

A Message from the President...



Dear friends and colleagues, as my term as President of the American Society of

Primatologists draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many dedicated members of the Society with whom I have had the pleasure to serve. This has been a wonderful experience and I am proud of the continued growth and accomplishments that the Society has experienced during the past two years.

I want to thank my fellow officers on the Board of Directors, Suzette Tardif, Dorothy Fragaszy, Karen Bales, and Tara Stoinski for their devotion and exceptional leadership. I also want to thank the Chairs of the Standing Committees: Karen Bales, Membership and Finance; Jeff French, Publications; Charlie Menzel, Research and Development; Kim Phillips, Conservation; Cory Ross, Educa-

tion; Matt Novak, Program; Russ Tuttle, Awards & Recognition; John Capitanio, Media & Information (Ad Hoc); and Gabe Lubach, History & Records (Ad Hoc), the dedicated committee members, and our extraordinary “web guru,” Nancy Capitanio, all of whom have contributed so much to the success of the Society.

It is also my pleasure to formally announce the new slate of officers that has been elected to serve ASP for the next two years:

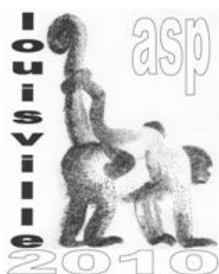
- President-Elect: Karen Bales
- Executive Secretary: Carolyn Ehardt
- Treasurer: Kim Phillips

Congratulations to these dedicated individuals. All three will take their place on the Board of Directors after the business meeting at our upcoming ASP Meeting in Louisville in June. I want to thank Mollie Bloomsmith, Dee Higley, and Allyson Bennett for running in the election and for their long-standing commitment to ASP.

Suzette Tardif and Tara Stoinski will be leaving the Board of Directors in Louisville with Karen Bales transitioning from Treasurer to her new office as President-Elect. I also want to thank the Elections Committee, Nancy Caine (Chair), Mike Reid and Matthew Campbell, for their assistance with the confirmation and recording of the election results.

And speaking of the upcoming ASP meeting... please don't miss out on what will be an outstanding ASP 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky (16-19 June). Local Host, Brent White and his Local Arrangements Committee, along with Steve Schapiro, ASP Meeting Coordinator Liaison, have been hard at work handling all the logistical details to ensure a wonderful meeting. Likewise, Matt Novak and the Program Committee have organized an impressive scientific program. Some of the meeting highlights will include: the Keynote Address by Dr. Dorothy Cheney, the Distinguished Primatologist Address by Dr. Stephen Suomi, and Featured Speaker

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Not too late to register for the 2010 meeting in Louisville!

Dates are June 16-19.

See <http://www.asp.org/meetings/index.html> for details.

ASP 2010 COMMITTEE PROGRAM REPORT

Hello everyone:

The program committee is working hard to make ASP 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky the best ASP ever. Not only is Louisville a great place to come let your hair down with friends and colleagues, but we believe we have a really exciting program scheduled for you as well!

For our plenary sessions, Dorothy Cheney will lead things off as the key note speaker this year with a talk entitled: **WHY BE NICE? THE FUNCTION AND MECHANISMS OF COOPERATION IN WILD FEMALE BABOONS**. Our second plenary talk will be delivered by the 2009 winner of ASP highest award, Distinguished Primatologist. Stephen Suomi will deliver his talk entitled: **RISK, RESILIENCE, AND GENE BY ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS IN PRIMATES**. The third invited speaker is Charles Nunn who will give an address titled: **SOCIAL CONTACT AND DISEASE RISK IN PRIMATES** which will be part of this year's interdisciplinary symposium on social processes and disease in Nonhuman Primates. The final featured speaker is Thomas Defler whose talk entitled: **FOREST LIFE: A GRINGO PRIMATOLOGIST IN COLUMBIA** should be eye opening to say the least.

The Interdisciplinary Symposium is designed to get primate workers from the wide array of fields that is Primatology all in the same place to discuss phenomena from each of their uniquely important perspectives. This year's symposium organized by John Capitanio will kick off with the featured address on social contact and disease risk. Next, Stephanie Willard, Lisa Jones-Engel, Steve Schapiro and Thomas Gillespie have each been invited to participate and give us their unique viewpoints.

For Colony Managers, and Veterinarians in particular this year's **STATISTICS FOR PRIMATOLOGISTS WORKSHOP** will be lead by Jim Ha and focus on: **THE STATISTICS OF LARGE-SCALE PRIMATE POPULATIONS: RECORDS, DEMOGRAPHICS, AND GENETICS**.

