



A Message from the President...



What can one write at a time like this? Our extremely successful meeting in Portland is followed by a natural disaster on the Gulf Coast that

fortunately seems to have more or less spared the nonhuman primate resources and facilities in the Gulf Coast area. Clearly, many, many human resources and facilities were not spared. At the meeting in Portland I had begun discussions relating to an effort that I was calling "Diminish Suffering". The goal of this initiative is to attempt to provide resources so that field primatologists can help to diminish suffering near the sites where they are working. The idea is to have ASP contribute one "unit of medical-type supplies" (the type and exact quantity of these supplies has yet to be determined) to field workers for them to then provide to the source country

communities in which they are working. While the ultimate goal is to diminish suffering in these specific areas, a concurrent goal is to increase the value of the research and the researcher in the area. Clearly, this needs to be accomplished in a way that will not endanger the researcher in any way. I think this is a good idea, because ASP members work around the globe and through a program like this we might be able to achieve some minimal decrease in the amount of suffering people experience. It is now obvious that we should also consider attempts to diminish suffering closer to our homes as well. It is clear that situations differ between developed and developing countries, but it is just as clear that suffering knows little about such distinctions. I am still interested in pursuing the field primatologist component of this initiative and have sought guidance from Randy Kyes and Lynne Miller, among others, about how to actually implement it. If you have some ideas, please contact me and we can

discuss it. I am eager to receive additional input.

The rest of this message is primarily devoted to thanks and congratulations. On behalf of the Society, I thank all of you who attended the recent meeting in Portland and congratulate you on an excellent meeting. I have attended 25 of the last 26 ASP meetings and the last 22 in a row. I can't remember a meeting that was better. The science was great, the local arrangements were great, and the social program was outstanding. **Kris Coleman** and the local arrangements committee and **Larry Williams, Peter Judge**, and the program committee deserve both our thanks and congratulations. I hope the success of this meeting will stimulate more members to participate more actively in the many activities of ASP.

The thanks and congratulations don't end there, however. I want to thank **Janette Wallis** and the conservation committee for their continuing contributions to the

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ASP EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S STUDENT PRIZE AWARD WINNERS!

HONORABLE MENTIONS: **Brian Kelly.**

Performance of Rhesus Monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*) on a scale model task. Oral Presentation.

Rachel Dvoskin. Functional variation of the *Macaca mulatta* CRH gene is associated with temperament and reproductive outcome. Paper Presentation.

PAPER WINNER: Mitchell Irwin. Living in forest fragments reduces group cohesion in diademed sifakas (*Propithecus diademi*) in Eastern Madagascar by reducing patch size of food resources.

POSTER WINNER: **Dorothy Mandell.**

Computer training procedures and software for use with nonhuman primate infants.





PORTLAND 2006

Past & Present ASP Executive Secretaries
Janette & Toni



Thanks for the great program
Larry!



Susan Smith
ONPRC made us feel
welcome



ONPRC Tour



Present and Past
Chairs of the Award
and Recognition
Committee
Chris & Gabe



Karaoke -
hidden talents



Evan Zucker
and Ruth



Dick Dukelow
& Don Lindburg



Is this another dot
conversation?



Melinda Novak
is always here
for ASP!



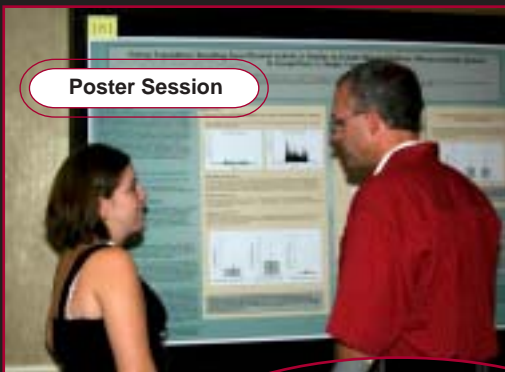
Social Time



PORTLAND 2006



Genetics & Physiology
Alison Bennett



Poster Session



Sue & Chris
announce the student
presentation winners



Carolyn Crockett
talks about
temperament



Music and dancing - an ASP favorite



Linda Brent
talks about social
challenge



The Banquet was held at the Portland World Trade Center



Karen Bales leads a panel discussion on oxytocin and prolactin



Silent Auction



Kris Coleman
hosted ASP



Wine Tasting Oregon style!

**DISTINGUISHED
PRIMATOLOGIST
AWARD GOES TO
DUANE RUMBAUGH!**



Duane Rumbaugh is a pioneer in comparative psychology and the study of primate learning, intelligence and language. ASP would like to honor Duane for his many accomplishments.

**CONGRATULATIONS
DUANE!**

**WISCONSIN
NATIONAL PRIMATE
RESEARCH CENTER
LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT**

The Wisconsin National Primate Research Center (WNPRC) Library has been awarded a five-year, \$2.8 million grant from the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), National Institutes of Health, titled *Coordinated Information Services for Primate Research*. Headed by Library Director Cynthia Robinson, with the support of her talented staff, Ray Hamel, Matt Hoffman and Joanne Brown, the WNPRC Library will continue to provide world-class services and resources promoting rapid sharing of information among the eight NCRR-supported National Primate Research Centers and the larger community of primatology and biomedical researchers. For more information about the WNPRC

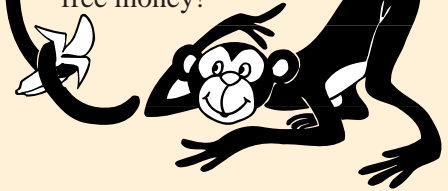
Library & Information Service visit either the library's website at <http://library.primate.wisc.edu/> or the Primate Info Net website at <http://pin.primate.wisc.edu/>.

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Our 3rd quarter Amazon referral fee was \$44.50.

The total amount of referral fees as of the end of the 2nd quarter was \$1,585.59 — not bad for free money!



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARD WINNERS FOR 2005

- **Steffen Foerster** – *Competitive Regimes, Social Behavior, and Stress Physiology of Mitis guenons*. – \$1500
- **Leslie Seltzer** – *Response of the Common Marmoset (Callithrix jacchus) to Positive and Negative Social Stimuli, as Measured by a Novel Urinary Assay for Oxytocin* – \$1500
- **Julienne Rutherford**– *Litter Size Effects on Placental Microstructure and Function in the Common Marmoset (Callithrix jacchus)* – \$1479
- **Tamaini Snaith** – *Food Competition and Ecological Determinants of Group Size and Biomass in Red Colobus* – \$1500
- **Kevin Potts** – *Comparative Ecology of Two Chimpanzee Communities in Kibale National Park, Uganda* – \$1500
- **Amy Pokempner** – *The Effects of Sex Differences and Seasonality on the Feeding Ecology of Chimpanzees in Kibale National Park, Uganda*
- **Julie Teichroeb** – *Reproductive Strategies, Male-quality, and Group Composition in Colobus vellerosus in Central Ghana* – \$1500
- **Laura Bidner** – *Predator-Prey Interactions between Leopards (Panthera pardus) and Chacma Baboons (Papio ursinus)* – \$1500
- **Alison Grand** – *The Assessment of Anxious Behavior and HPA Axis Function of Juvenile Rhesus Macaques (Macaca mulatta) Exposed to Infant Maternal Maltreatment* – \$1500
- **Monique Fortunato** – *Conflict Management and Dominance Style in Bonobos* – \$1500
- **Silvana Peker** – *Relationship among Habitat Fragmentation, Allogrooming Patterns, and Ectoparasite Loads in the Black and Gold Howler Monkey (Alouatta caraya)* – \$1450

American Society of Primatology Pre-Conference Education Workshop All About Primates! A Workshop for K-12 Teachers.

