

ASP Education Committee Student Prize Award Winners!

Oral Presentation:

1st - **Ina Rommeck** "The effect of four nursery-rearing strategies on the emergence of self directed behavior in laboratory-housed rhesus macaques"

2nd - **Johanna Hutchinson** "Assessing the classification of immature life history stages in gorillas"

Poster Presentation:

1st - **Shawn Kwatra** "Proteomic analysis of ring-tailed lemur scent gland secretions: glandular and individual-specific protein profiles"

2nd (tie) - **Laura Kurdziel** "Picture recognition of food in brown capuchin monkeys"

- **Brandon Pearson** "Salivary cortisol and self directed behavioral responses to short-term crowding in hamadrayas baboons"

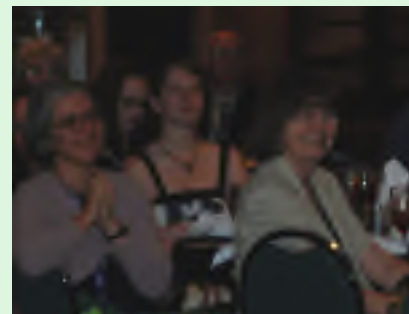


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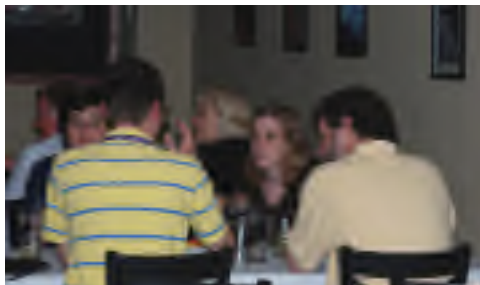
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Nocturns and Primates Session



Conservation Update



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The ASP Conservation Committee wishes to announce the 2007 recipients of ASP Conservation Small Grants. These grants are awarded in support of primate conservation research and education projects, with a special focus on endangered species. This year the Committee awarded 9 grants for a total of \$11,000.

Congratulations to the following:

Nguyen Vinh Thanh, Vietnam National University Hanoi, \$750. "Behavior and ecology of Delacour's langur in Van Long Nature Reserve, Vietnam"

Serge A. Wich, Great Ape Trust, \$750. "Determining the effects of logging on orangutan behavior and survival in Ketambe, Sumatra, Indonesia"

Caie Yan, Univ of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, \$1400. "The effect of habitat fragmentation on genetic differentiation and immigration rate of an Asian colobine: *Rhinopithecus roxellana*"

Wendy Erb, Stony Brook University, \$1500. "Behavioral ecology of simakobu monkeys (*Simias concolor*) in northern Siberut, Indonesia"

Graham Edward Wallace, Oxford Brooks University, \$1000. "Analysis of primate crop-raiding behavior and development of on-farm techniques to reduce farmer-wildlife conflict in Masindi District, Uganda"

Courtney Sendall, University of Toronto, \$1500. "Edge effects on lemurs, lemur parasites, and trees in Ankarafantskia, Madagascar"

Christos Astaras, Georg-August-Universitat Gottingen, \$1500. "Ecology and status of the drill (*Mandrillus leucophaeus*) in Korup National park, Southwest Cameroon: Implications for conservation"

Mohammed Mostafa Feeroz, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, \$1480. "Field course in primate conservation biology at the wildlife rescue center, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh"

Michael Stern, Chimp-n-Sea Wildlife Conservation Fund, \$1120. "Kibale community fuel wood project"

Since 1985 ASP has provided more than \$100,000 to projects supporting primate conservation. Your contributions through funding initiatives such as the Silent Auction, Jukebox for Conservation, and Matching Challenges enable us to continue supporting conservation research. At the annual meeting in Winston-Salem we raised a total of \$5585. We thank you for your continued support of primate conservation!

The ASP Conservation Committee wishes to announce the 2007 Conservation Award and the Subscription Award. Mr. **Hajarimanitra Rambeloarivony** from the Agroforestry School of the University of Antananarivo was selected to receive the Conservation Award.

Mr. **Saroyo Sumarto** from Sam Ratulangi University in Sulawesi, Indonesia was selected to receive a Subscription Award to the American Journal of Primatology.

