP faculty and students. Applications should include a full curriculum vitae, names of three references (with telephone numbers), and a one-page statement of proposed research for the year. NSF limits eligibility to U.S. citizens, nationals and permanent residents; minority candidates are especially encouraged to apply. Send applications to Dr. C. McCann, Chair Search Committee, Mammal Department, WCS, Bronx, NY, 10460. For additional information contact Dr. C. McCann (cmccann@wcs.org). Applications are encouraged from those interested in issues of primate conservation, both in the field and captivity. Dissertation must be in hand at the time of the start date. Term of Appointment: March 2000 through February 2001. **Application Deadline: December 31, 1999.** WCS & NYCEP are EO/AEE.

**Post-doctoral IRTA Fellowship in Primate Communication.** The Developmental Neuroethology Unit of the Laboratory of Comparative Ethology, NICHD has a Postdoctoral Research Training Award (IRTA) Fellowship available to work on the mechanisms of auditory communication in nonhuman primates. The position is for a recent Ph.D. (awarded within 5 years) with U.S. citizenship or permanent residence. Experience in behavioral neuroscience and behavioral research in primates is an asset. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter stating research experience and interest, curriculum vitae, bibliography, and the names of three references with telephone numbers to: Ms. Melinda Veraska, NIH Animal Center, Box 529, Poolesville, MD 20837. Contact: John D. Newman, Ph.D., jdnewman@helix.nih.gov. Stipend ranges from \$27,500 to \$38,000 depending on when Ph. D. was awarded and postdoctoral experience. Term of Appointment: 1-5 years. **Application Deadline: October 1, 1999.**

**Pre-IRTA Fellowship in Primate Communication.** The Developmental Neuroethology Unit of the Laboratory of Comparative Ethology, NICHD has a Post-baccalaureate Research Training Award (IRTA) Fellowship available to work on the mechanisms of auditory communication in nonhuman primates. The position is for 1-2 years for a recent B.A. or B.S. with U.S. citizenship or permanent residence. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter stating career goals, a resume, 3 references and an official copy of their undergraduate transcript to Ms. Melinda Veraska, NIH Animal Center, Box 529, Poolesville, MD 20837. **Closing date is October 1, 1999.** Experience in behavioral neuroscience and primate behavioral research is an asset. Stipend is \$17,600 plus health insurance allowance. For more information, contact John D. Newman, Ph. D., Laboratory of Comparative Ethology, NICHD NIH Animal Center Poolesville, MD USA 20837; Tel.: (301) 496-9550; Fax: (301) 496-0630; E-mail: jdnewman@helix.nih.gov.

**Program Operations Coordinator,** Washington Regional Primate Research Center. This position reports to the Associate Director for Veterinary and Research Resources at the Washington Regional Primate Research Center and has managerial responsibility for 30-35 colony personnel in six functional units over three Seattle-area locations. The population of primates at these sites exceeds 800, all of which are macaques and baboons. Duties include ensuring the humane housing and maintenance of all nonhuman primates at the Center, ensuring daily

completion of aspects of the NHP environmental enrichment plan, coordinating transport of animals between facilities, overseeing colony aspects of the network computerized Animal Records System, assisting with the development and tracking of budgets, and working with investigators for budget preparation, research resource requirements, and space utilization needs. Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience; five to seven years of animal care and use experience including nonhuman primates; regulatory compliance and reporting experience in accordance with all federal, state, and local requirements for humane care and use of research and breeding colonies of nonhuman primates; supervisory experience in a complex research environment, including the maintenance and well-being of a nonhuman primate colony; and budgetary knowledge and experience. Full-time, permanent position (professional staff). **Deadline: Open until filled.** Faxed resumes accepted. Contact: Rebecca Simpson, Senior Secretary, WaRPRC, Box 357330, University of Washington, Seattle, WA USA 98195; Fax: (206) 616-1710.