Organizers: Sue Howell, Alpha Genesis, Inc., Diana Gordon, Kris Coleman, Oregon National Primate Research Center **Date:** Tuesday, August 16 (9 to 4) and Wednesday, August 17 (9 to 12).

This workshop represented a joint effort between the ASP, Oregon National Primate Research Center, and the Oregon Zoo. The purpose of the workshop was to provide teachers with skills and information necessary to incorporate primatology into their current curriculum. We provided basic information on primates related to their diversity, geographic distribution, behavior and conservation. We acquainted teachers with available audiovisual and on-line resources. We provided lesson plans and suggested ways to incorporate primatology into the existing science curricula. The Oregon Zoo and Oregon National Primate Research Center also afforded the unique opportunity for active learning about the behavior of primates and teachers will receive hands-on training in behavioral observation, data collection methods, and analysis. ASP members were on hand throughout to share their knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm. While the workshop is geared to K-12 teachers, undergraduate and graduate students in primatology as well as young professionals attended and it was indeed a valuable workshop.



We wish to thank our wonderful sponsors including Harlan Teklab, University of Oregon, and the Oregon National Primate Research Center. In addition, we had great a great support team of local organizers and presenters including Diana Gordon, Kris Coleman, Nicole Chambers, and Jen McMillan. At the Oregon Zoo, Rex Ettlin, the Oregon Zoo Education Program Director provided a wonderful hands on presentation and, as a special treat, Dave

Thomas and Mike Jordon did a great 'behind the scenes' tour of the Oregon Zoo primate facilities. The Director of the Oregon National Primate Research Center, Susan Smith, provided a wonderful welcome for us all. We certainly could not have done it without the continued support of our ASP Education Committee and presenters including Diana Gordon, Kris Coleman, Karen Hambright, Melanie Schwandt, Matt Hoffman, Elaine Videan, Corina Ross, Stephanie Braccini, Ben Jaffe, and Judi Corr.

Sue

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Society and congratulate all those who were awarded **conservation small grants** and **subscription awards** by the committee. In a similar vein, **Karen Bales, Lynn Fairbanks**, and the **Research and Development Committee** reviewed 34 high-quality grants and were able to reach consensus and provide funding for the top 11. Thanks to the committee and congratulations to the awardees. **Sue Howell** and the **Education Committee** also deserve our thanks for organizing a teacher's workshop and for evaluating numerous paper and poster presentations. As usual, please continue your efforts in support of primates (human and non-human) and primatology. We are really privileged to be able to do the work that we do.

Steve Schapiro
sschapiro@mdanderson.org

JAN MOOR-JANKOWSKI IS DEAD AT 81; USED CHIMPS, KINDLY, IN SCIENCE

By DOUGLAS MARTIN, *New York Times*, September 3, 2005, excerpts



Jan Moor-Jankowski, a scientist known for groundbreaking immunology work with chimpanzees and whose life was defined by many impassioned battles, from fighting Nazis in his native Poland to defending press freedoms to exposing animal abuse, died on Aug. 27 at his home in Manhattan. He was 81. Dr. Moor-Jankowski, working mainly at a New York University laboratory, was a pioneer in using chimpanzees and other primates for medical research, and his accomplishments included helping develop the first hepatitis B vaccine, conceiving techniques to freeze blood for storage, and carrying out pregnancy studies that drew the attention of drug companies worldwide. He was elected to the French Academy of Medicine in 1995, succeeding Linus Pauling, who had died a year earlier, as the only American member. Dr. Moor-Jankowski was also founder and editor of *The Journal of Medical Primatology*.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE PORTLAND ASP MEETING

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the program committee and my co-chair Peter Judge for their excellent work in putting together a great meeting in Portland. We had 225 oral presentations and posters included among the 9 contributed paper sessions, 6 symposia, 2 poster sessions, and 2 workshops. The six symposia were the most in ASP meeting history and are due to the hard work of the organizers. In addition, there were two pre-meeting events, a teacher's workshop and symposium in honor of Dr Robert Brenner, as well as a post-meeting training workshop sponsored by Noldus. Gene Sackett and Don Lindburg gave featured talks as winners of the ASP Distinguished Primatologists Award. John Capitanio and Bill Hopkins gave wonderful presentations as featured speakers. Lastly, I would like to thank the many people who volunteered to moderate the sessions. That is a sometimes forgotten task, but without their efforts and time, the meetings could not come off as smoothly as they do.

Committee Members	Session Moderators	Symposium Organizers
Peter Judge	Maria Boccia	Karen Bales
Allyson Bennett	Carola Borries	Joe Erwin
Alan Brady	Hannah Buchanan-Smith	Lynne Miller
Karin Enstam	John Ely	Lindsay Murray
Babette Fontenot	Clara Jones	Jeff Rogers
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Tara Stoinski		
Jim Weed		


ASP 2006 – SAN ANTONIO, TX, AUGUST 16-19

Next year the annual meeting will be in San Antonio, sponsored by the **Southwest National Primate Research Center**. We have already had several ideas presented for special sessions and symposia. We need your ideas to make the quality of the meeting as high as possible. If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker please email me (lwilliams@usouthal.edu). If you have an idea for a symposium or workshop, please email me. If you have an idea on the organization of the meeting, email me. The Program committee needs your help in insuring that the meetings are meaningful to you.

Tentative deadline dates are; 1) **December 5, 2005** – notify program chair of intent to offer a symposium or workshop; 2)–**January 9, 2006** – Symposia and Workshop abstracts with confirmed list of participants due to program chair; and 3) **February 6, 2006** – all final abstracts are due for symposia, oral, and poster presenters. These dates may change slightly so please keep an eye on the society website for information. Also, look for our new set of guidelines for writing an abstract that should be available before the end of November.

RUPPENTHAL, GERALD C.



Gerald C. Ruppenthal, age 65, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2005, at his home. He was born on May 24, 1940, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin the son of Herman and Norma (Stolzenberg) Ruppenthal. Gerry was the world's leading expert on raising newborn and infant monkeys under nursery conditions. He was especially noted for developing procedures to save and raise newborn animals that were at risk for medical or behavioral problems due to low birth weight, pre-maturity, or abuse by their mother or her social group members. These credentials earned him the Senior Research Award for Biology and Conservation from the American Society of Primatologists in 1991. The award is given for significant contributions to research supporting knowledge of importance to primatology and to the life and well-being of primates. Gerry was also noted as a dedicated teacher of monkey care and behavior. He trained hundreds of students and professional researchers to handle, care for, and study monkeys while he was the head of the Infant Primate Research Laboratory at the University of Washington from 1971 until 2001. He published numerous articles and a book that is still the standard reference on nursery care of non-human primates. Additionally he remained a consultant to the National Institute of Health until his passing. "Gerry will be sadly missed by all those that knew him both professionally and personally." 

