

A Message from the President...



Dear
Colleagues,
let me
begin by
saying that
it is truly an
honor and
a privilege

to be able to serve as President of the American Society of Primatologists. I can think of no other scientific society that has inspired me more or that has played a more significant role in shaping my professional life. I look forward to working with all of you to maintain the outstanding traditions of ASP as we move forward during these challenging times. As we look to the future, it is important to pause and appreciate our accomplishments and the many programs and initiatives that have come to define what ASP is all about.

- Active educational, outreach and training programs for students and teachers, K-12 through university level.

- Interdisciplinary initiatives to foster communication among individuals from diverse scientific disciplines who share a common interest in nonhuman primates.

- Support for our foreign colleagues including complimentary membership for individuals from habitat or less developed countries who are unable to pay dues, online access to AJP, travel support, etc.

- Support for primate-oriented research projects through our ASP General Small Grants Program.

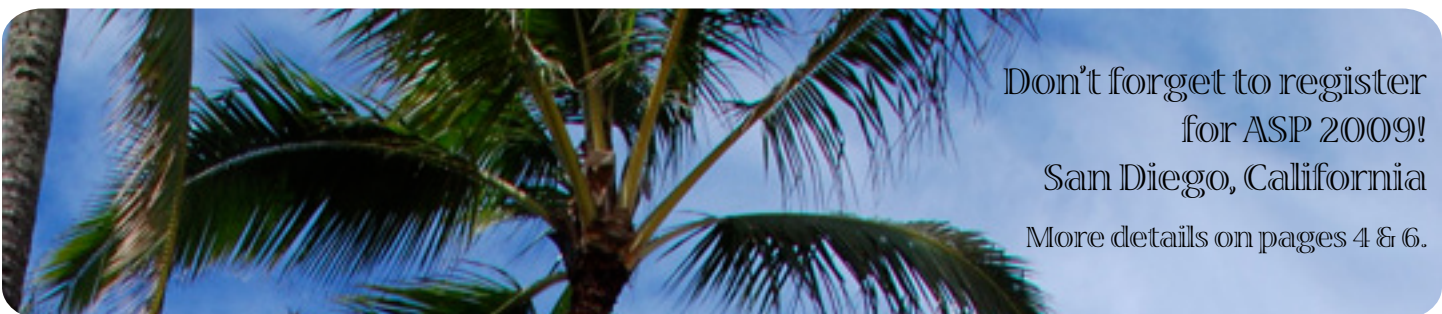
- Support for conservation-related projects around the world through our ASP Conservation Small Grants Program.

These programs are just a few examples of the amazing things that ASP does in support of primatology.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to a number of

remarkable individuals, our outgoing officers and committee chairs, who have led and supported ASP over the past term (and in some cases, for years). Steve Schapiro (Past President) leaves the Board of Directors after 12 straight years of service. It is difficult to summarize in this short space the many amazing things that Steve has done and continues to do for ASP; suffice it to say that his dedication and service to the Society will never be forgotten. Suzette Tardif (President) has demonstrated exceptional leadership and outstanding initiative during her term as President, and I look forward to her counsel as Past President. Kris Coleman (Executive Secretary) has done a superb job recording the activities of the Society and producing the ASP Bulletin, and Michael Reid (Co-Chair, Conservation Committee) has worked tirelessly in support of primate conservation. I also want to acknowledge all the members of our standing committees who have devoted so much time and effort on behalf of ASP; I thank you all.

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Don't forget to register
for ASP 2009!
San Diego, California
More details on pages 4 & 6.

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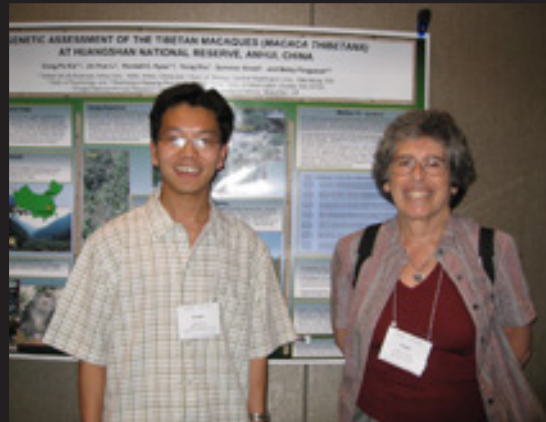
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Jeanne Altmann receiving Distinguished Primatologist Award from former ASP President Steve Schapiro



Patricia Wright receiving Distinguished Primatologist Award from ASP President Suzette Tardif and Awards and Recognition committee member Sylvia Atsalis



Dongpo Xia (from Anhui University, China) with Jeanne Altmann (who gave a Distinguished Primatologist Award Featured Address)



Steve Suomi, Joe Erwin, and Suzette Tardif



Incoming President Randy Kyes presents outgoing President Suzette Tardif with a plaque in recognition of her service to the Society



John Capitanio and Melinda Novak



Larry Williams, Nancy Caine, Justin McNulty, and Steve Schapiro

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ASP SMALL GRANT AWARDS

In 2008, the American Society of Primatologists awarded a total of \$10,909 in Small General Grants. Recipients included:

Kira Delmore, University of Calgary, Analysis of a brown lemur hybrid zone: what factors are involved in its maintenance? (\$1,500)

Andrea Green, University of Montana, Consequences of Color Vision Variation in Wild Tufted Capuchin Monkeys (\$1,424)

Heather Hassel-Finnegan, Stony Brook University, Mate Choice in the Siamang: Genetic Perspectives (\$1,410)

Michael Jarcho, UC Davis, Changes in gene expression and brain activity associated with parenthood in male titi monkeys (*Callicebus cupreus*) (\$1,500)

Carolyn Kitzmann, UC Davis, Assessing Vocal Change During Pair Bond Formation and Maintenance in a Monogamous Primate (\$1,500)

Katie Klag, Iowa State University, Functional Referents in the Vocal Repertoire of Bonobos (*Pan paniscus*) (\$575)

Whitney Meno, UC Davis, Ontogeny of Antipredator Behavior in Wild White-faced Capuchins (\$1,500)

Catherine Markham, Princeton University, Dynamic habitat partitioning among savanna baboon social groups: The role of group-level social dominance hierarchies (\$750)

Adam Smith, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Oxytocin and breeding marmosets: The effects of oxytocin on pair-bond formation, partner preference, and pair-bond maintenance (\$750)

ASP EDUCATION COMMITTEE STUDENT PRIZE AWARD WINNERS

Best Oral Paper: Stephanie Willard “Anterior hippocampal volume is reduced in behaviorally depressed female macaques living in social groups.”