**Senior Research Fellow,** Wildlife Tracking Center, Disney's Animal Kingdom. Assist in the operation of the enzyme immunoassay laboratory in the Wildlife Tracking Center. Initiates studies in reproductive biology in accordance with the scientific mission of Disney's Animal Kingdom. Coordinates laboratory activities and works in close association with the scientific, veterinary, and animal management teams. Responsible for developing and validating new assay systems to monitor reproductive functioning in exotic animals. Will also assist in the coordination and public exhibition of programs that will be highlighted in the Wildlife Tracking Center. Fellow will maintain an active research program in reproductive biology; Develop and validate assays to monitor reproductive functioning of exotic animals; Work in close association with the scientific, veterinary, and animal management teams to evaluate husbandry practices; Participate in training staff members in laboratory techniques; Develop interactive, interpretive experiences in partnership with the scientific and education staff; and Communicates research results in staff seminars, scientific journals, conference presentations, and popular publications. Qualifications: Ph.D. in endocrinology or related field, experience with enzyme immunoassay systems, excellent written and oral communication skills, ability to work with others in a fast paced, team oriented atmosphere. One year appointment beginning November 1, 1999. **Application Deadline: Sept. 15, 1999.** Send

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resume and 3 references. Contact: Anne Savage, Ph.D., Disney's Animal Kingdom, PO Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL USA 32830-1000; E-mail: Anne.Savage@disney.com

**Animal Facility Superintendent.** The Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center of Emory University currently has a vacancy for the position of superintendent of Animal Care at its Main Station facility. Individual will have significant interaction with the veterinary and scientific staff and will be responsible for supervising 50 animal care personnel, preparing budgetary information, overseeing inventory control, and generating reports relevant to the animal colony. Will also be responsible for technical training programs. The colony is diverse including Great Apes, Old World and New World primates. Requires a Bachelor's Degree and five years of experience in laboratory animal care with at least two years in a supervisory capacity. AALAS certification as Animal Technologist preferred. Must have knowledge of facilities design and maintenance, familiarity with computerized animal records, and a thorough understanding of laboratory animal husbandry policies and procedures. See Emory University web site for more information: <http://www.emory.edu>. Salary will be commensurate with credentials. Full University benefits. Application deadline: Until filled. Contact: Frank Leist, Recruiting Specialist, 1762 Clifton Road Atlanta, GA 30322 USA; Tel.: (404) 727-7611; Fax: (404) 727-1922; E-mail: fleist@emory.edu.

**Training and Development Officer.** Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center of Emory University is seeking a dedicated professional for the position of Training and Development Officer. Responsible for the training and development of laboratory animal management staff including animal care and research technical personnel. Will also provide training to other support personnel, e.g. clerical, administrative, shop and physical plant. Requires a Bachelor's degree and 6+ years of related experience, including 4 years of laboratory animal care experience and 3 years of supervisory or training experience. Ideal candidate has education and/or experience in a Biomedical/behavioral research environment, which includes the primate as a research animal model and possesses a high degree of demonstrated proficiency in computerized training methodology. Salary will be commensurate with credentials. Full University Benefits. Application deadline: until filled. Frank Leist, Recruiting Specialist Human Resources, 1762 Clifton Road Atlanta, GA 30322 USA; Tel.: (404) 727-7611; Fax: (404) 727-1922; E-mail: fleist@emory.edu.

**Ph.D. studentship,** Roehampton Institute London. Assist in study, "Crop-raiding in Primates: Behavioural & Nutritional Approaches," conducted by Dr. Caroline Ross & Dr. Ann MacLarnon. Primates are potential pests in many countries, particularly in Africa and Asia where baboons and macaques, respectively, may cause serious damage to crops. This study aims to investigate the behaviour of crop-raiding primates, using behavioural fieldwork to gather data on the activity budgets, energetic expenditure and nutritional intake of wild animals. Analysis of the nutritional content of the animals' diet will take place at Roehampton Institute London. **Closing date 17 September 1999.** Informal inquiries may be made to the School of Life Sciences office, Tel: 0181 392 3524; E-mail: life\_sciences@roehampton.ac.uk. Qualifications: Bsc/BA in a related area. Some experience of field work preferred. Salary GBP 7100. Term of appointment: 3 years. Quote ref. HR94. Contact: Karen

## Volunteer Positions

**Volunteer Primate Care Giver,** Highland Farm and Gibbon Sanctuary, northwestern Thailand. The volunteer will live on site at the centre which is located near Mae Sot (six hours outside Bangkok). The volunteer will assist the directors in all aspects of sanctuary management. Duties could include cage construction, food chopping, cage cleaning, guiding visitors, providing educational presentations at schools, fundraising, accompanying directors to remote locations to pick up gibbons in crisis, and other varied tasks. The ideal candidate would have a B.A. in wildlife biology, zoological studies, or anthropology (physical) and some hands on experience with primates in a captive situation. Previous travel in Asia would also be advantageous. Applications from other, less experienced volunteers are also welcome providing you have a strong desire to learn and are dedicated to primate conservation. **No salary and all volunteers are required to \$600 per month** for lodging, meals (meat eaters or vegetarians (vegans) catered to), access to truck, transportation once you arrive, and expenses while travelling on sanctuary business. Minimum stay of 1 month, but longer term volunteers welcome. Contact: Pharanee & Bill Deeters; E-mail: highland\_ape@hotmail.com.