Finally, we would like to thank the members of the Conservation Committee for their dedicated service throughout the past year.

Michael J. Reid
Kimberley A. Phillips,
Co-Chairs, Conservation Committee



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Presentation of the 2006 ASP Conservation Award to Dr. Entang Iskandar

During a recent trip to Indonesia, I had the privilege of presenting the 2006 ASP Conservation Award to Dr. Entang Iskandar. The ASP Conservation Award is one of the Society's highest awards and is presented to a student or young investigator from a habitat country who has demonstrated potential for making significant and continuing contributions to primate conservation. Entang received the ASP Conservation Award in recognition of his dedication to primate conservation in Indonesia and especially for his significant role in the conservation of the critically endangered Javan gibbon. A formal presentation ceremony was held on 22 May 2007 on the campus of Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) in Bogor, Indonesia. More than 40 people were in attendance including senior administrators from the university and the university's primate center, representatives from the government's Department of Forestry, and students from the university. Entang recently completed his Ph.D. degree in Primatology and Conservation Biology at IPB and is expanding his research on the status of the Javan gibbon.

Randy Kyes



Pictured (L to R): Dr. Asep Saefuddin, Vice Rector (Vice President) for Planning, Development & Cooperation Affairs, IPB; Dr. Joko Pamungkus, Director of the Primate Research Center-IPB; Dr. Entang Iskandar, Research Scientist, Primate Research Center-IPB; and Randy Kyes.

Research and Development Grant Award Winners 2007

Alice Elder, Stony Brook University, "Competition among three primate species at Way Canguk, Sumatra, Indonesia"; \$1,500

Andrea Gibson, University of Zurich, "Cognitive and Cultural Aspects of Nest Building in Wild Orangutans"; \$1,500

Brian Kelly, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, "Using 2-D and 3-D Symbols: Complex Mental Representation in Rhesus Monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*)"; \$1010

Jennifer Pokorny, Emory University, "Social categorization in capuchin monkeys (*Cebus apella*)"; \$870

Andrew Ritchie, University of California at Berkeley, "The foraging ecology of *Chiropotes satanas chiropotes* with respect to forest chemistry"; \$1,500

Erin Sullivan, University of California at Davis, "Development of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis in rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*)"; \$1,500

Jenny Tung, Duke University, "The effect of social and environmental variation in early life on adult immune function in wild baboons"; \$1,500

Eva Wikberg, University of Calgary, "Relationships, Relatedness, and Residency Patterns in Female *Colobus vellerosus*"; \$1,500

XXIInd Congress of the International Primatological Society Deadlines rapidly approaching

ASP members are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Congress of the IPS in Edinburgh, Scotland on August 3-8, 2008. Important deadlines in the near future include:

November 30, 2007: Paper/poster abstracts are due to the Scientific Committee

Proposal and abstract submission instructions can be found at the Congress website: www.ips2008.co.uk

Please note that similar to ASP, presenting authors must register for the Congress prior to submission of an abstract. Additionally, the discounted "members" registration fees are only available to IPS members in good standing for 2007. You can join IPS through the ASP website or at the IPS website. www.internationalprimatologicalsociety.org

Three additional important points:

1. Congress participants will only be allowed to submit ONE oral presentation as presenting author. You can be a co-author on additional oral presentations, but you can not be the presenting author. All presenting authors must be registered for the Congress. You may be able to submit a poster abstract in addition to your oral presentation. See the Abstract Submission page of the IPS 2008 website for additional clarification.
2. Accommodations during the Congress in Edinburgh are relatively expensive and there is likely to be considerable competition for the most reasonably-priced accommodations. It is suggested that you make your housing arrangements at your earliest convenience.
3. IPS conducts a student presentation/poster award competition, just like ASP. Awards are given for the best student paper presentation and the best student poster. Check the appropriate box when you are submitting your abstract if you want to be part of the student award competition.