Best Poster (tie): Jessica Vandeleest “Offspring responses to mothers’ resumption of estrus in rhesus monkeys.”

and Erin Sullivan “Consistency in behavioral responsiveness from infancy to adulthood.”

Honorable Mention Paper: Amanda Dettmer “Long term HPA profile predicts object permanence performance in infant rhesus macaque.”

ASP 2009 PROGRAM REPORT

Greetings. The program committee hopes you all have had a wonderful time since we all got together in West Palm Beach this past June. If you haven't yet turned your attention to next year's meeting, we hope you will do so soon. We have been hard at work putting together next year's program, but as always need your ideas and your hard work to help us pull off a stellar meeting.

As you know, next year's conference will be **September 18 – 21, 2009 at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego, CA.**

The program committee welcomes your ideas; to get your creative juices flowing, here is a preliminary list of sessions currently on the drawing board:

- Meeting-Wide Interdisciplinary Symposium on Emotion Research
- Primate Populations: The Ends of the Spectrum. A Tribute of Charles Southwick:
Celebrating 50+ Years of Primate Field Research

We are also trying to put together a preconference workshop on conservation education for primatologists...and to continue the very successful student luncheon where junior members of the society get a chance to meet with more senior members of the society in an informal meal time setting.

This year's "Statistics for Primatologists" Workshop will be on:
Meta-analyses
presented by Joanne Frattaroli, Ph.D.
Department of Psychology and Social Behavior
University of California, Irvine

- Additional symposia are being discussed on:
- Cayo Santiago Turns 70 - Aging Research,
 - The Primate Fossil Record,
 - The Research of Dr. Duane Rumbaugh at the San Diego Zoo
 - Chimpanzee Research: Current and Future Strategies and Ethical Considerations

But more is needed, so please volunteer both your time and your ideas now...

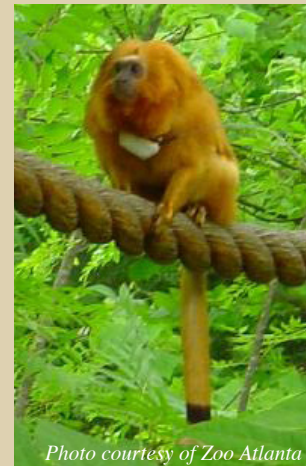


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In addition, our plenary speakers:

Keynote Speaker

Alejandro Estrada, Ph.D
Estación de Biología Tropical Los Tuxtlas
Instituto de Biología
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Featured Speaker, in conjunction w/meeting-wide interdisciplinary symposium

Dr. Jaak Panksepp
Baily Endowed Chair of Animal Well-Being Science
Veterinary Comparative Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology
College of Veterinary Medicine
Washington State University

Distinguished Primatologist Address

Dr. Leanne Nash
Professor of Anthropology
School of Human Evolution & Social Change
Arizona State University

Past President's Address

Dr. Steve Schapiro
Associate Professor, Veterinary Sciences
The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

ASP is a membership-driven society. To put on a good program we need you.

Finally, both prospectively and retrospectively, I would like to thank Nancy Capitano, our webmaster, and all the members of the program committee, both formal and informal, working with me this year and those who served with me for the last couple years. Your help in organizing the conference, reviewing and editing abstracts, and brainstorming ways to maintain the excellence of ASP has been outstanding and I am continually humbled to serve with you and for you on behalf of the ASP.

See you all in San Diego! If not sooner . . .

Matthew Novak, Chair
ASP Program Committee



THE "ETTORE MAJORANA" FOUNDATION AND
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The Primate Mind

Built to Connect with Other Minds



Erice, Sicily (Italy), June 4-9, 2009

Organizers:

Frans B.M. De Waal (Emory University)
Pier Francesco Ferrari (Università di Parma)

A high-level workshop of experts of ethology, biology, neuroscience, and cognition that will address how the primate mind relates to other minds through empathy, imitation, and other social cognition.

Sessions will cover the following five themes:

- 1) Motor mimicry, imitation, and tool use,
- 2) Emotional contagion and empathy,
- 3) Understanding of others and perspective-taking,
- 4) Communication and perception of emotions, and
- 5) Altruism and cooperation.

Alphabetical list of invited speakers:

AURELI, Filippo - BARD, Kim - BARON-COHEN, Simon
DE WAAL, Frans - FERRARI, Pier Francesco - HARE, Brian
HOPKINS, William - HUBER, Ludwig - IACOBONI, Marco
IRIKI, Atsushi - MATSUZAWA, Tetsuro - MENZEL, Charlie
PARR, Lisa - SANTOS, Laurie - SINGER, Tania
VISALBERGHI, Elisabetta - WHITEN, Andrew

Other contributions

A limited number of young scientists and students will be selected to offer brief oral presentations. A poster session will allow further scientific contributions by participants.

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UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PARMA

Director of the School of Ethology: Prof. D. Mainardi, Università di Venezia

32nd Annual Meeting of the
American Society of Primatologists
September 18-21, 2009
San Diego, California

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists will be held September 18-21, 2009, in San Diego, Ca. All sessions and social events will be held at the beautiful Bahia Resort at the water's edge in Mission Bay (www.bahiaresort.com). Standing and ad hoc committees will meet on Friday, September 18, beginning at 1:00, and the opening reception will take place that evening. The scientific meetings will begin at 8:00 on Saturday, September 19, and the conference will end with the traditional closing evening banquet on Monday, September 21. We expect this to be one of our biggest and best meetings, so don't miss out!