ASP Small Research Grant Report: PARENT-OFFSPRING CONFLICT IN WILD GOLDEN LION TAMARINS

Jennifer Siani - Program in Behavior, Ecology, Evolution and Systematics, University of Maryland, Jim Dietz Advisor

Parent-offspring conflict theory (POC) posits that offspring maximize fitness by demanding more parental investment (PI) than parents are predicted to allocate based on genetic relatedness (Trivers 1974). Conflict is predicted over additional care at any given time or the total duration of care. Understanding POC requires empirical studies that demonstrate the existence of conflict between parents and offspring as well as benefits to offspring at the expense of parents. My dissertation research will determine whether parents or offspring have control over resource allocation based on predictions of parent-offspring conflict theory using wild golden lion tamarins (*Leontopithecus rosalia*, GLTs). Specifically, I will determine how GLTs allocate resources based on offspring sex, how that investment affects caregiver body mass and activity budgets as well as infant growth, and whether infants can increase the quantity of PI using conspicuous vocal signals. My research uses multiple developmental stages of infants as well as fitness components of both infants and adults simultaneously to provide empirical evidence of POC.

Routine semiannual capture of animals began in 1983 with animals being anesthetized, weighed, measured, and dye marked for field identification. At least one individual was fitted with a radio transmitter for tracking purposes. My initial field season at Poço das Antas Biological Reserve, Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil began in July 2004 and ended in January 2005. Behavioral data were collected using focal observations of 10 min. duration conducted every 20 min throughout the field season. Prior to birth of infants, I collected behavioral information such as foraging and grooming on 8 groups of habituated tamarins ($n = 35$). These behaviors were collected on all individuals capable of providing care to infants (e.g. caregivers) since GLT groups typically contain one reproductive female, one or two unrelated adult males, and offspring of various ages that all participate in infant care. This information is being

used to determine activity budgets when infants are not present to compare to activity budgets when infants are present. Once infants were present, I also quantified time on the nipple, carrying transfers and solid food transfers continuously in addition to the previously mentioned behavioral data until my departure from Brazil. Additionally, I quantified caregiver initiated care, caregiver rejections and infant initiated care. Thirteen infants were born into habituated groups in the study population. Of those infants, two died within the first week of life while another infant disappeared at 9 weeks of age. The loss of infants and turnover of individuals within groups reduced my sample size to 6 groups and 23 caregivers.



GLT Mother and baby
Photo by Jim Dietz

As soon as possible after birth, I weighed, sexed, and marked infants for identification by trapping them while on the mother without chemical immobilization in the field. All infant captures were performed with the assistance of Andreia Martins, the field coordinator of the GLT reintroduction project. I collected further weights in the forest weekly without trapping using a technique developed by Dr. Karen Bales consisting of a baited electronic scale. Weights from very young infants were collected by weighing them on a caregiver and then weighing the same monkey without the infants. I collected weights for 32 caregivers over the course of 17 weeks beginning prior to the birth of any

infants in the study population to estimate relative physical condition throughout the period of infant dependence.



Jennifer Siani attempting to locate a group of wild golden lion tamarins. ©Sarah Hankerson

To assess whether infants can solicit increased levels of care using conspicuous vocal signals, I recorded the location of emitted calls, the frequency of calls, and parental responses to infant vocalizations while continuing to quantify measures of parental investment. I also recorded infant vocalizations using a Sony TCM-3000 analog tape deck and a Sennheiser directional microphone. I then digitized the vocalizations using Raven v1.2 sound analysis software (Cornell Lab of Ornithology). Though challenging, I was able to record from all infants periodically throughout infancy. I attempted playback experiments under three behavioral conditions; while caregivers were foraging, locomoting and resting in order to fine-tune my methodology.

I will return to Brazil in August of 2005 and again in August of 2006 to continue data collection. For the upcoming field season, I would like to increase the number of vocalizations recorded as well as record calls on a more consistent basis. I will also begin playback experiments on a regular basis with all habituated groups containing infants.

Trivers, R.L. 1974. Parent-Offspring conflict. *American Zoologist*. 14:249-264.

Conservation Conversation



ASSESSING LOCAL EXTINCTION RISK IN HOWLER MONKEYS GROUPS (*ALOUATTA PALLIATA MEXICANA*) IN A HIGHLY FRAGMENTED LANDSCAPE IN LOS TUXTLAS, VERACRUZ

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Habitat loss and forest fragmentation are two of the most important factors that are driving primate populations to extinction (Cowlshaw and Dunbar, 2000). As a result, conservation of many primate species depends of both the capacity of fragmented forests to support these populations and the primate plasticity to response to habitat loss and fragmentation (Marsh, 2003). Although there have been many studies on primates that inhabit fragments, few have addressed the problem of primate population conservation from a metapopulation perspective (v.gr., Swart and Lawes, 1996; Chapman *et al.*, 2003).

Since early 2001 we started a study in a highly altered landscape in southern Los Tuxtlas, México, including aspects as landscape analysis (Rodríguez-Toledo *et al.* 2003, Palacios-Silva and Mandujano in press), movements, group size and densities of howler and spider monkeys (Mandujano *et al.* in press), and fragment quality (Arroyo-Rodríguez and Mandujano 2003).

The goal of the present project was to answer the following question: If our goal is to increase the viability of the howler monkey metapopulation in a highly altered landscape, what must be increased, the area of remaining habitat fragments, the connections among them, or both? To answer this question, we analyzed the effect of patch size and landscape connectivity in metapopulation probability of extinction.



Santa Marta Volcano

Our study was developed in a landscape consisting of approximately 5,000 ha, but only 547 ha (11%) represent tropical rain and secondary forests habitat for primates (Fig. 1). The matrix surrounding forest fragments was made up principally of corn crops and pastures. In total, there are 92 fragments, but 81% are less than 5 ha, 8% exceeded 10 ha, and the largest cover 76 ha. Landscape connectivity was estimated less than 30%.

Fieldwork was developed from January 2001 to May 2004. Data from fieldwork was used to construct a stage-based matrix (Caswell, 1989). The RAMAS Metapop software (Akçakaya 2002) was used to simulate deterministic

and stochastic factors affecting howler monkeys group dynamics in a interval of 30 years. Demographic and environmental stochasticity, catastrophes and dense-dependence effects in vital rates and dispersal were considered in the model. Nine scenarios were simulated resulting from a combination of three habitat change conditions for occupied fragments and three connectivity levels. In terms of changes in habitat surface, the three trends were as follow: 1) constant habitat loss at an annual rate of 4% of fragment surface (Dirzo and García 1992), 2) arrested deforestation, and 3) fragment regeneration or reforestation at an annual rate of 4%. The connectivity levels considered were 1) total isolation among populations, 2) a landscape with poor fragment connectivity, where movements occur mainly crossing the matrix, and 3) a landscape with increased connections among fragments through riparian corridors with an approximate length of 15 km.