All of the relevant information concerning the 2008 IPS Congress in Scotland can be found at www.ips2008.co.uk

Please let me know if you have any questions

Steve Schapiro, IPS Treasurer
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MINUTES FROM THE ASP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - 2007

President Suzette Tardif at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Winston-Salem, NC, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 21, 2007. Attending: Karen Bales, Kris Coleman, Linda Fedigan, Jeff French, Randy Kyes, Charles Menzel, Matt Novak, Kim Phillips, Michael Reid, Cory Ross, Steve Schapiro, Suzette Tardif, Russ Tuttle

Suzette opened the meeting by thanking the new committee chairs for all their hard work this past year. The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Business meeting from August, 2005 as put in the ASP bulletin. The minutes were approved.

Standing Committee Chairs gave the following reports:

Awards and Recognition Committee Report- Russ Tuttle (Chair) reported that 4 of the 6 committee members attended this year's meeting. They discussed 3 proposals. Patricia Wright has been selected for the 2008 Distinguished Primatologist award. Dr. Wright has done pivotal work in the areas of primatology, tropical ecology, and conservation biology. She was a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellow and was awarded the National Medal of Honor of Madagascar in 2004 in recognition of her conservation work. In addition, the Committee recommends that two Distinguished Service Awards be given at the 2008 meeting; one to Edgar Davila, chief census taker at Cayo Santiago, and one to Noel Rowe, author of *The Pictorial Guide to the Living Primates* and founder of Primate Conservation, Inc. The Committee suggested that one recipient give a talk at the 2008 meeting, and that ASP sponsor the travel one recipient to next year's meeting. The Committee also would like to see the nomination process be more formalized. There was some dis-

ussion about having two distinguished service awards; it was decided this was not a problem. Steve Schapiro thanked the Committee for getting and processing the awards, and praised their ability to get awards.

Conservation Committee Report- Kim Philips and Michael Reid (co-Chairs) reported that in 2007 they received 40 grant applications, and were able to fund 9 for \$11,000. The Committee may include ideas about options for other funding agencies to people that do not get awards. There was 1 nominee for the 2007 conservation award: Hajarimanitra Rambeloarivony, Masters student from Madagascar, and 1 nominee for the Subscription Award, Saroyo Sumarto.

ASP has supported the Bushmeat Crisis Task Force (BCTF) since 1999. Currently ASP is a Supporting Member, which is the highest level of support. This level of support takes significant financial resources. While fully supportive of the BCTF objectives, the Committee would rather put money into conservation projects than this taskforce, and therefore would like to change our level of support to Contributing Member.

To date, just over \$1000 has been contributed in the BIODA challenge, and the silent auction has made approximately \$1200. The Committee hopes to make \$6000 based on past meetings. The Conservation Committee also mentioned the possibility of raising funds from non-ASP members, such as environmentally friendly companies (e.g., the Endangered species chocolate company and Patagonia). Might also consider going to other companies that might also be able to contribute money, such as BP (they fund bird conservation). This might be controversial.

Education Committee Report: Cory Ross (Chair) reported that this committee has 22 members and 14 came to the meeting. Along with Wake Forest University, the Education Committee sponsored a K-12 Workshop. Although there was a low turnout (only about 7 teachers), it worked well. Peter Pierre (WFU) did all of the arrangements.

There was positive press coverage on the workshop, and the teachers had positive feedback. The Committee will offer this workshop this every year instead of every other year. A way to encourage teachers in science is to get them involved. This year, the workshop targeted state science standards, which was a change from previous years. They gave out lesson plans and CDs that teachers could take back with them. In the future, they will try to recruit more schools with limited resources. Recruitment idea: GK12 resource- is good place to recruit teachers. The Committee is trying to come up with vendors to support this workshop (e.g., publishers), since many of the local venues are supporting workshops now. Total cost of this workshop was about \$2000.

The Committee also revamped the "How to give a good presentation" site on the ASP website. They would like to update education website, and would like to link directly to PIN.

The Committee asked if there is a policy from AJP regarding mentorship of reviews-i.e., can professors mentor their students on paper reviews. There is an ethical issue dealing with confidentiality. AJP does not have a policy statement about this. This is rare occurrence, which should be handled by PI and is not an ASP issue.

Education committee asked to change the amount of the student awards to \$200 for top awards (i.e., best paper and oral presentation) and \$100 for honorable mentions (currently, honorable mentions do not get cash). They also received awards from vendors, including gift certificates, notebooks, etc.