Welcome to San Diego!

San Diego is one of America's most popular tourist destinations. Blue skies keep watch on 70 miles of beaches, and a gentle Mediterranean climate begs for a day of adventure. Bordered by Mexico, the Pacific Ocean, the Anza-Borrego Desert, and the Laguna Mountains, San Diego offers many options for both sight seeing and leisure time. The county boasts nearly a hundred golf courses, excellent shopping, world-class restaurants, and busy nightlife. Popular destinations include historic Old Town and Balboa Park with numerous museums and galleries; Sea World and Legoland (located just 30 minutes north of San Diego and great for smaller kids); and of course the world famous San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park. Take a look at www.sandiego.org for helpful guides, coupons, and ideas for fun. Bring your families and make a vacation out of it! We look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

Registration:

Registration will take place on line through the ASP's website (www.asp.org), or you may print out a mail-in form instead. Please see the website for registration rates. Early registration rates apply through March 15, 2009, regular rates through August 15, 2009.

Abstract submission:

Proposals for symposia, workshops, and roundtables will be due February 15, 2009.

Abstracts for all of these sessions will be due on the same date that ALL abstracts are due: March 15, 2009. Please note that you must register for the conference before submitting your abstract.

Accommodations:

The Bahia Resort has offered us extremely low rates for this popular vacation spot at a great time of year: \$159 per night for a standard single or double, \$179 for three adults, \$199 for four adults in a standard room. These rates hold for three days before the meetings begin, in case you'd like to extend your stay, and various upgrades are available. The Bahia has set up a special webpage for ASP information and reservations: https://shop.evanshotels.com/am_0918b9.html. Or call them toll free at 1-800-576-4229. The Bahia offers free parking and high-speed internet access in all rooms. Please visit their website for more information about location, services, and amenities. *****And do plan to make your hotel reservations early! We have blocked out a limited number of rooms at these special rates and they will probably sell out quickly.*****

Weather and Dress:

September offers some of the best weather in San Diego – "local summer," we often call it. The average daytime highs are about 75, but Santa Ana wind conditions often bring dry, hot days of up to 90. Check

the weather report right before you come and plan to bring summer wear. Nights are around 65 so a light jacket is a good thing to bring along for evening strolls on the beach or bay. Dress for the conference will be casual, and this suits San Diego for all but the most formal restaurants.

ASP Message Boards:

A message board will be set up in the exhibitor hall/poster area for job announcements, internship opportunities and assorted messaging.

An electronic message board, through the ASP website, is in the works. This will allow you to coordinate travel, accommodations, and other activities with other conference participants. Watch this space for more information, or check the website (www.asp.org).

Silent Auction for Primate Conservation:

As always, the ASP's will hold a silent auction, all proceeds of which go to the ASP's Conservation Fund. Please bring along (or mail to the Bahia in advance) your primate-related items to donate to the auction.

ASP Stuff:

The ASP 2009 logo will be proudly displayed on various items, such as T-shirts, caps, and coffee mugs. You can order these in advance on the registration form, and some will also be available for purchase on site.

Exhibitors:

Exhibitor table will be prominently displayed alongside the Conservation Silent Auction and the scientific posters. Please contact Steve Schapiro (sschapiro@mdanderson.org) for further information.

Local Arrangements:

For questions or concerns about the local arrangements, please contact Lynne Miller: LMiller@miracosta.edu.

Membership renewal for ASP for 2009 is now open at www.asp.org in the members only section.

You will notice that there is now a choice of receiving either print subscriptions to AJP or electronic subscriptions only, with a difference in the amount that the member pays. The amount for dues directly to ASP remains the same.

Renew soon to prevent a break in your subscription!



For Job Opportunities Look at:

<http://pin.primat.wisc.edu/jobs/list/avail>

CONSERVATION UPDATE



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Conservation Small Grant Award Report

*Local regulation of wild fruit harvest by humans and changes in political stability in Senegal:
Reduced competition for chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes verus*) over a keystone fruit (*Saba senegalensis*)?*

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Previous study of human wild plant food gathering and chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes verus*) behavior and ecology at the Fongoli study site (12°40'N, 12°13'W) in southeastern Senegal suggested the unsustainable nature of humans' harvest of the wild fruit, *Saba senegalensis* (Knutsen 2003, Knutsen & Pruetz 2003). This fruit is key for both chimpanzees and humans in the region. Chimpanzees rely on this fruit during peak dry season months and during the period of greatest fruit scarcity (Pruetz 2002, 2006), while local women rely on the sale of this fruit for a significant portion of their annual income (Knutsen 2003, Knutsen & Pruetz 2003).

Since 2004, *Saba* harvest has been restricted and, since 2005, competition with markets from other regions in Senegal has appeared to reduce the trade in *Saba* in the Tambacounda region, where the Fongoli study site is located. However, the extent to which these changes serve to slow the rate of harvest as well as the consequences such action has for the conservation of chimpanzees and for the welfare of the people in the region is unknown. Beginning in 2004, local authorities (Eaux et Forêts du Senegal) enforced a restriction on gathering *Saba*. Residents of the department of Kedougou in southeastern Senegal were limited to gathering this fruit in June-July, whereas gathering in May (late dry season) had been permitted in years previous. Additionally, in 2005, a return to political stability in the Casamance region in southwestern Senegal opened the market for export of this fruit from that area. This appeared to result in a decrease in fruit extraction in the Kedougou region, at least at the beginning of the *Saba* season.

An ongoing study of the fate of chimpanzee-dispersed *Saba* seeds indicates that mortality is high for this plant and that chimpanzees are the most important disperser of *Saba* in the area (Pruetz, unpublished data). Consequently, in order for sustained harvest of *Saba* to occur, some limitation on the number of fruits (and thus, seeds) extracted from the environment is necessary. Continued monitoring of the fate of seeds dispersed by chimpanzees at Fongoli, in addition to chimpanzee feeding behavior, specifically in relation to *Saba* fruit, can provide information on the impact that this ape has on *Saba* in particular. However, data are needed to update the impact of human harvesting on *Saba* abundance and survival potential in the area, especially given the significant sociopolitical changes affecting the *Saba* market in recent years.