We counted a total of 74 individuals until May 2004, and howler monkeys occupied 18 of the 92 forest fragments (19%). We found the lowest probabilities of extinction (<0.1%) for a 30-year

Conservation Continued



Figure 1. - Occupied fragments by howler monkeys in Southern Los Tuxtlas, Veracruz, Mexico (Map, R. Palacios-Silva).

interval in the scenarios where the fragment area are maintained or recovered. In contrast, when we simulated a constant habitat loss, extinction risk increases significantly to 36% (Fig. 2). There was a tendency to diminish the probability of extinction of the metapopulation when dispersal rate between fragments increases, and this is more evident in the scenarios with no change in fragments area. In those scenarios, probability to be under a threshold of 74 individuals, the actual metapopulation size, increases in scenarios simulating total isolation or dispersal through the matrix (> 49%), compared with a 27% probability observed when we simulated the implementation of riparian corridors (Fig. 2).

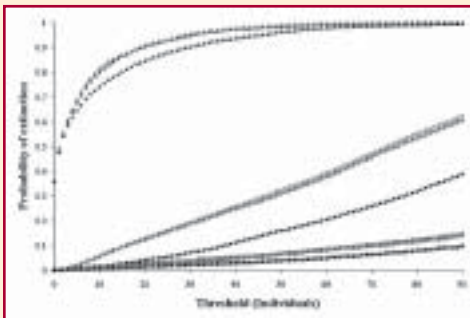


Figure 2. - Quasi-extinction risk curve of the metapopulation to the end of the 30-year interval. Squares, scenarios simulating a 4% annual increase in fragments area; circles, scenarios simulating maintaining actual fragments area; triangles, scenarios simulating a 4% annual decrease in fragments area. Black colour, scenarios simulating dispersal through riparian corridors; grey colour, scenarios simulating dispersal through the matrix; white colour, scenarios simulating total isolation.

Our results suggest that an adequate strategy for this metapopulation is to avoid the fragment area loss and to encourage programs enhancing the habitat recovery. The conservation of the actual area and the impulse of strategies leading to an increase of the remnant habitat patches are priority for the persistence of this metapopulation. The landscape reconnection must be considered as a medium to long-term strategy. The creation of a riparian corridors net larger than the 15 km simulated in this study probable results in



Howler monkeys (adult male and adult female)

lower extinction risk to those obtained in the simulations. Howler monkeys are capable of recolonizing forested areas due to their high intrinsic growth rate and fast life history development (Fedigan and Jack 2001). This feature suggests a positive scene if habitat protection is effective. Relatively large fragments are a priority for their protection. But howlers inhabiting small fragments with a high extinction risk could need drastic strategies such as translocation to larger fragments.

Active manipulation of this metapopulation, particularly habitat restoration, disease control, translocation, as well monitoring of the management consequences

in population trends and genetics, will provide important data to validate or improve the simulation model and important issues in primate conservation in fragmented landscapes.

Acknowledgments

This research was supported by the ASP (Conservation Small Grant). Mateo-Gutiérrez family, F. García-Orduña and D. Canales provided facilities for the field-work. We thank A. Cuarón, M. Equihua, A. Estrada, and J. C. Serio-Silva for comments and suggestions, and R. Palacios-Silva for help with maps and GIS software. The National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT) granted research scholarships for the first author, and the Department of Biodiversity and Animal Ecology, Instituto de Ecología, A. C. provided the support necessary for the completion of this research. Primate Conservation, Inc. provided a small grant to the first author.

Dear ASP Colleagues and friends:

On behalf of Mexican Society of Primatologists, we wished to let you know our solidarity feelings with all people that were affected as a consequence of terrible hurricane events that happened in the states of Alabama, Mississippi and mainly in Louisiana. Particularly we wished to express our preoccupation and good desires in the reconstruction of the incredible city of New Orleans. In this amazing city was held during 1999 the unforgettable ASP meeting by Tulane University and Tulane Primate Center. Really, all members of our Mexican Primatological Society we are very sad about the terrible images and news that we have seen after the hurricane.

You can be sure that we are sending to all ASP members our sincere solidarity feelings. Receive our very best wishes and warmest regards.

Sincerely,
Dr. Juan Carlos Serio Silva
President
Mexican Society of Primatologists
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2006 CALL FOR CONSERVATION SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

NOTE: This year, the grant proposal deadline is early again: 16 JANUARY 2006.

The ASP Conservation Committee would like to solicit grant proposals for the ASP Conservation Small Grants competition of 2006. These grants (up to \$1,500) are specifically designed to help fund conservation research or related projects, including conservation education. ASP members working in habitat countries are especially urged to apply or to help someone from a habitat country submit a meaningful project which can be a portion of a larger effort. Grant application guidelines may be obtained by contacting the ASP Conservation Committee Chair at the address below or at the ASP web site. (NOTE: The Committee is making some minor changes to the application process for this year, so please wait until late October to contact the Chair. Alternatively, please consult the ASP web site in late October for full details).

Deadline for Conservation Small Grants: JANUARY 16th , 2006.

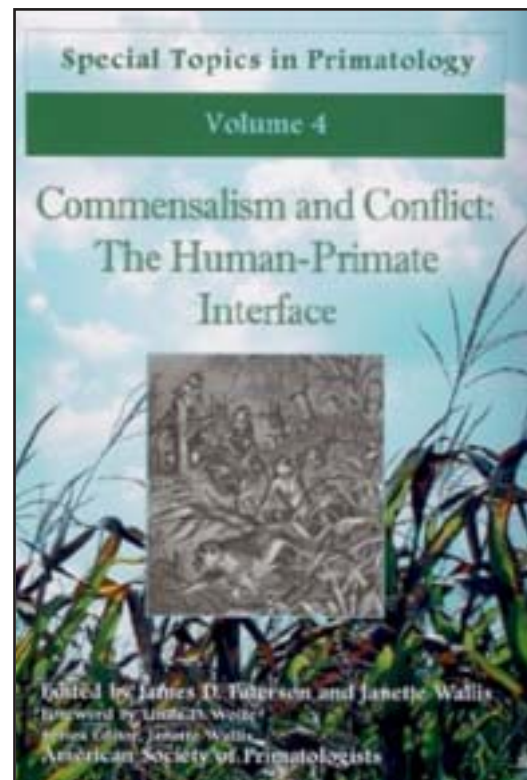
The ASP Conservation Committee will be making the Conservation Small Grant awards early again this year. This decision was made to better facilitate our getting conservation grant money to the winners in time for the "summer" months - when many of these projects get underway. The 2006 deadline for submission of grant proposals is **16th January, 2006**. Materials may be submitted online at the ASP web site (www.asp.org), beginning in early December, or sent as an email attachment to the Committee Chair. Grants will be announced in late March. Please direct any questions to: Dr. Janette Wallis, Chair, ASP Conservation Committee, ABTI-American University of Nigeria; janettewallis@sbcglobal.net or jwallis@aaun.edu.ng.