Membership and Finance Committee Report- Karen Bales (Chair) reported that no students applied for the Ruppenthal Student Travel Award (\$500). There is also a Watts Fellowship (\$500), designed to support Mexican students presenting at ASP. There was discussion that there should be something about these award on the registration or abstract form as well as a link on the education website. The Ruppenthal award will be biased towards first year students rather than

established students. The Committee would like to have a mechanism in place by which students who are registering for the conference contingent on getting award, won't have to pay the registration fee if they don't get the award. They would also like to have an introductory meeting rate for first time students attending ASP or \$100, to encourage more students to attend meeting. Last year's ASP meeting had a deficit of approximately \$4600.

Over the past 7-8 years, there has been decrease in ASP membership. The Committee would like to increase membership, and has made a 2 page brochure, which they would like to send to AAPA, anthropology departments, etc. They would also like to target people that publish in AJP but aren't members, as well as lapsed members. President will contact lapsed members and encourage people to come back to Society.

Agree with recommendation to reduce sponsorship in BCTF.

The Committee is in favor of having conference registrants check a box on the registration form indicating that they support the goals of the ASP. This process is similar to what is used for new membership applications.

Program Committee Report- Matt Novak (chair) reported that this meeting had the most abstracts submitted for June meeting. Over 200 abstracts have been submitted for the past 3 years. The Committee relaxed the rules for submitting abstracts this year, but tried to standardize formatting issues. Most abstracts were high quality.

The Committee identified 3 issues: 1) For profit abstracts (e.g., abstracts that are clearly just advertising for a profit company); several got questioned this year. The question of whether or not they should be accepted is a gray area. May create new category of abstracts, and posters could put up abstract in vendor section. 2) Statistics in abstracts- in recent years statistics have been required in abstracts, but the Committee did not require them this year. Discussed ways to deal with this issue. 3) Symposia abstracts- Discussed reinstating the idea of having symposia chair involved in the process.

In the past, symposia abstracts sent to symposia chair and the chair sent the abstracts to the Program Committee together. Matt will come up with instructions for those organizing symposia.

Attendance at afternoon invited talk is poor. This year, it was moved from right after lunch to a bit later in an effort to increase attendance, but this didn't seem to work. Discussed ways to increase attendance at afternoon invited talks, including having less intimidating titles.

Publications Committee Report- Jeff French (Chair) reported that the ASP website is doing well, and has about 100,000 hits per month. In the past year, abstracts had the most hits. For non-meeting related items, the Education Committee's "How to write good presentation" site had the most hits. Since 2007, the Bulletin is only available electronically.

The ASP book series has been slow to get going. The Committee approved a proposal on primate ecotourism, which has high profile contributors. We now have a contract with Academic Press for the book series, so it is important to publish good books and important to get wide audience. Bill Hopkins' book on laterality in primates is first book from Academic. The Publication Committee and the Past President will solicit proposals for future books. There was discussion about editorial tenure; book contract and contract for editor are currently 3 years. The Committee recommends that a mechanism be put in place to review series editor as well as web editor, since all other editors are reviewed.

Report of AJP Editor- Linda Fedigan (AJP Editor) reported that the Journal is doing well. The number of articles published has increased dramatically in recent years, from 41 in 2003 to 106 in 2006. Submission rates also continue to rise. There were 188 new submissions in the past year. The median turn-around time is 57 days. Of those 188 manuscripts, 11% were accepted with revisions, 40% asked to resubmit, and 43% were rejected. It currently takes about 9 months from acceptance

to final publication. Early view is helping with the problem of having a queue of backlogged papers (it takes about 1-3 months from acceptance to Early View publication). Last year, there were 246 reviewers. AJP is 18 out of 114 zoology journals.

Wiley has increased page limit for 2007 and 2008. The journal will be 8.5 x 11, which will give us more space. Wiley will also switch to on-line journal submission (via Manuscript Central). Paul Garber will take over as the new editor on January 1, 2008.

Suzette thanked Linda for all her hard work.