The objective of this study was to reexamine the impact of human gathering of *Saba* following recent limitations on this harvest along with what appeared to be a reduced market demand for this fruit from the Kedougou region given a return to political stability in a region that has historically been the major supplier of *Saba* to Dakar, the capitol of Senegal. The ultimate goal is to assess the influence of such gathering practices on the behavior of chimpanzees at Fongoli. The latter goal will be realized only after long-term study at the site. However, approximately five years of both indirect and direct data on chimpanzee diet and ranging behavior, seed deposition, and plant phenology will help realize this goal.

This research is part of a long-term study of the ecology of the Fongoli community of savanna chimpanzees in southeastern Senegal, perhaps the northernmost extent of chimpanzees' range in Africa. The Fongoli community includes at least 35 chimpanzees. The site is in the Tomboronkoto region and can be characterized as a woodland-savanna habitat interspersed with small areas of gallery forest. The Bedik, Bassari, Malenke, and Diahanke peoples in the region practice

traditional hunting and gathering as well as horticulture and some pastoralism. The 63km² study area lies 10 km NW of the town of Kedougou. Local people continue to practice shifting agriculture. However, they avoid clearing small patches of forest, which provide important food and, especially, permanent water sources for animals. Chimpanzees are not hunted for food in southeastern Senegal. Chimpanzees in the Fongoli community have never been reported to crop raid, although they do raid local humans' beehives.

A key informant approach was used to interview human participants in the harvesting and marketing of *Saba*, following Knutsen's (2003) research. Detailed data on several aspects of human harvesting practices were collected, focusing specifically on the villages of Fongoli, Tenkoto and Seekoto (Malinke group), as well as Petit Oubadji (Bassari), which represent two of the main groups of people that inhabit the area. A total of 40 people living in these four villages were interviewed. Of these, 23 were women and 17 were men. On average, men were reported to collect more *Saba* per year than women (8.25 bags, N=16 men versus 5.5 bags, N=22 women). Bags used to collect the fruit are 50kg rice sacks, which hold approximately 500 fruits (Knutsen 2003). On average, therefore, the 40 men and women interviewed here that collect *Saba* within the Fongoli chimpanzee community's home range extract approximately 139,000 fruits total annually. The average man extracts about 4,100 fruits per year while a woman extracts about 2,700 fruits per year. Given the average number of seeds per *Saba* fruit (n=22, Knutsen 2003), over 3,000,000 seeds are removed from the study area annually by participants in this study alone.

It is estimated that an additional 80 people may extract *Saba* fruit from the Fongoli study area based on the size of the largest village in the area (Djendji, approximately 200 residents) and considering that not all adults of the villages surveyed were included in the sample. Using our sample as an average, we could extrapolate to an estimated nine million seeds removed along with over 400,000 *Saba senegalensis* fruits. This estimate is lower than Knutsen's (2003) estimate of over 16 million seeds extracted from this same area (over 700,000 fruits). However, given the increasing trend seen of people entering the study area from outlying areas, including the town of Kedougou, this most recent estimate is likely low. Additionally, the trend of men collecting this fruit, in addition to women, suggests that more people are likely collecting more fruit even though supplying markets have opened elsewhere in the country.

In an ongoing study of *Saba* seed fate at Fongoli, seed mortality is estimated to be low, with less than 1% surviving beyond the seedling stage (Pruetz, unpublished data). Preliminary evidence also suggests a relatively slow growth rate for this liana, with an estimated maturation age of greater than 20 years, based on observed growth rates of seedlings dispersed by chimpanzees (Pruetz, unpublished data). Therefore, these different types of evidence indicate that a continued trend in heavy extraction of *Saba* is not sustainable in the long run.

Interviews of three different "middlemen" who buy the *Saba* fruit locally and transport truckloads for sale to the capital city of Dakar revealed additional information about the effect of recent market changes on local gathering practices. Although *Saba* can now be exported to Dakar from the Casamance region, fruits from the Kedougou region are thought to be tastier and to occur at higher densities, making this latter market preferable to some middlemen. Additionally, the ripening season is slightly later in the Kedougou region, enabling other middlemen to exploit both areas in a single year. Therefore, even though recent developments have changed the *Saba* market system in Senegal, the rate of extraction in the Kedougou region remains unsustainable according to our interpretation, and we recommend a revision of current restrictions, keeping in mind the economic importance of this plant to humans as well as chimpanzees and other animals living here.

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Update on ASP Book Series in Primatology

As you know, the ASP Board of Directors worked long and hard several years ago to ink a contract with Elsevier/Academic Press to publish the ASP book series, Special Topics in Primatology. The first book published by Elsevier is Bill Hopkins' volume – The Evolution of Hemispheric Specialization in Primates. This book is available for purchase at the Elsevier web site, and at amazon.com.

Over the last year, the Publication Committee and the Board of Directors of ASP were engaged in a dialogue with Elsevier regarding the future of the book series. The Life Sciences editor at Elsevier, Andy Richford, has been very excited and supportive of our book series. However, on a corporate level, Elsevier, like all publishers, are peering into a future that involves primarily digital publication. Our book series, selling relatively few volumes in a relatively niche market, was not considered commercially viable in the current climate. Therefore, ASP and Elsevier agreed to terminate the contract amiably.

There are still opportunities, however, to publish a collection of papers on an integrated topic. Paul Garber, the editor of our journal, American Journal of Primatology, will consider proposals for 'special topics' issues that could include 8 – 10 contributions from authors, including reviews and theoretical papers. This represents a great opportunity to explore a single topic in depth and/or breadth, and to have these papers appear in a single volume. Papers will undergo normal peer review. Carol Shively and Tom Clarkson are currently working on a volume for AJP entitled "Primate Models of Women's Health". Anyone interested in exploring the possibility of a special topics issue can contact Paul Garber (p-garber@uiuc.edu).