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The American Society of Primatologists is pleased to announce the publication of the latest volume in our book series, *Special Topics in Primatology*. The book, the fourth in the series, is entitled *Commensalism and Conflict: The Human-Primate Interface* and was edited by James D. Paterson and Janette Wallis. This new volume provides a comprehensive and up to date look at the close relationship we have with nonhuman primates and is sure to make an important contribution to the literature in human-wildlife conflict.

All ASP members are encouraged to support the Society's publishing efforts by buying each volume and making sure your institution's library has a copy. You may order it online at: <http://www.asp.org/research/aspbook/Volume4.html> - or see the order form included in this issue of the *ASP Bulletin*.

If you would like to learn more about the book series, visit the web site – or contact the Series Editor, Janette Wallis (janettewallis@sbcglobal.net).



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ANNOUNCING THE RELEASE OF THE INTERNET PRIMATE AGING DATABASE

iPAD - Visit <http://ipad.primate.wisc.edu> and request a login.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center are proud to announce the release of the Internet Primate Aging Database (iPAD), a new tool for researchers interested in studying biomarkers of aging in nonhuman primates.

iPAD provides an invaluable resource for veterinarians, primate researchers, and the general public and has already resulted in several papers published in peer-reviewed journals. With more than 500,000 data points from 17 different species at 11 research facilities, registered iPAD users can view normative values of blood chemistry, hematology, and other biomarkers of aging such as body weight. Data points are from routine screening of healthy animals at regular intervals over their lifetimes. In addition to being able to view means and standard deviations, users can access individual data points to statistically and graphically examine at the species-, biomarker-, or site-specific level for their particular research needs and are able to export and manipulate data at will.

While data are continually being added for the sites and species already in the database, the usefulness of iPAD increases as additional data are contributed. We are currently expanding the number of species and measurements included in the database and increasing the number of data points for existing species in iPAD.

Researchers interested in becoming a part of this collaborative effort and contributing data from non-experimental, healthy primates are encouraged to contact the System Administrator, Wendy Newton (wnewton@primate.wisc.edu) for more information.



ASP 29th Annual Meeting August 16-19, 2006 San Antonio, TX



PLANET OF THE RETIRED APES

By CHARLES SIEBERT

This past spring, in a secluded patch of forest in northwest Louisiana's Caddo Parish, a singularly bizarre bit of evolution unfolded. There, amid the sun-dappled pines and flitting birds, a pair of 40-something chimpanzees named Rita and Teresa — lifetime research subjects who were originally taken from Africa for use in NASA's space program — became American pioneers of a whole other sort: the first beneficiaries of an inspired piece of retirement legislation passed by the United States government. Under the watchful eyes of animal behaviorists, veterinarians, enrichment specialists and daily caretakers, Rita and Teresa checked in on the afternoon of April 4 at the recently opened Chimp Haven, the first federally financed, taxpayer-supported retirement home for chimpanzees.

Ultimately, 260 chimpanzees at Save the Chimps, virtually all of them bred in captivity and used for research, will be set free on one of a dozen three-acre islands on the sanctuary grounds.



*Photographed and retouched by Zachary Scott for The New York Times
Alec Soth/Magnum, for The New York Times*

Dear Colleagues:

I have a number of duplicate back issues of primate journals that I would like to place the hands of young primatologists who would find them useful. Of course, now that AJP is available electronically all the way back to Vol 1, No 1, the information is available, but some like to have a hard copy on hand. I had intended to bring more of these to give to the silent auction at the ASP meeting, but in the end decided not to carry that much. The AJP Vol 1, No 1, that I donated brought \$25, so it is clear that these are valued by some people.

Some examples: IJP Vol 1, Nos 1-4
AJP Vol 1, Nos 1-4
AJP Vol 2, Nos 1-4
AJP Vol 3, Nos 1-4 (all bound together)
AJP Vol 4, Nos 1-4

And many other issues of AJP and issues of some other journals that are surplus to my needs. Mainly I need to cover the costs of sending them.

Please contact me at:

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Wishing you well, Joseph M. Erwin,
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SPECIAL TALKS GIVEN AT MEETINGS



Bill Hopkins gave the Keynote Address: LEFT, RIGHT, HAND AND BRAIN: SPECIALIZATION IN CHIMPANZEES

Gene Sackett gave a Distinguished Primatologists Award Address: ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE



Don Lindburg gave a Distinguished Primatologists Award Address: PRIMATES AND

TECHNOLOGY (ART): NEW METHODS FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF PRIMATE GROWTH, BEHAVIOR, AND GENETICS



PANDAS: COMMON THREADS OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY

John Capitanio gave the Past President's Address: AN INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES APPROACH TO PRIMATOLOGY



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MINUTES FROM THE ASP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - 2005

President Steve Schapiro at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Portland Oregon, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2005. Attending: Steve Schapiro, Jeff French, Suzette Tardif, Toni Ziegler, Evan Zucker, Janette Wallis, Randy Kyes, Chris Abee, Linda Fairbanks, Karen Bales, Larry Williams, Linda Fedigan, Sue Howell.

Steve opened the meeting by thanking the committee chairs and their members for their work this week. He then went on to explain the meaning of the dots. To initiate conversations between people that would normally not interact, Steve and Kris Colman arranged to have the attendees of the meetings to be divided into "green dot name tags" and "blue dot name tags". Dot colors indicated which night to attend a post poster session social. Steve asked the Committee Chairs to submit their report to the ASP Board of Directors. Steve stated that he had achieved his goal of having a student representative on each committee. The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and business meeting from June 10, 2004 as put

in the ASP bulletin. The minutes were approved.

Standing Committee Chairs gave the following reports: **Program Committee Report** - Larry Williams reported that 231 abstracts were submitted for the Portland meetings and 225 accepted. Five abstracts had been withdrawn prior to the meetings. The committee had a recommendation that the Abstract Author Instructions be rewritten and available earlier. The committee also suggested revising the symposia instructions to include the symposium overview with a list of participants at the time of submission. Several board members suggested that the program committee were emphasizing too much detail for the abstracts and suggested eliminating the emphasis on statistics. Larry considered this recommendation that the reviews were too critical. He will discuss the abstract criteria with the committee members. The committee recommended having a founder's symposium for featured speakers from the original meetings. This would provide an insight on where ASP has been and where it is going.

American Journal of Primatology Editor - Linda Fedigan reported that the number of manuscript submissions to the journal had increased. Turn around

time for providing decisions was a mean of 60 days (range = 7 to 144 days). Reviewers were acknowledged for their efforts to review quickly. Decisions on 187 manuscripts yielded 23% accept with revisions, 20% rejections, 55% resubmissions and 2% pending. The average time from submission to publication is six months. The impact factor has increased in the last year to 1.8 and we are 14 out of 111 journals in our area. AJP has the highest impact factor of the primate journals! The journal now has a backlog built up and it takes on average 6 months from submission to publication. An author satisfaction survey for AJP was implemented by Wiley in May and June: 23 people responded with outstanding positive responses. On the behalf of the Society, Steve Schapiro thanked Linda for her efforts. Wiley is doing a great job. AJP is now online to the beginning volume and at no cost to the Society. Joe Ingram, our Wiley representative, has initiated the set up of early view to see your article prior to the publication date. Evan Zucker indicated that there would be a cost increase of \$5 for the subscription to AJP both students and full members.