Research and Development Committee Report- Charles Menzel (chair) reported that there were 56 applications for the small grant, many of which were outstanding. The recommendation is to take top 8 grant applications for a total of \$10,880. Some of these also received IPS grants. The Committee is looking for ways to optimize grant review process, including trying to get more people to review grants. They would also like to move the deadline earlier (to April 10). Suzette suggested triaging.

The Committee recommends that there should something about how to write good grant proposal, or posting prior winner proposal (with permission), on website.

Next year's meeting will be held in West Palm Beach, June 2008. It will be sponsored by West Palm Beach Zoo.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 6.00 p.m. on June 22, 2007 by President Suzette Tardiff at the 30th annual meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Winston-Salem, NC. Attending: Suzette Tardiff, Steve Schapiro, Randy Kyes, Karen Bales, and Kris Coleman. The Board approved the minutes from last years meeting. The following recommendations were made.

Recommendation: Approve Patricia Wright for 2008 Distinguished Prima-

tologist Award and Edgar Davila and Noel Rowe for Distinguished Service Awards. **Action:** Accepted. Karen and Suzette will go through ASP bylaws and see if the criteria for the Distinguished Service awards is clear. **Recommendation:** Allow talk by Distinguished Service Award Recipient. **Action:** There is no talk associated with anything other than Distinguished Primateologist Award. Whether or not the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award talks is up to the Program Committee. **Recommendation:** Sponsor travel for a Distinguished service award recipient to next year's meeting. **Action:** BOD did not approve ASP money for this award. There are other avenues for travel award. Will pass this information on to the Local Organizing Committee.

Recommendation: Conservation Committee will explore ideas for fundraising from alternate sources, such as companies. **Action:** The Committee may explore these options, but they need to keep President in the loop. Any official request/letters should come from President. **Recommendation:** Hajarimanitra Rambeloarivony be awarded 2007 Conservation Award. **Action:** Approved. **Recommendation:** Saroyo Sumarto be awarded 5 year subscription award. **Action:** Approved. **Recommendation:** Continue to support Bushmeat Crisis Task Force but at lower Contributing Member level (\$1000 a year) instead of higher Supporting Member level. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: Student awards for best oral presentation and poster be changed to \$200 for top award and \$100 for honorable mention. **Action:** Approved; will provide first place and second place award for poster and presentation.

Recommendation: The general fund pay the \$1000 for the reduced BCTF membership for one year. **Action:** Approved. **Recommendation:** Put a mechanism in place by which students who are registering for the conference contingent on getting an award (e.g., Ruppenthal or Watts), won't have to

pay the registration fee if they don't get the award. **Action:** Review of applications will be done by the ASP President, local host and either M. Novak (for Ruppenthal Award) or E. Zucker (for Watts Award) at the end of the application deadline. Decisions will be reached promptly and students will be told ASAP. There should also be more advertising about the awards, as well as a modification to the website (e.g., an informational blurb may come up and students can check whether they want to apply for the grant, which will send it to a queue. Students won't have to pay registration until they know if they have gotten award. **Recommendation:** Send ASP brochure to AAPA, anthropology departments, etc, in an effort to increase ASP membership. **Action:** Approved. BOD will look over brochure, and look into whether there is a link from AJP website to ASP. **Recommendation:** Introductory meeting rate for first time students of \$100. **Action:** BOD supports changing the ratio of non-student to student conference fees, to keep costs down for students, instead of having a reduced first time student rate. This will be passed along to next local arrangements committee. **Recommendation:** Put box on conference registration form stating that registrant supports goals of ASP in order to register for meetings. **Action:** Approved. Past president and president elect will look over applications of nonmembers that register. The primary concern is the security of the members. Suzette will check to see if this will require a change in the Constitution.

BOD discussed use of statistics in abstracts. Suzette will look at guidelines from other societies (e.g., ABS, SFN) on their use of stats in abstracts. There could be problems if we have very different standards than other societies. BOD will give Program Committee feedback on this issue.

Recommendation: Put in mechanism to review book series editor and web editor. **Action:** Approved. Will put in terms for editors of web and book series in an effort to be consistent with other society publications. Will discuss

this further at later meeting. Web editor will be examined next year, followed by editor of book series. The terms will be 3 years, with 2 terms but more if necessary.