Other special sessions of workshops and roundtables include but are not limited to: **GRANT FUNDING RESOURCES FOR PRIMATE RESEARCH**, **A SYMPOSIUM ON LAGOTHRIX**, **CHALLENGES FACING CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARIES**, **LANA'S (PAN TROGLODYTES) LANGUAGE LESSONS FOR LEARNING AND LINGUISTICS**, **MACAQUE DIVERSITY: IMPLICATIONS OF GENETIC VARIATION FOR RESEARCH TO ADVANCE INDIVIDUALIZED HEALTH CARE**, an **ANIMAL RESEARCH ADVOCACY ROUNDTABLE** and **A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE FORMATION OF AN ASP CAPTIVE CARE COMMITTEE**.

We will also continue the **STUDENT LUNCHEON** series. This year's topic is **THE DOS AND DON'TS OF THE ACADEMIC JOB SEARCH**.

So, check out the on line program when it is available and see the many topics that will be of interest to you, then throw caution to the wind and regardless of whether you have an abstract submitted, make your reservations and join us in Louisville!

In addition to the scientific program, this year's meeting will include the first ever Lagotrix Lope, a fun run and/or race to raise money for the Conservation and Student travel. You can run, walk, crawl or pay someone else to walk for you by sponsoring a participant. There will also be off site trips to the Primate Rescue Center or to the Louisville Zoo, and as always, the ASP silent auction for conservation will run throughout the meeting. You can bring auction items to donate at the beginning of the meeting and bid on items of interest throughout the conference.

All this and regular paper and poster sessions too.

The Program Committee can't wait to meet you all in Louisville so pack your bags now and get a head start.

Matthew Novak, Chair
ASP Program Committee

P.S. And finally, you will not be receiving the hard copy program issue of *AJP* prior to this year's meeting but the program will be on line shortly. Poster size for the meeting is 4' by 4'.

Announcing a major new initiative by the ASP:
The Legacy Interdisciplinary Fellowship Program



Thanks to a generous founding donation by Don Lindburg, a Past President of ASP, the Society is able to embark on a new initiative to promote the health of our profession and our society. With Don's donation, and those that have followed, the Board of Directors has established the Legacy Fund, a name selected to indicate both the involvement of our senior members and to indicate the goal of the fund to leave a legacy of strength and versatility in the society.

The Legacy Fund will be used to support the Legacy Interdisciplinary Fellowship Program, which the Board of Directors sees as a mechanism to support participation by younger members of the society for a short period in a mentored research or other professional setting which is distinctly different from their training.

For example, a person trained in anatomy and physiology might spend a period with an ecologist, learning about diet and ranging. A person trained in ecology might spend a period with a neuroscientist, learning about neuroimaging and neural plasticity. A person from any of the fields of science that make up primatology might spend a period with a science advocacy/policy group, such as the American Institute of Biological Sciences, learning about legislative and policy issues affecting primatologists. You can think of this as a "study abroad" program in primatology.

The Board is currently forming a Blue Ribbon Committee, composed of past presidents of the Society, to formulate the details of the fellowship program. We hope to announce the first competition for Legacy Fellows in 2011. Stay tuned!

Primate Jobs

*Animal Research Technician: University of Wisconsin, Madison
<http://pin.primate.wisc.edu/jobs/listings/1868>*

*Field Assistant: Titi Monkey Behavioral Ecology in Santa Cruz, Bolivia,
 Indiana University, Bloomington
<http://pin.primate.wisc.edu/jobs/listings/1870>*

*Drill Reintroduction Field Team Leader, Pandrillus Foundation
<http://pin.primate.wisc.edu/jobs/listings/1871>*

*Field Assistant: Vervet monkey research, University of Lethbridge
<http://pin.primate.wisc.edu/jobs/listings/1872>*

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Ruppenthal Travel Awards:

Michelle Brown
 Department of Ecology, Evolution, & Environmental Biology, Columbia University;
 The New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology

Erin Sullivan,
 University of California, Davis

Jian Jin Department of Psychology, Peking University, China; Department of Psychology, University of California, Davis; California National Primate Research Center



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**The American Society of Primatologists is proud to be
an Official Partner of the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival
to be held in the greater Washington, DC , area in October 2010.**

The Festival, which will be the country's first national science festival, is a collaboration of over 500 of the country's leading science and engineering organizations and aims to reignite the interest of our nation's youth in the sciences. The culmination of the Festival will be a two-day EXPO on the National Mall on October 23-24, 2010, which will give children, teens and adults the opportunity to explore all facets of science & engineering through hundreds of fun, hands-on activities. People across the United States are encouraged to hold Satellite Events in their communities the same weekend that hundreds of thousands of people celebrate science on the National Mall.