Local Arrangements: Kris Coleman reported that all was going

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well with the execution of the meeting. Many students had volunteered to help at ASP. There was over \$10,000 in donations and 19 vendors at the meetings. Over 320 people registered, including on site registrants. Security was a key issue due to a small protest during the meetings. Steve Schapiro thanked Kris for the society for an outstanding job on the arrangement.

Education Committee: Sue Howell, chair, reported 11 people on the committee who attended the committee meeting. The education workshop spent the first day at the Portland Zoo and the second day at the Oregon Primate Center. Harlan Tech helped sponsor the workshop at the zoo and the Oregon National Primate Research Center sponsored the second day. Twenty-six people attended the workshop and it was a huge success. An upcoming workshop is planned for teaching field school courses. This year there were more student papers than normal. It took 8 – 10 judges per individual to judge the competition this year. The length of time it takes students to get their prize was discussed. Next year a workshop on Careers in Primatology will be organized. The committee would like winners of the student competition to submit articles based on their talks and posters to AJP. The current amount presented to the winners of the posters and talks are \$200 and \$50 for honorable mention. The amount provided for student travel to this meeting from ONRPC was \$7500. Sue Howell will establish a minority initiative soon. The plan would use Morgan Island/Yemassee as a site for training minority students in primatology/life sciences. More information on this will be available next year.

Awards and Recognition committee: Chris Abee (chair), other committee members attending: Karena Morales, Russ Tuttle, Matt Kessler, Dee Higgle. Chris

announced that the society needs more members to initiate nominations for our awards. The committee recommended that we expand the Announcement of the website call for each award and recognize awardees from the past on the website. There were few nominations received this year but these were outstanding. The committee recommended the award for Distinguished Primatologist go to **Duane Rumbaugh** this year for his outstanding contributions to the field of primatology. The committee recommended naming awards after ASP members who have made great contributions to primatology. This recommendation was tabled for now. The committee recommended naming an award in memory of **Gerald Ruppenthal**. It was decided that the **Student Travel Award** to ASP could be named after him. The society will attempt to obtain \$5,000 for the fund with the money coming from donations. Chris asked that all attending the Executive Committee Meeting press colleagues to make nominations for the other awards. We are honoring the society every time we give one of these awards.

Conservation Committee: Janette Wallis (chair). Janette announced that the timing of the ending of the silent auction would change to 12:45 on Saturday. The changing of the Conservation Grants deadline to Jan 15th was very successful. The announcement of awardees occurred in April so that money could be distributed prior to the summer field season. The committee received 40 proposals and awarded 10. The committee suggested having a virtual committee meeting for making the decisions on awards for next year. It was suggested that the both the Conservation committee and the Research & Development committee create frequently asked question for the website to assist those writing proposals. Janette stated that the: **1st annual**

symposium that highlights projects funded by ASP was held at the meetings and appeared to be a success. AJP subscription awards: **4** were approved for this year. The Bushmeat Crisis Task Force of which Janette is the ASP representative has now expanded from Africa into Asia and Latin America. ASP voted to continue supporting BCTF. The committee plans to rework the Conservation website for ASP and add a list of past awardees. The committee suggested a fundraising idea of producing a deck of playing cards with primates on them for sell at zoos and for ASP members.

Publications committee: Randy Kyes (chair), other committee members: Melinda Novak, Joe Bielitzki, Katherine Hinde, Corrine Lutz, Anne Savage, Juan Carlos Serio Silva; ex-officio members: John Capitanio, Linda Fedigan, Janette Wallis, Toni Ziegler. Randy indicated that Toni Ziegler was actively looking for additional advertising to increase income for the ASP bulletin. One primate products company, Cell Sciences, is currently advertising in the ASP bulletin.

The committee expressed their appreciation to Linda Fedigan for her outstanding work on the society's journal – American Journal of Primatology.

John Capitanio reported on the summary of web page usage. Improvements, upgrades and new features: Installation of additional 512 mb RAM to server (donated), Installation of new software and conversion of database from Access to SQL Server, Improved grant submission process, Documentation for Conference organizers on how to use conference web tools, Hosting of IPS conference registration/ abstract submission, Conference Message Board. Online registration was close to 90%. And abstract submission was almost 100% online. John indicated that after the home

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page, the next most frequently hit pages are our ASP abstracts from our past four conferences, suggesting that our website is used heavily for viewing the society's scientific offerings. It was suggested that we implement a search engine for abstracts on ASP website. Updating "frequently asked questions" was suggested since people are hitting our information sites about the use of primates in research. On-line renewals are about 50% for the past seven years. For 2005, ASP mails out 479 printed copies of the Bulletin and 178 members have chosen to receive only the electronic version. Online registration for this year's meetings was 89%, an increase of 7% over last year. The ASP book series released Volume 4 at this meeting. Janette helped Jim Patterson finish this due to Jim's illness. Ongoing discussion continues on distribution and marketing of the book series. The Publications Committee recommended to the BOD to seek a publisher for the book series.

Membership and Finance

Committee: Evan Zucker (chair). The committee members all expressed willingness to work on marketing strategies for the ASP book series and recommended that the Membership and Financing Committee take over the marketing of the series. Update on membership: In 2004 there were 652 paying members. During the fiscal year ending May 31 2005 there were 588 paying members. Recently, 46 more members were signed in and we have 634 paying members at the time of the Portland meetings. One third of ASP members are student members (~200 members) Financial statements: Total funds = \$203,076 for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2005 with \$75,395 in Cash Assets and \$127,681 in CDs. The 27th annual meeting of ASP in Madison made \$8,860 after expenses. The committee proposed

the use of Watts fund to pay for travel for Mexican students to attend ASP in San Antonio. **Approved (5 - \$1,000 awards).** The committee recommended moving the website server from UC - Davis to a company. It would cost around \$36.00/month. Nancy Capitanio had suggested this. **Approved to move the server to a company.**

President Steve Schaprio reminded the members of the Executive Committee that IPS is in Uganda, June 25th – 30th 2007.

The deadline for registration is September 1, 2005. He urged ASP members to go to this meeting. IPS is using the ASP CMT conference technology to make it go smoothly. Steve gave special thanks to our webmaster, Nancy Capitanio. We finished in 2 hrs and 6 minutes. Jeff French moved that we should adjourn and Janette Wallis seconded the motion.

MINUTES FROM THE ASP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 2005

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm August 19, 2005 by President Steve Schapiro at the 28th annual meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Portland, Oregon. Attending: Steve Schapiro, Jeff French, Suzette Tardif, Evan Zucker and Toni Ziegler. Steve called for the approval of previous minutes from the last Board of Directors' Meeting in Madison, 2004 as reported in the ASP bulletin. The minutes were approved. The following recommendations were made.

Recommendation: Determine the meeting sites for future ASP: 2007: (June) Still under review. 2008: Paul Houghton, Naples Florida: Primate Products, Panther Tracts Learning Center & local university.

Action: Florida was approved for 2008.

Recommendation: Explore alternatives for publishing the ASP book series by seeking potential commercial publishers, university presses, and other potential publishers within 6 weeks. **Action:** The BOD is giving the Membership and Finance Committee six weeks to come up with an alternative.