Recommendation: Support top 8 small grant applications for total of \$10,880. **Action:** Approved. **Recommendation:** Move deadline for small grant applications to April 10. **Action:** Approved.

Suzette discussed the Ad Hoc Committee on Disciplinary Representation. There will be 15 participants in the upcoming meeting of this committee. The consensus of the BOD was to pay expenses for the student member and up to about \$250 for faculty members if they need it.

BOD thanked **Linda Fedigan** for the excellent job she has done as Editor of AJP.

Do you have photos or drawings of your favorite primates (including those at the 2007 meeting) you'd like to share in the next Bulletin? Send them to Kris Coleman at colemank@ohsu.edu



Meetings

Orangutan SSP Husbandry Workshop

October 16, 2007 - October 18, 2007
Location: Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, IL
Sponsor: Brookfield Zoo
Focus: Care and management of the orangutan in zoological parks and sanctuaries
Registration Fee: \$85.00
Registration Deadline: September 15, 2007
Abstract Deadline: September 1, 2007
E-mail: casodaro@brookfieldzoo.org

Advanced Primate Training and Enrichment Workshop

October 22, 2007 - October 26, 2007
Location: Atlanta, Georgia
Sponsor: Yerkes National Primate Research Center/Zoo Atlanta
E-mail: jmcml3@emory.edu

III Congreso Mexicano de Primatología

October 24, 2007 - October 27, 2007
Location: Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico
Sponsor: Asociacion Mexicana de Primatología, AC; Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, UNAM
E-mail: amp_mexico2004@yahoo.com.mx
Web site: <http://www.amp-ac.org.mx>

Animal Training & behavior through positive reinforcement- Further challenging and advanced issues

December 7, 2007 - December 9, 2007
Location: Munich, Germany
Sponsor: ClickerTraining
Focus: Three day seminar by Ken Ramirez. Topics include operant conditioning, training situations and problem solving with positive reinforcement.
E-mail: villainfo@t-online.de
Web site: <http://www.clickerreiter.de/KenRamirez1.htm>

VI. Goettinger Freilandtage: Primate behavior and human universals

December 11, 2007 - December 14, 2007

Location: Göttingen, Germany
Sponsor: Department of Behavioral Ecology & Sociobiology at the German Primate Centre (Deutsches Primatenzentrum).

Focus: This conference aims to bring together primatologists, evolutionary anthropologists and psychologists to summarise our current state of knowledge concerning behavioural variation and its determinants within the order Primates, including humans. Specifically, it will focus on three aspects: (1) comparative studies of behavioural adaptations across (human and non-human) primates that examine evolutionary principles, (2) the ability and failures of evolutionary theory to explain human behavioural traits that affect survival and reproduction, and (3) to identify and explain human behavioural universals.

Registration Fee: Before Sept. 30: Students € 50, Professionals € 90. After Sept. 30: Students € 80, Professionals €
E-mail: gft@gwdg.de
Web site: <http://www.sozio.bio.uni-goettingen.de/welcome.html>

Job Opportunities

Head of Nonhuman Primate Surgery Unit

Hiring Organization: Oregon National Primate Research Center; Oregon Health Sciences University
Position Description: The Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC) seeks an experienced Veterinary Surgeon for the position of Head of Nonhuman Primate Surgery. The Head of Nonhuman Primate Surgery will supervise a staff of veterinary specialists and oversee operations and management of surgical facilities for nonhuman primates and other research animals at the ONPRC.
Qualifications/experience: A veterinary degree from an AVMA accredited institution or equivalent, eligibility for licensure in the state of Oregon within 6 months of appointment, and the aptitude for understanding a wide variety of research protocols. The ability to communicate effectively with research,

administrative, and support staff in written and verbal formats is essential. ACLAM board certification preferred. Review of applications will remain open until the position is filled.

Contact information: Dr. Pierre B. Bland, Search Chair, blandp@ohsu.edu

Field assistants for baboon study in South-Africa

Hiring Organization: Durham University, UK

Position Description: Seeking three field assistants for an ongoing study of group decision-making in chacma baboons in South-Africa starting. We are working on two different baboon troops in the area with a team of six people. One of the troops is very well habituated and focal data is being collected, the other troop is still in the process of habituation (full follow days at around 20 meter distance). The field assistants will be responsible for habituation of the one troop and collecting focal, scan data and faecal samples of the other troop.