Jeff French, ASP Publications Committee

ASP Minority Initiative Award to DuMond Conservancy

The ASP Minority Initiative was created to encourage recruitment and inclusion of minorities into the science of primatology. The ASP Board of Directors recently approved an award of \$1237 to support ongoing programs by Dr. Sian Evans at the DuMond Conservancy in Florida. In these programs, scientists at the Conservancy serve as mentors for minority middle and high school students, as well as undergraduates, who are trained in research at the facility. Undergraduates are encouraged to present their research at the ASP meetings, and have been successful in obtaining additional funding from NSF. In addition, the program features research talks by primatologists (most recently, Dr. Patricia Wright) for the students. ASP is pleased to support this program.

For any additional information about the ASP Minority Initiative, please contact ASP President Randy Kyes (rkyes@wanprc.org) or Treasurer Karen Bales (klbales@ucdavis.edu).

Primatologist elected to AAAS

Frans de Waal, director of Emory's Living Links Center, was among 212 scholars, scientists and leaders named as Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences for 2008.

Founded in 1780, the academy has a membership of about 4,000 American fellows and 600 foreign honorary members. It is headquartered in Cambridge, Mass. New members will be inducted in October.

"The Academy honors excellence by electing to membership remarkable men and women who have made preeminent contributions to their fields, and to the world," Academy President Emilio Bizzi said in a statement. "We are pleased to welcome into the academy these new members to help advance our founders' goal of 'cherishing knowledge and shaping the future.'"

Photo courtesy of Zoo Atlanta



Conservation Committee Update

The ASP Conservation Committee wishes to announce the 2008 Conservation Award and the 2008 Subscription Award.

Ms. Josia Razafindramanana from Oxford Brooks University was selected to receive the Conservation Award. Ms Jane Onibala from Sam Ratulangi University, Sulawesi, Indonesia, was selected to receive a subscription award to the American Journal of Primatology.

News from the Treasurer

Our goal in setting dues for 2009 has been to ensure the continued financial health of the society, while trying to keep costs low for our members. ASP dues will remain the same, at \$40 per year for full members and \$20 per year for student members. However, with the rising costs of postage, the costs of the AJP subscriptions included with our memberships are rising. The good news is that Wiley has agreed to initiate an online only option, which will actually result in savings for full members who choose it.

For 2009, full members can therefore renew with an electronic only subscription for \$80 (\$40 dues, \$40 AJP), or receive both hard copy and electronic access for \$105 (\$40 dues, \$65 AJP). Students can renew with an electronic only subscription for \$50 (\$20 dues, \$30 AJP), or receive both hard copy and electronic access for \$70 (\$20 dues, \$50 AJP). Retired member dues will remain the same at \$20 (no journal included).

Canadian members will have 5% VAT added to the cost of their AJP subscription, while members outside of North America who want print copies will need to add \$45.50 in postage and handling.

Finally, my thanks to the Membership and Finance Committee members, for their help in ensuring the financial stability of ASP.

Karen Bales, ASP Treasurer

Conservation Small Grants:

- 1) Adrian Barnett, Roehampton University, \$1500. Diet, Habitat Use and Conservation Ecology of the Golden-backed Uacari (Cacajao ouakary) in Jaú National Park, Amazonian Brazil
- 2) Mary Blair, Columbia University, \$1499. Habitat modification and gene flow in an endangered New World primate
- 3) Lisa Corewyn, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$1488. Social effects of translocation in Ecuadorian mantled howlers (*Alouatta palliata aequatorialis*)
- 4) Sara Hsaio, Roehampton University, \$1500. Evaluation and monitoring of crop raiding mitigation strategies in villages around Budongo Forest Reserve, Uganda
- 5) Carolyn Kost, Purdue University, \$1500. Sustainability of wildlife and conservation in a Central African forest: Examining primate and ungulate responses to anthropogenic activities
- 6) Juan Carlos Serio Silva, Instituto de Ecologia AC, \$1495. Field Course in Primate Conservation Biology at the Estacion de Investigacion Primatologica, Instituto de Ecologia, A.C., Mexico
- 7) Megan Shrum, Oxford Brooks University, \$1500. The Mongoose Lemur (*Eulemur mongoz*): Re-assessment of conservation status and of its remaining habitat in northwest Madagascar

Don't forget these deadlines:

Applications for 2009 Conservation Grant Applications due by 31 January 2009

Application for the ASP General Small Grant due by 10 April 2009

Applications for 2009 Conservation Award and 2009 Subscription Award due by 31 May 2009

For details go to:

www.asp.org/grants/index.html

ASP MEETINGS

MINUTES FROM THE 2008 ASP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING West Palm Beach, Florida

President Suzette Tardif called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 pm June 19, 2008.

Attending: Suzette Tardiff, Steve Schapiro, Randy Kyes, Jeff French, Karen Bales, Cory Ross, Charlie Menzle, Kim Phillips, Mike Reid, Matthew Novak, Kris Coleman.

Suzette opened the meeting by thanking Steve for all of his work over the past 12 years on the BOD. She also thanked Kris and the Standing Committee Chairs. Suzette had previously asked the committee Chairs to discuss the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Disciplinary Representation at their meetings. One thing with which the ad hoc committee was charged was essential tension in the Society stemming from diversity of views about 'what primatology is' and what "use of primates' means. The basic consensus of the ad hoc committee was that it was not constructive to ignore the issue. This was the impetus for trying to come up with structured way to deal with these differences. The Exec Committee discussed that the issue may not be ethics per se, but rather tolerance for the use of primates in research. One way to approach these issues would be to talk about them in a forum that is not inflammatory, such as a round table. The idea that students do not always seek out those from other fields was addressed. The Interdisciplinary Symposium might help reduce this, as students would be able to see

what others are doing. There was general consensus that it might be good to bring someone like Jeanne Altmann, Robert Sapolsky, Hans Kummer, etc, to address this topic, as they have done both lab and field work.