Aotis trivigatis Bromback funds (\$10,000): Announcement of availability of funds

Recommendation: Provide input to the Research and Development committee's need to update the web site. **Action:** Both the Research and Development and the Conservation Committees will update the web site.

Recommendation: A Nominations committee be set up to elect our new: Secretary, Treasurer, President Elect. **Action:** Jeff French volunteered for this committee as past president.

Recommendation: The award for Distinguished Primatologist go to **Duane Rumbaugh** this year for his outstanding contributions to the field of primatology. **Action:** approved.

Recommendation: Naming an award in memory of Gerald Ruppenthal. **Action:** It was decided that the **Student Travel Award** to ASP could be named after him.

Recommendation: The use of Watts fund to pay for travel for Mexican students to attend ASP in San Antonio. **Action:** Approved (5 - \$1,000 awards).

Recommendation: Raise monies from companies for field scientists to distribute near their sites in primate source countries who need valued supplies. Increase the value to the primatologists who work there. **Action:** Permission to pursue this idea.

Steve thanked the BOD members. Steve made a request to the society's historian – website update on our forefathers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54

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MINUTES FROM THE ASP BUSINESS MEETING - 2005

The business meeting was called to order on Saturday, August 20th at 11:35 by President Steve Schapiro at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Portland, Oregon. Steve Schapiro welcomed everyone to the business meeting of ASP and called the meeting to order. Announcements: ASP book series – you can now order the 4th volume, *Commensalism and Conflict: The Human-Primate Interface*, edited by Jim Paterson and Janette Wallis, 2005 on line at the ASP web site.

Wiley has scanned all the volumes of AJP back to the first and has put them on line for ASP members. Steve thanked Kris Coleman (Local Arrangement Chair) and her committee for a fabulous meeting.

Kris Coleman thanked ASP members for coming to Portland and hoped everyone enjoyed the meetings. Animal protests were kept to a minimum but one was scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Hotel management helped by providing alternative exits from the hotel. The ASP Banquet will be held at the World Trade Center – Salmon and 1st street. Starts at 7 pm. Kris indicated that 320 members registered with 20 onsite registration and new memberships. The meetings were supported with additional funds from the Oregon National Primate Research Ctr. The ONPRC also provided staff. Kris had 45 volunteers. Thanks to all of you and enjoy your time in Portland.

Suzette Tardif (ASP President elect) – Issued an invitation to the 29th annual meeting on August 16-19 in San Antonio Texas, 2006. The meetings will take place downtown at the Hyatt on the riverwalk and both the Alamo and the river are within view of the hotel (see page 20 for this view). It will be hot and the

marquiritas will flow. No softball will take place at the 2006 meetings due to the heat so a bowling tournament in downtown has been suggested instead. Hope to see you there.

2007- Meeting of ASP, not settled yet. 2008- ASP meeting will take place in Naples, Florida hosted by Paul Houghton: Primate Products, Panther Tracts Learning Center & a local university.

Larry Williams: Program Committee had 230 abstracts submitted with 225 accepted, 5 withdrawn. Three concurrent sessions occurred including 6 symposia and 2 workshops. Peter Judge (co-chair), Allyson Bennett, Alan Brady, Karin Enstam, Babette Fontenot, Rienhold Hutz, Matt Kessler, Mary Knezevich, Katherine Mackinnon, Larry Mai, Sara Stoinski and Jim Weed all judged the student papers and posters. Larry thanked the Session Moderators and Symposium Organizers (see Program Committee Report for names).

Instructions for submitting symposia and abstracts for the 2006 ASP meeting will be revised and on the website. There have already been two symposia suggested for next year.

Linda Fedigan - Editor of American Journal of Primatology. The impact factor (ISI 1.8) increased from last year and indicates that we are number one in primate journals and AJP ranked 14th in the field of zoology. The journal has done very well and has excellent editors: Dorothy Fragaszy, Paul Garber, Michael Huffman, Lynne Isbell, Jean E. Turnquist, Jeffrey Rogers and Suzette D. Tardif. Special thanks goes to our Editorial Assistant-Mellanie Foster and to the reviewers and those who have submitted their excellent work to AJP. During the time between June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005 there were 187 new submissions (~1 every 2 days, or 15.6 per month. There is a

60 day mean turn-around time from submission to first decision (range = 7 to 144 days). For decisions made on 187 manuscripts: 23% were accepted with revisions and 20% were totally rejected. There are two forthcoming **Special Issues of AJP:** September 05: Field-based studies of behavioral endocrinology by K. Strier and T. Ziegler as guest editors. December 05: Recent advances in color vision research by H. Buchannan-Smith as guest editor

In progress Special Issues:

The neglected sense – olfaction in primate behavior, ecology and evolution with E. Heymann as guest editor.

Disease Risk Analysis with L.

Jones-Engel as guest editor

Evolution, functional morphology & behavioral ecology of lorisooids with A. Burrows & L. Nash as guest editors.

Wiley has set up “Early View” which will allow members to view papers before their publication. Linda thanked all of the people who have supported this journal. She encouraged members to submit new manuscripts and photographs of their primates. She also asked members to continue to review for the journal.

Evan Zucker: Membership and Finance Committee

Membership: For 2004: 674

members with 672 as paying

members. This is an increase of

1.2% over last year. At the end of

May (end of the fiscal year) we were down by 7% but it is already increasing. We should be at or above last year by the end of the year.

Assess at the end of the fiscal year:

\$203,000. Our monies were down

about \$40,000 this year due to

giving more grants this year and

giving the conservation grants

earlier. However, money made from

this meeting have not been included

yet. We plan to use the Watts fund

to bring Mexican primatologist

students to our next meeting in San

Antonio. A special grant was given

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this year as requested by Randy Kyes as an emergency grant to an Indonesian student due to the Tsunami.

The society has major concerns with the ASP book series. Volume 1 made a profit, Volume 2 is close to breaking even, Volume 3 has not made a profit and Volume 4 has just been published. The Membership and Finance Committee will be actively marketing the books in the next few weeks. Evan noted the work of Janette Wallis for assisting Jim Patterson is the editing of the 4th volume.

Janette Wallis: Conservation Committee. Janette thanked the 14 members of her committee for their efforts. Conservation grants were given out earlier this year and it worked wonderfully having the mid Jan deadline. This will be the deadline for this coming year. The web site will be revised with better advice for writing the proposals.

This was the first ASP sponsored symposium for recipients of the awards and it was well attended. This year 4 subscription awards were given. BMTF (Bush Meat Task Force) will continue to receive our support and we will be updating this portion of the ASP web site.

Lynn Fairbanks: Research and Development Committee. (Co-chair is Karen Bales). Lynn reported on the results of the small grants awards. There were 34 submissions – most of them were excellent but only 11 were recommended for funding. The Board of Directors approved extending the budget for this to include the 11th proposal in the funded category. The grants were well dispersed between field and lab projects, Old World, New World and

apes. The Research & Development Committee will be working with the Conservation Committee on the revising of the web site for the “frequently asked questions”.