**Research Assistant** to a Ph.D. project on Natal Dispersal and Reproductive Strategies in the Monogamous Titi Monkey, *Callicebus moloch*, in Manu National Park, Peru, working with Francis Bossuyt, Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Davis. The work is demanding and rigorous. Details can be provided upon request. Preference given to people who have worked in tropical environments before or have had demanding outdoor-camping experiences. The field station is extremely remote and has few accommodations. The only communication with the outside world will be via short-wave radio. I am looking for assistants who have or are currently working towards an undergraduate degree in Biology/Ecology/Antropology/Psychology. **No salary.** Assistants will need to cover expenses. Term of appointment: at least a 3-month period between Jan 15 and Dec 15 2000. **Application deadline: Dec 15th, 1999.** Please send a C.V. via email, including: 1) the name of the undergraduate institution you belong to or have belonged to, 2) a list of undergraduate courses you have taken in Bio/Eco/Anth/Psych, 3) a brief description of previous fieldwork experiences or work related experiences in Bio/Eco/Anth/Psych, 4) a brief description of any outdoor camping ex-

periences, 5) the names and e-mail addresses of 3 references (preferably professors or supervisors) who would be willing to provide information about your work habits and character over e-mail, 6) information on how I can contact you in mid December of 1999 (an e-mail address would suffice). Also, please let me know the amount of time you would like to commit to the project and the specific dates you wish to work. I will be in the field until mid December of 1999 after which I will review your CV and contact your references. Contact: Francis Bossuyt, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Davis, CA USA 95616; E-mail address: fjbossuyt@yahoo.com.

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 December issue of the ASP Bulletin is  
**November 15th.**



## Conference and Workshop Announcements

**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, Tempe, Arizona. 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.

**Australian Primate Welfare in the New Millennium**: A forum for the discussion of primate welfare in Australia, 11th November 1999, 9am to 6pm, New South Wales Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000. The aim of the conference is to look at current guidelines and discuss ways in which conditions can be improved for primates in laboratories, private hands and zoos. The conference will be of interest to primatologists, students, laboratory workers, zoo keepers, people holding primates in private hands, government departments, animals rights and welfare supporters plus the general public. Enrollment cost \$130.00. For more information, contact Lynette Shanley, Primates for Primates, PO Box 60, Portland, New South Wales 2847; Tel.: 02 6355 4026/ 61 2 6355 4026.

**COE (Center of Excellence) International Symposium 1999**, 17-20 November, 1999, to be held at the Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University, Japan. Theme "Evolution of the Apes and the Origin of Human Beings." Poster presentations welcomed. **Deadline: September 30, 1999**. See details at [www.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp](http://www.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp) or contact: Program Committee c/o sakai@pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp

**Primate Training and Enrichment Workshop**, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Veterinary Sciences (DVS) facility in Bastrop, TX. Co-Sponsored by UTMDAC, Active Environments, and Zoo Atlanta. The Primate Training and Enrichment Workshop is designed to encourage interaction and cooperation among participants from the laboratory and zoological communities. The workshop will begin at 9:00 am on Wednesday, November 17, 1999 and will end with a banquet/party on the evening of Saturday, November 20, 1999. A registration fee of \$550.00 per participant, includes all workshop materials, all meals, motel accommodations for five nights, and shuttle service between the Austin airport, the motel, and the DVS. Registration will be limited to 30 participants. Workshop instructors include: Mollie Bloomsmith, Gail Laule, Adam Stone, and Steve Schapiro. For additional information contact: Steve Schapiro, Ph.D., Department of Veterinary Sciences, UTMDACC; Rt. 2, Box 151-B1, Bastrop, TX 78602; 512-321-3991; 512-332-5208 (fax); sschapiro@mdanderson.org

**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.heyes@ucl.ac.uk or Karen McComb E-mail: karenm@biols.susx.ac.uk

**Australasian Primate Society - XVIIIth Annual Conference**, 3-5 December 1999, Taronga Zoo, Mosman, NSW, Australia. The theme is "Primate Conservation: The Role of Australia in *In Situ* Programs". Sponsored by the Association of Zoo Friends (NSW), Inc. and the

Zoological Parks Board of NSW. The keynote speaker will be Russell A. Mittermeier, Chairman IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group and President of Conservation International, Washington, D. C. **Abstracts deadline: 15th October, 1999**. For more information, contact: APS Conference Coordinator, c/- African Mammal Division, Taronga Zoo, PO Box 20, Mosman, New South Wales 2088, Australia; E-mail: mfinnigan@zoo.nsw.gov.au.