The Chairs gave the following reports:

Conservation Committee, Kim Phillips and Mike Reid, co-Chairs. One other member was present at the meeting, but all of the members participated in deciding upon the awards. There were 40 conservation grant applications, and the Committee recommended 7 for funding for a total of \$10,500. There was one nomination for conservation award, Josia Razafindamanana, MPhil Candidate, Oxford Brookes University. There was also one nomination for the Subscription award, Jane Onibala, Sam Ratulangi University, Indonesia. The Committee mentioned that the Bushmeat Crisis Task Force is moving into phase 3 projects, and is looking for organizations to provide financial support. They need the continued support of ASP to finish up some of their work. The Committee recommends continued ASP support at the \$1000 level. The Committee had questions about some of the recommendations from the ad hoc committee. They asked for clarification on the definition of "interdisciplinary". Suzette mentioned that interdisciplinary symposia would draw from more than one level of methodology, or level of analysis, etc; an overarching topic that draws from someone else's expertise. For example, this year's lactation symposium looked at lactation from an

ecological view, a physiological perspective, etc. The Committee also questioned what made an interdisciplinary symposium 'important'. ST: a symposium in which the information would be of interest to a group of people beyond just who was sitting at that talk.

Lastly, the Committee mentioned that the ASP website needs updating, and that it would be good to put important papers on the web page. Suzette agreed and will talk to John Capitanio about putting a table of contents from the most recent AJP on the website as well as important papers.

Awards and Recognition Committee. Russ Tuttle, Chair, was not present, but had given his items to Suzette. The Committee reviewed the nominations and have recommended that the Distinguished Primatologist Award be given to Leanne Nash. They also recommended that the Distinguished Service award be given to Joe Erwin. The Committee would like to encourage people to submit nominations for awards.

Suzette will present the Presidents award to Dee Higley and Janette Wallis, in recognition of their passion to both their respective fields as well the Society.

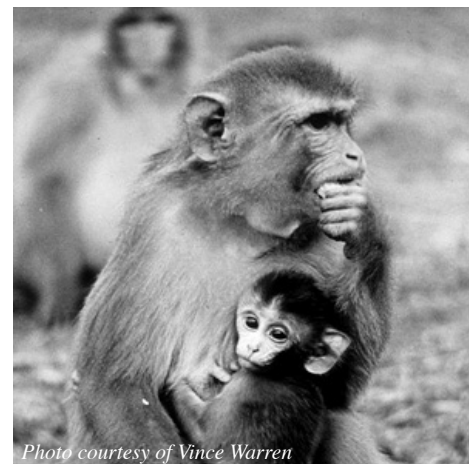


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Education Committee, Cory Ross, Chair. They had a great K-12 workshop at West Palm Beach Zoo. Twenty-two teachers attended, which was the largest number in many years. This year, they shifted away from lectures to activities, which were all matched to Florida state standards. They provided the teachers with packets of activities they can bring back to their classrooms, as well as a CD of the power point lectures. They received a great deal of positive feedback for this workshop. The Committee proposed to put out curricula for various age ranges. They also want to make this material available on the website. They would like to put a call out in the next Bulletin for outreach activities that will match national education standards.

The Committee is working with the Primate Information Network to put together an updated list of graduate and undergrad opportunities. Sixty-three people registered for the Student Luncheon Workshop, "Getting Published", at this meeting. It was not limited to students this year, but may be limited to students in future years. They would like to continue this student luncheon, and next time hope to include it on the registration form. They request that the K-12 workshop finances be included into the cost of the meeting. The only costs are transportation and food for the teachers. Steve talked about the possibility of getting vendors to cover costs.

With respect to the suggestions of the ad hoc Committee, the Education Committee was not clear about what was meant by "ethical issues". If the "ethical issues" deal

with animal rights issues, then they suggest bringing in a speaker to speak about animal rights.

The Education Committee would like to establish a mechanism for publishing papers on pedagogy about teaching primatology, or outreach. These articles could be put in the Bulletin, and/or on education website. Matt mentioned that there were a few posters this year on outreach and that it is now a topic area.

There were 28 student posters this year. The winners will be announced at the Closing Banquet.

Membership and Finance Committee, Karen Bales, Chair. The finances are in good shape. The 2007 meeting in Winston-Salem made \$27,800 profit for ASP. Wiley currently gives 80 free copies of AJP per month to Habitat countries. This year, postage has gone up, and the Committee recommends that we send hard copies only to those individuals with Subscription awards, with everyone else getting electronic copies.

In the past fiscal year, membership decreased 13%. This could be due in part to the 2008 IPS meeting, which could have drawn away some members. The Committee would like to create a subcommittee on Membership and Recruitment. Two chairs have been identified. One task of this subcommittee will be to create a database of nonmembers who are affiliated with ASP (e.g., reviewed for AJP, used to be members of ASP, etc), and to send an invitation to re-join ASP to these individuals. They would also like to advertise the annual meeting, including sending leaflets and making posters to bring to other, related meetings.

The Conservation Fund is in the red, and owes general fund approximately \$16,000. Several options: dissolve the debt, reduce spending (i.e., grants), absorb into general fund. The Conservation Committee typically spends about \$10,000 for small grants. There are historical reasons for this committee to have its own funds, including the fact that people will often donate specifically to the conservation funds. Recommendation from Membership is to allow the Conservation Committee to keep control over their funding, limit expenditures, and if they go over, need to take money from CD reserve. The Executive Committee does not want to reduce the amount of money going to conservation grants, or other missions of the Conservation Committee. There was a recommendation that the debt to general fund be dissolved. Book sales down this year. The Membership will get an inventory of books on hand and will try to sell these using nonmember database list being produced. The Committee also recommends putting a link to amazon.com on front of website and also make link with barnesandnoble.com.

The Committee recommends considering an increase in ASP dues, which have not increased in the past two years. Currently, dues are \$40 for regular membership and \$20 for students (the rest of the membership fee is for AJP). Recommend increasing these dues to \$50 and \$25. Wiley is considering an online only version of AJP, which may decrease total fees.