USA Science & Engineering Festival Expo Dates: October 23 & 24, 2010; 10:00am-5:30pm; this event is free of charge – no tickets required. For more information on all Festival events and how you can get involved, visit www.usasciencefestival.org.

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presentations by Dr. Charles Nunn, and Dr. Thomas DeFler. There also are a number of special sessions planned including a meeting-wide Interdisciplinary Symposium on Social Processes and Disease in Nonhuman Primates, a Statistics for Primatologists Workshop... and the list goes on. On behalf of the Society, I want to thank all those involved with the meeting organization – this is always an enormous undertaking and they all deserve our sincere appreciation. Be sure to visit the ASP website for current updates on the meeting.

Let me also make note of two important announcements. First, a special acknowledgment of gratitude to Don Lindburg (a Past-President of ASP) who has made a generous donation to the Society that has led to the establishment of the ASP Legacy Fund. This fund will help promote opportunities for younger members of the Society to

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participate in mentored research or other professional settings that are distinctly different from their area of training. Thank you, Don. You can read more about the Fund and the new interdisciplinary initiative it will support on page 3 of this Bulletin.

Second, I also am pleased to announce that ASP is an Official Partner of the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival and will participate in the Festival Expo to be held on the National Mall in Washington DC on 23-24 October 2010. We will be joining more than 500 other academic institutions from around the country to take part in the two-day science outreach expo designed to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. ASP will host an exhibit with hands-on activities for the general public. If you would like to learn more about how you can help with the ASP exhibit, please

contact me. Additional information about the Festival is provided on page 5 of the Bulletin.

As I bring this, my final President's Message, to a close, I am confident in the future of our Society. I look forward to assisting Doree Fragaszy as she begins her term as ASP President and I know that she will lead with great passion and a clear vision for the Society.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support of ASP- through your membership, your service to the Society, your donations, and your participation at the annual meetings. It has been an honor to serve this amazing Society.

I look forward to seeing you in Louisville.

- Randy Kyes

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

ANIMAL TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (AATA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: May 9, 2010 - May 12, 2010

Sponsor: Animal Transport Association

Location: Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Web Site: <http://www.animaltransportationassociation.org/events/conference.cfm>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISEASES OF ZOO AND WILD ANIMALS

Dates: May 12, 2010 - May 15, 2010

Sponsor: Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW) and the European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (EA-ZWV)

Location: Zoo Aquarium of Madrid, Spain

Web Site: <http://www.zoovet-conference.org/>

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGISTS MEETING

Dates: June 16, 2010 - June 19, 2010

Sponsor: American Society of Primatologists

Location: Louisville, Kentucky

Web Site: <http://www.asp.org/meetings/index.html>

47TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY

Dates: July 25, 2010 - July 29, 2010

Sponsor: College of William and Mary

Location: Williamsburg, VA

Web Site: <http://animalbehaviorsoociety.org/absmeetings/47th-animal-behavior-meeting>

FROM CAGE TO CLINIC: PRIMATE RESEARCH FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (SYMPOSIUM)

Dates: August 16, 2010 - August 18, 2010

Sponsor: National Engineering Research Center of Biomedicine and Animal Science and Kunming Biomed International

Location: Kunming, Yunnan, China

Web Site: <http://kbimed.com/html/events/2009/1228/17.html>

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/>

AZA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: September 12, 2010 - September 17, 2010

Sponsor: Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and Houston Zoo

Location: George R. Brown Convention Center and the Hilton Americas Houston, Houston, Texas

Web Site: <http://www.aza.org/annual-conference/>

2010 ASSOCIATION OF PRIMATE VETERINARIANS WORKSHOP

Dates: October 6, 2010 - October 9, 2010

Sponsor: APV

Location: Emory Conference Center Hotel/Emory Inn, Atlanta, GA

Web Site: <http://www.primatovets.org>

61ST AALAS NATIONAL MEETING

Dates: October 10, 2010 - October 14, 2010

Sponsor: American Association for Laboratory Animal Science

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Web Site: <http://nationalmeeting.aalas.org/>

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Dates: November 17, 2010 - November 21, 2010

Sponsor: American Anthropological Association

Location: Marriott New Orleans & Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana

Web Site: <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/>

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 \$588.31 in Amazon.com referral fees between November 2009 - February 2010.