**The Committing to Conservation Conference**, hosted by the San Diego Zoo, December 9-12, 1999, 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](mailto:vthompson@sandiegozoo.org) Abstracts are due **by October 1, 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: [pharvey@sandiegozoo.org](mailto:pharvey@sandiegozoo.org).

**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. The conference is also open to guests without presentations. Guests must also register in advance by **October 1, 1999**. Contact: Peter Kappeler ([pkappeler@gwdg.de](mailto:pkappeler@gwdg.de)), the conference secretariat ([gft@www.dpz.gwdg.de](mailto:gft@www.dpz.gwdg.de)), and the conference web site: <http://www.dpz.gwdg.de/freiland.htm>

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**ICCM-2000 Third International Conference on Cognitive Modelling** Groningen, Netherlands, 23-25 March 2000, with optional tutorials on 22 March Contributions are invited for the Third International Conference on Cognitive Modelling, to be held at the University of Groningen from 23 to 25 March 2000. Further information can be found at the conference Web site: <http://tcw2.ppsw.rug.nl/iccm>. Papers will be published in proceedings that will be handed out at start of the conference. **Paper or poster: to arrive by 5 pm, 15 December 1999.** Contact: Niels Taatgen: [niels@tcw3.ppsw.rug.nl](mailto:niels@tcw3.ppsw.rug.nl) After 1 October 1999: [ritter@ist.psu.edu](mailto:ritter@ist.psu.edu) + 1 (814) 865-4453 (office) 865-5604 (fax) School of Information Sciences and Technology <http://www.ist.psu.edu> 512 Rider Building, 120 S. Burrowes St. Penn State University Park, PA 16801-3857

**International Conference: The Apes: Challenges for the 21st Century**, 10-13 May 2000, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield. Keynote speakers include: David J. Chivers (lesser apes); Carel van Schaik (orangutans); Gay Reinartz (bonobos); Claudia Olejnickzak (gorillas); and Toshishada Nishida (chimpanzees). The plenary speaker is Russell A. Mittermeier (Conservation International). Abstract deadline:

Immediately following the Conference, the Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, will host the North American Ape Taxon Advisory Group meetings. For other information on registration and submission of abstracts: Ape Conference Planning Committee, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield, Illinois 60513-0719, USA, Tel: (708) 485-0263 x 604; Fax: (708) 485-3140; E-mail: [apecon@brookfieldzoo.org](mailto:apecon@brookfieldzoo.org).

**American Society of Primatologists**, 21-24 June 2000, Regal Harvest House, Boulder, Colorado. More details to come in October mailing to ASP members.

**Measuring Behavior 2000** 3rd International Conference on Methods and Techniques in Behavioral Research Nijmegen, The Netherlands, 15-18 August 2000. Measuring Behavior 2000 will offer a mix of oral papers, poster presentations, technical demonstrations, training sessions, user meetings, scientific tours, an exhibition of scientific books, instruments and software, and a pleasant social program. All presentations will deal with innovative methods and techniques in behavioral research. The proceedings of the 1998 meeting (<http://www.noldus.com/events/mb98/mb98.htm>) give a good impression of what it is all about. Conference Venue Nijmegen is a lively univer-

sity town located in the central-east part of the Netherlands, with a history dating back to Roman times. To get on the mailing list for announcements, please contact the email address below. If you wish to propose a symposium or other conference activity, send your suggestions to Wineke Schoo ([w.schoo@noldus.nl](mailto:w.schoo@noldus.nl)). Measuring Behavior 2000 P.O. Box 268 6700 AG Wageningen The Netherlands Phone: +31-317-497677 Fax: +31-317-424496 E-mail: [mb2000@noldus.nl](mailto:mb2000@noldus.nl) Web site: <http://www.noldus.com/events/mb2000/>

**International Primatological Society**, 7-12 January 2001, 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: 31 October 1999. Abstracts: 31 May 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](mailto:satconv@camtech.net.au). (Send postal address, telephone, fax and e-mail address). Tel.: +61 8 8363 0068 Fax: +61 8 8363 0354 Graeme Crook's e-mail: [APS\\_Editor@msn.com.au](mailto:APS_Editor@msn.com.au) or [crook.graeme@etsa.com.au](mailto:crook.graeme@etsa.com.au). Congress website: <http://www.primates.on.net/>.

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