Program Committee, Matthew Novak, Chair. The Committee will be explicit about soliciting inter-

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disciplinary symposia suggestions. They continued the statistics workshop, which was well received. There were still some complaints about the review of abstracts. The Committee is trying to make abstract reviews more systematic. They will modify wording on some of the instructions, including the number of abstracts that are accepted, sent back for revision, and rejected. They may modify the wording on the letters that go to authors who need to revise abstracts. Currently, approximately 50% of the abstracts get sent back for revisions. Suzette mentioned that it would be worth looking at past abstracts, to further investigate concerns about the revisions. Program Committee would like ASP to financially support interdisciplinary symposium and not replace a featured speaker. This will be tried next year.

Publications Committee, Jeff French, Chair. The ASP website is doing very well. There were over 160,000 hits in the past year, which is up from past years. After the home page, the most frequently hit pages are the abstracts from our past conferences. Some of the website needs to be updated (e.g., the FAQ). The Bulletin is only electronic now and does not cost anything to produce.

The American Journal of Primatology is doing very well. Acceptance rates for AJP are around 50%. It has the highest impact factor of any primatology journal, and is number 33 for the zoology journals. Paul Garber is considering eliminating "Brief reports" to make space for full articles. They will still publish short articles, which will go through the same scientific rigor as

longer articles. They are looking into other forums for anecdotes, including Bulletin.

ASP negotiated a contract with Elsevier to publish the next three volumes of the ASP book series. Recently, Elsevier contacted ASP to say that they wanted to publish the book series as online only. ASP said that was not a possibility. Elsevier is no longer interested in publishing these volumes, due to changes in the publishing climate and changes in their company. They asked that ASP mutually terminate this contract. Discussed the possibility of designating one volume of AJP as a "special topic" issue, similar to a monograph, which would be a collected series of invited reviews. This volume would be published at same time of year (Jan or Feb). There will be single editor for each monograph.

Research and Development Committee, Charlie Menzel, Chair.

There were 67 applications for small grants, many of which were high quality. The Committee recommended 8 grants to be funded at \$10,900. The winners will be announced at the Closing Banquet. In response to the ad hoc Committee recommendations, the Committee suggests polling members about a better time to have the meeting. They also suggested publishing commentaries on the meeting. Currently, interdisciplinary grants tend to do better than others.

Jeff French acknowledged Steve's contribution to the Society. Meeting adjourned 8.49.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Suzette Tardif called the ASP Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:00 pm June 20, 2008. Attending: Suzette Tardif, Steve Schapiro, Randy Kyes, Karen Bales, Kris Coleman. Suzette thanked Steve for all of his work to the Society. She also thanked Kris, who is leaving the BOD, and the rest of the BOD.

The following recommendations were made:

Recommendation: Fund 7 conservation grant applications for a total of \$10,500. Action: Approved.

Recommendation: Approve Josia Razafindamanana, MPhil Candidate, Oxford Brookes University for the Conservation Award, and Jane Onibala, Sam Ratulangi University, for Subscription Award.

Action: Approved. Recommendation: Continue membership in Bushmeat Crisis Task Force at \$1000 level. Action: Approved.

Recommendation: Present 2008 Distinguished Primatologist award to Leanne Nash. Action: Approved. Recommendation: Present 2008 Distinguished Service award to Joe Erwin. Action: Approved.

Recommendation: The Education Committee requested that finances for the K-12 Teacher workshop be put into the general costs of the meetings. The only costs are transportation and funds for food. Action: ASP will cover food for teachers, if necessary (i.e., if vendors are not willing to do so).

Recommendation: Currently, Wiley donates 80 free hard copies of AJP to Habitat countries. Due to the increasing costs of postage, the Finance and Membership Committee recommends that hard copies

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only get sent to individuals with Subscription Awards, with everyone else getting electronic copies. Action: Approved. Recommendation: The creation of a Recruitment Subcommittee (under the Membership and Finance Committee). This subcommittee will be tasked with coming up with ways to increase membership and attendance at meetings. Action: Approved. Recommendation: The Committee proposed a small (\$2,500) budget to allow this subcommittee to make and distribute posters, etc. Action: Approved \$2500 for posters and postage, etc. Recommendation: Currently, the Conservation Committee owes approximately \$16,000 to the general fund. The Finance Committee recommends dissolving this debt. The Conservation Committee does have funds in CDs, and generates their own funds. Action: The BOD approves dissolving this debt. Future budget decisions will need to be approved by BOD.

Recommendation: Put a link to amazon.com on front of website and a link to barnesandnoble.com. Currently, there is a link to amazon.com, but it is not easy to locate on the ASP webpage. The Society does get revenue from this link. Action: Approved. Recommendation: Consider increasing dues from \$40 (full members) and \$20 (students) to \$50 and \$25. Dues have not gone up in the past two years. Action: BOD does not want to increase dues at this time. They propose trying out the initiatives for increasing membership. If that does not work as a way to increase revenue, then they can reconsider increasing dues. Recommendation: The Publications Committee recommends that we mutually terminate our contract with Elsevier (for the next three volumes of the ASP book series) without prejudice. Elsevier is no longer interested in publishing these volumes, due to changes in

the publishing climate and changes in their company. Action: Approved.

Recommendation: The Research and Development Committee received 67 applications for small grants, and recommends funding 8 grants for a total of \$10,900. Action: Approved.

Additional items: The BOD will revisit the recommendations from the Ad Hoc committee in about a year or so, and send a report to the membership. Randy Kyes thanked Steve Schapiro for his work with the meeting, and appointed him as an advisor to the local organizing host for future meetings. Randy would also like to form 2 additional ad hoc committees: PR and Media Relations and History and Records. These will be standing committees, but will be ad hoc for the next two years, after which they will be reassessed.