Qualifications/Experience: Applicants should be very motivated individuals with a BSc in a relevant field (Zoology, Biology, Nature Conservation, Biological Anthropology, Psychology etc.). This project is an excellent opportunity for graduate students to gain experience in field research before commencing a PhD in a similar field. Applicants should have a very high physical fitness, be hardworking, non-smoking, flexible and be able to walk long distances and do plenty of rock climbing. Previous field experience (especially in Africa) and any behavioural observational studies on mammals (especially primates) is extremely desirable. Enthusiasm, good sense of humour and ability to work in a small team are most important though! Applicants must be fluent in English. Field assistants have to pay their own international airfare, the transport from the airport to Lajuma (165 ZA Rand) and their accommodation (60 Rand per day: ~ 200 euro / 130 GBP per month).
Support provided: All foods will be paid for, but personal and luxury items (toiletries, alcohol, chocolate etc.) are for own costs. Field assistants that stay for 6 months or longer will be paid 75 GBP towards their travel costs at the

end of their stay.

Application Deadline: 20 October 2007

Contact Information: Louise de Raad,
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United Kingdom,

Website:

http://www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/postgraduate/current_pg/

Field courses/Volunteer

Field Course in Primate Behavior and Conservation-Costa Rica

The State University of New York at Oneonta and Danta: Association for Conservation of the Tropics are pleased to announce a Primate Behavior and Conservation Field Course to be held in Costa Rica from December 28, 2007 to January 17, 2008. This program is open to people of all academic backgrounds. Participants may enroll on either a credit or non-credit basis.

The course will be held at El Zota Biological Field Station in North-eastern Costa Rica. The course is designed to provide students with training in primate behavior, ecology and conservation in a field setting. During the first half of the course, students will learn how to (1) collect data on the behavior of free-ranging primates, (2) measure environmental variables, including assessment of resource availability, (3) measure population size, and (4) map the field site. In the second half of the course, in consultation with the instructor, each student carries out an independent research project. Students in the past have investigated such topics as feeding ecology, positional behavior, and habitat use in the mantled howler monkey, white-faced capuchin and black-handed spider monkey. Students will be involved in applied conservation during a 4 day field trip to Puerto Viejo on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast.

The cost of the course is \$1850, and includes all within-country transportation, room and board, and expenses for a 4 day field trip. It does NOT include your international flight, airport taxes (\$25), accommodation

and meals for the first and last nights in San Jose. The deadline for registration is December 1, 2007. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants. This does not include tuition at the State University of New York at Oneonta.

To learn more, please visit our website (www.danta.info), or email us at kdingess@danta.info.

Research Intern (Ape behavior)

Organization: Lincoln Park Zoo

Position Description: Unpaid Internship to collect behavioral data for ongoing studies of ape behavior, learning and cognition. May include live observations or scoring behaviors from video recordings. Data organization, data entry and data management also included as part of the duties as necessary. Ensures high-quality data through careful and diligent work habits. Available to work between 10-15 hours per week (Monday-Friday) as scheduled.

Please send cover letter, resume, and completed application to: Human Resources Department – Research Intern, Lincoln Park Zoo, P.O. Box 14903 Chicago, Illinois 60614
<http://www.lpzoo.org>.

Qualifications/Experience:

Completed or active Bachelor's degree in biology, zoology, anthropology, animal science, psychology, or related field is required. Some experience or equivalent coursework in animal behavior is highly preferred. Must have adequate working skills with Microsoft excel and the willingness to learn new software and use technology as part of regular duties.



Term of Appointment:

Minimum term of 4 months

Contact Information:

Human Resources Department

E-mail Address: ssross@lpzoo.org

For more job opportunities look at <http://pin.primate.wisc.edu/infoserv/jobs/>

ASP receives a percentage of Amazon.com purchases made through the link on the ASP website (<http://www.asp.org/links/index.html>). All proceeds received are used to support the Society's conservation efforts.

ASP made \$271.60

in Amazon.com referral fees in January-July 2007.

Mark your calendars!

ASP 2008

West Palm Beach, Florida

June 18-21 2008



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