Sue Howell: Education Committee. There were 15 members of this committee and 11 attended the meetings. The teachers workshop was a huge success with a great turnout. The workshop was run at the Portland Zoo and at the ONPRC. The participants included both teachers and graduate students. Support came from Harlan Tech Lab and ONPRC. Zoo keepers were excellent and gave backstage tours. Plans are in the process for setting up a workshop next year for teaching field schools in collaboration with Lynn Miller. ASP Student Competition had 36 entries with 23 oral presentations and 13 poster presentations. The winners will be announced at the banquet. (See page 1 of the bulletin). Next year the committee plans to organize a symposium on careers in primatology. There are plans to implement the first minority training project in South Carolina.

Chris Abee: Awards and recognition Committee. Chris thanked Gabe Lubach for her help in setting up to be chair. Chris thanked the other members of the committee: Karena Morales, Russ Tuttle, Matt Kessler, Dee Higgley. The committee discussed two outstanding nominees for the Distinguished Primatologist Award. The award will be announced at the Banquet. It was given to Duane Rumbaugh. Gerry Ruppenthal died this year and will be sorely missed at ASP – in his memory a student travel award is being set up. Donations are being accepted for this. The committee received no nominations for any of

our other awards. We should honor outstanding members of our society. Much better to honor living members while they are among us. Think about deserving members.

Send your nomination to the committee this year. We plan to announce the award winners on the ASP website and past awardees.

Steve Schapiro: Presidents Report
We need more members on the Awards and Recognition Committee. We are planning a Founders Symposium. This will give younger ASP members an insight on where ASP came from. We would love to have more ASP members on our committees. Email Steve if you want to be on a committee. Steve recognized the stellar work of our webmaster, Nancy Capitanio. The next meeting of IPS is June 25-30, 2006. There is a deadline of Sept 1st for abstract submission. ASP makes money off the IPS submissions software. The new technology has improved IPS and solved previous problems. There are already 36 symposia accepted. Jeff French asked if the deadlines for abstract submissions will be extended. Steve said no.

New Business: Steve reported on the Blue Dot and Red Dot socials. Blue dots drank 29 bottles of wine while the Green dots drank 12 bottles of wine. Steve thanked all the people who have volunteered but suggested that we need more people to help out at meetings. The society is great fun, great science and in great locations.

Alpha genesis: Pledged \$1,000 in funds if the society will match it in donations to conservation at the banquet tonight.

A move to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting ended at 12:25.

SYMPOSIUMS & MEETINGS

The New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology (NYCEP) invites you to attend the following

lectures in The New York Regional Primatology Colloquium:

All talks will be held at the CUNY

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Thursday, September 22, 6:30pm (Room C205), Dr. Andrew Marshall, Harvard University, The population ecology of gibbons and leaf monkeys on Indonesian Borneo.

Thursday, October 20, 7:30pm (Room 4102, Science Center) after dinner Dr. John Wiens, SUNY Stony Brook, How will the Tree of Life be reconstructed and what can we do with it?

Thursday, November 17, 7:30pm (Room 4102, Science Center) after dinner, Dr. Martin Muller, Boston University, yitle to be announced later

later.

Thursday, December 8, 6:30pm (Room C203), Dr. Patrick Hof, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, title to be announced later.

*Dinner with the speaker is open to all each evening. On September 22 and December 8, we will leave for dinner after the talk. Because of scheduling requirements, dinner will precede the talks on October 20 and November 17; details will be announced with a reminder. Please contact Prof. Roberto Delgado, roberto.delgado@hunter.cuny.edu if any questions or to request dinner information for 10/20 and 11/17.

information for 10/20 and 11/17. The New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology (NYCEP) Presents "MONKEYS: OLD AND NEW" - A symposium focusing on the evolutionary biology of platyrrhines and cercopithecoids. October 29, 2005, CUNY Graduate Center, New York City.

For details please visit: <http://www.nycep.org/monkey-symposium> All with an interest in monkeys are welcome! All attendees must register in advance via the symposium website.

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Tulane National Primate Research Center. Performs a variety of tasks related to behavioral components of research projects involving nonhuman primates, under the direction of the Principle Investigator. Assists with the design of data collection procedures. Collects and organizes behavioral and physiological data and maintains organized records. Assists with data analysis and preparation of presentations and manuscripts. Also performs a variety of tasks related to the implementation and maintenance of the environmental enrichment program for nonhuman primates and other laboratory species as directed by the Enrichment Program Coordinator. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree with a background in behavioral sciences and two years of experience in laboratory animal care. Prior experience in behavioral research with nonhuman primates strongly preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Term of Appointment: Permanent full-time, contingent of future funding after five years. Application Deadline: Until filled. Comments: Apply via mail or fax; despite the hurricane, the Center is fully functional, but applications submitted via email may not be received. Contact Information: Kate Baker, Tulane National Primate Research Center, 18703 Three Rivers Road, Covington, LA 70433 Telephone number: 985-871-6578, Fax number:

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Assistant/Associate Professor In Primate Evolutionary Ecology

The Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Davis invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professorship (pending administrative approval of level) in Primate Evolutionary Ecology. Applicants must have completed the Ph.D. by July 1, 2006. Exceptionally strong candidates at the beginning ranks of Associate Professor (with tenure) will also be considered, though preference will be given to the Assistant level. The successful applicant will have a clear plan for a continuing program of research that complements the current strengths of the department in evolutionary anthropology. Preference is for candidates who are running primate field sites, and are interested in comparative studies and/or modeling. UC Davis has a tradition of excellence in undergraduate teaching, and the Department of Anthropology has a strong record of graduate education. The successful applicant must be willing and able to participate in both. Teaching duties will include the normal load of four courses per academic year (quarter system), undergraduate and graduate advising, and supervision of graduate and undergraduate student research.

Applications must be received by November 15, 2005, to be assured of consideration in the first round. This position is open until filled. Please send a CV, a narrative statement of research interests and goals, a copy of up to three publications representing your current research, and the names and e-mail addresses of four referees to: David Glenn Smith, Chair, Primate Evolutionary Ecology Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, One Shields Avenue University of California, Davis, CA 95616

Faculty Position in Biological Anthropology

Duke University. The Department of Biological Anthropology and Anatomy and the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience invite applications and nominations for an open rank, tenure-track position to begin August 1, 2006. Candidates must have an established research and publication record in cognitive primatology and the evolution of cognition. Send vitae and names of references to Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Biological Anthropology and Anatomy, Duke University, Box 90383, Durham NC 27708-0383. Applications received by December 1 will be guaranteed consideration. Duke University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

For more job listings go to:
<http://pin.primate.wisc.edu/news/jobs/>

Out of the Jungle: New lemurs found in Madagascar's forests

Naila Moreira

The family of the world's smallest primate just got a little bigger. U.S. and Malagasy primatologists have discovered a new species of mouse lemur, an arboreal, fist-size animal on the African island of Madagascar, the home of all lemurs.



POCKET PRIMATE. A member of a newly described species of mouse lemur, *Microcebus lehilahytsara*, eyes the world from a zookeeper's hand. R. Zingg

Evan Zucker, Ph.D.

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