Meeting adjourned at 7.48 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SCAW WINTER CONFERENCE: ANIMAL BEHAVIOR, WELFARE AND SCIENCE: IACUC ROLES
Dates: December 8, 2008 - December 9, 2008
Sponsor: Scientists Center for Animal Welfare
Location: Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX
Web Site: <http://www.scaw.com/Winter%202008%20Conference.pdf>

THE 26TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM FOR NONHUMAN PRIMATE MODELS FOR AIDS
Dates: December 9, 2008 - December 12, 2008
Sponsor: Wisconsin National Primate Research Center and Caribbean Primate Research Center
Location: The Ritz-Carlton, San Juan
Fall 2008

Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Web Site: <http://nhp2008.primat.wisc.edu>

ESSENTIALS OF IACUC ADMINISTRATION
Dates: February -5, 2009
Sponsor: Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R)
Location: This one and a half-day program will be held at The Omni Houston Galleria Hotel in Houston, TX.
Web Site: www.primr.org.
Contact: Emily Hayden, email: ehayden@primr.org; phone at 617.423.4112, Ext. 210.

11TH MEETING OF THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGY
Dates: February 24 - 26, 2009
Sponsor: University of Veterinary

Medicine Hannover
Location: Hannover, Germany
Web Site: <http://www.gfp2009.de>

XIX MEETING OF THE ITALIAN PRIMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY (API)
Dates: April 1, 2009 - April 3, 2009
Sponsor: Italian Primatological Society
Location: Asti, Italy
Web Site: <http://www-1.unipv.it/web-bio/api/api.htm>

PROSIMIAN WORKSHOP
Dates: April 30, 2009 - May 2, 2009
Sponsor: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
Location: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland, Ohio
Web Site: <http://www.clemetzoo.com/prosimianworkshop/>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

THE PRIMATE MIND: BUILT TO CONNECT WITH OTHER MINDS

Dates: June 4, 2009 - June 7, 2009
 Sponsor: Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture; International School of Ethology, Ca' Foscari, Location: Erice (Sicily), Italy
 Web Site: http://www.emory.edu/LIVING_LINKS/primate_mind/

3RD CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR PRIMATOLOGY (EFP)

Dates: August 12, 2009 - August 15, 2009
 Sponsor: Anthropological Institute & Museum of the University of Zürich, Switzerland
 Location: University of Zürich, Switzerland
 Web Site: <http://www.aim.uzh.ch/EFP.html>

2009 ORANGUTAN SSP HUS-

BANDRY WORKSHOP

Dates: August 31, 2009 - September 2, 2009
 Sponsor: Zoo Atlanta
 Location: Zoo Atlanta

VTH INTERNATIONAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONGRESS OF ALES HRDLICKA

Dates: September 2, 2009 - September 5, 2009
 Sponsor: Charles University in Prague, Czech Anthropological Society
 Location: Prague and Humpolec, Czech Republic
 Web Site: <http://www.anthropology-hrdlicka2009.cz>

32ND MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGISTS

Dates: September 18, 2009 - September 21, 2009
 Sponsor: American Society of Primatologists

Location: Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego, CA
 Web Site: <http://www.asp.org/asp2009/index.htm>

NEOTROPICAL PRIMATE HUSBANDRY, RESEARCH, AND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Dates: October 13, 2009 - October 15, 2009
 Sponsor: Brookfield Zoo
 Location: Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Gold Road, Brookfield, IL

INTERNATIONAL PRIMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY XXIII CONGRESS

Dates: September 12, 2010 - September 18, 2010
 Sponsor: International Primatological Society
 Location: Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
 Web Site: <http://www.ips2010.jp/>



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Similarly, let me welcome our incoming officers and thank those who will be serving a second term:

- Suzette Tardif, Past President
- Dorothy Fragaszy, President Elect
- Tara Stoinski, Exec. Secretary
- Karen Bales, Treasurer

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Chairs of our Standing Committees, all of whom have agreed to serve for another term:

- Karen Bales, Membership & Finance
- Jeff French, Publications
- Charlie Menzel, Research & Development
- Kim Phillips, Conservation
- Cory Ross, Education
- Matt Novak, Program
- Russ Tuttle, Awards & Recognition

To all of you, thank you so much. I look forward to working together over these next two years.

As I noted at the close of the business meeting during this year's ASP meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, I have also established two additional standing committees (Ad Hoc) that will be in place during my term.

The first is the Media and Information Committee (Ad Hoc). John Capitanio has agreed to serve as Chair. I envision this committee helping to publicize the many noteworthy accomplishments of our members and the Society. I en-

courage you to contact John or me to offer your thoughts and suggestions regarding this committee.

The second is the History and Records Committee (Ad Hoc), which will fulfill the duties of the Office of the Historian and provide greater support in managing the growing archive of Society documents. Gabe Lubach has agreed to serve as Chair.

Finally, I have established an advisory committee known as the "Senior Advisory Group" composed of the Society's past presidents. This group will not be tasked with a formal charge, nor will they be required to meet. Rather, they will be available to advise the President and Board of Directors as needed. Our past presidents represent a wealth of historical knowledge and collective experience that can be of tremendous benefit to the current leadership of the Society. Now, I am aware that for some, the acronym for this group (SAG) may conjure a somewhat humorous image – given, shall we say, the "seniority" of the group - but I assure you that it is in no way meant as a statement of the group's physical condition. I look forward to joining SAG myself in two more years...

Speaking of this year's ASP meeting, we had a wonderful gathering in West Palm Beach, and on behalf of the entire Society I want to thank

Terry Maple and the Palm Beach Zoo, Steve Schapiro, and the entire local arrangements committee for hosting a great meeting. Special thanks also goes to Matt Novak and the Program Committee for assembling an outstanding scientific program.

As I bring this message to a close, I am pleased to say that preparations for next year's ASP meeting are well under way. We will be meeting in San Diego, California at the beautiful Bahia Resort Hotel; the meeting dates are 18-22 September 2009. Lynne Miller is heading up the Local Arrangement Committee and all indications suggest that this will be a must-attend meeting. For additional information regarding the meeting, check out the updates in this Bulletin and be sure to visit the ASP website.

ASP is an outstanding society with a dedicated membership. The Society's future, however, depends on your continued participation and our ability to foster new members. I encourage you to increase your involvement in ASP, join one of the standing committees, solicit new members, introduce your students to ASP, attend the 2009 meeting and invite a colleague. Through our collective effort, ASP will remain a strong and vibrant society for generations of primatologists to come.

- Randy Kyes

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