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A Message from the President...



Stealing a line from Joe Erwin's virtual visit to the ASP Conference in Denver this year, "Hello ASP!"

I want to begin by saying thank you to **Lynne Isbell**, from whom I am receiving the mantle of ASP President. Lynne, of course, is continuing with the Board of Directors as past president, and I continue to look forward to Lynne's counsel. But I think it is important to acknowledge her and say thank you. Lynne, thank you for your service as president of ASP.

It was a real treat to see so many of you returning in person to ASP again at this year's ASP meeting in Denver, Colorado, after the last few years of so much global turmoil. It was also inspiring to see so many of you that were attending ASP for the very first time. Powerful evidence that ASP has a solid future ahead.

Since this particular issue of the ASP Bulletin is typically full of reports from the annual meeting and highlights of upcoming events and opportunities, I am trying to keep my contribution short, but the pull of being comprehensive is also a powerful one.

We must begin, by acknowledging and appreciating the many things we have to be grateful for. So many people contribute pieces of the puzzle that become our annual conference. And now, with our virtual offerings, the singular conference society format is transforming to an "ASP throughout the year" society format.

I want to make sure that I take some time to acknowledge at least some of these everyday heroes that have made ASP my academic home away from home for the last 28 years. Inevitably, I will forget someone. Please know that I intended to acknowledge all the well-deserving members and contributors. I hope you will forgive any omission on my part (like I have been told I kept saying DEIC during the banquet, when I meant to be acknowledging the DEIA acronym [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility] of our standing committee and its membership... 😊 my apologies).

First off, **Amy Levine, Bert Covert, Ashley Edes** and **Justin McNulty**. Their hard work and dedication to put together a great meeting cannot be overstated. After a long wait, Amy Levine and Bert Covert served as Local Hosts extraordinaire, and provided us with a great venue for the social and scientific aspects of our gathering, right in the heart of downtown Denver. My special thanks go to them, their colleagues/families, and the dedicated student/volunteer workers who made the meeting

run so smoothly. Thanks everyone! Secondly, I also want to acknowledge the scientific program that Ashley Edes and her Program Committee provided us with this year. Between COVID concerns and the additional complexities brought on by our new hybrid format, it was quite an undertaking. Yet, Ashley made it look easy (it wasn't). In particular, the featured Speakers, the papers and the posters remind us that the state of science on primates is excellent. While serving as president-elect for the last two years, it was my pleasure to put together and lead a hybrid conference working group. **Steve Schapiro** and **Michele Mulholland** brought their experience and now expertise from the virtual IPS meetings in Quito. **Jennifer Cramer** brought her expertise from having helped the conservation committee do many of their webinars. And, again Ashley Edes kept her eye on the developing program for us, as we all worked together to make this new hybrid addition to our conference so successful. My personal thanks to all contributors both virtual and in person who helped make the meeting so unique and memorable.

Here are some of the Highlights of things going on in ASP:

Hybrid annual meetings will continue for at least the next few years. New formats next year will allow even more accessibility and opportunities to participate from around the globe. ***We are proud to announce the inclusion of live virtual talks, participants, and discussants in the coming year,*** as we seek to grow this capacity without breaking our budget.

ASP now has a Monthly giving program. Just visit the [monthly giving club link](#) on the main ASP website to get connected. Many thanks to **Mollie Bloomsmith**, our most recent Past President, for putting that in place before she stepped off the board.

ASP is becoming “ASP throughout the year” In addition to the hybrid conferencing format, the virtual side of which is available to registrants for 6 months following the meeting, we are working to build and offer virtual content offerings to our membership throughout the year. If you have virtual content that you would like to provide and post on the ASP site; or, would like to see posted on the ASP site, please reach out to the appropriate committee and/or the Board of Directors directly.

ASP Board of Directors now has office hours. We are increasing the accessibility of ASP membership and ASP leadership. **If you have a question or a concern, an issue you want to highlight, or an event you want to get on ASP's radar, please reach out.** On the first and second Fridays of every month from 8-9am Pacific time, I am available to [chat via a ZOOM room office hour](#) and I will bring your issue and/or information to the attention of the entire BOD

ASP Publications Committee is developing resources to support even more voices from the primatological community with **a new publication** that will allow us to highlight material not designed for our journal AJP. The ASP Board of Directors, and indeed the entire Society membership, looks forward to seeing what this new effort can do to highlight more and different voices in primatology.

ASP is participating in discussions to better understand the recent IUCN opinion to reclassify pig-tailed and long-tailed macaques.

Project to document the academic “genealogy” of ASP. This is not a new idea, but recently, there has been renewed interest in documenting our history and sharing the information with the broader society. One idea that is circulating regards a “permanent living poster” to be displayed each year as part of the annual conference. The idea of a “living” poster is that it would grow as new information and contributions are made available.

ASP Strategic Plan, Year 5 - We are heading into our 5th year of the [current strategic plan for ASP](#). I have asked **Kim Phillips** who served as one of the original architects of the plan, and **Paul Garber**,

our new president-elect, to start a review of our accomplishments relative to that plan, with the idea of using their findings to construct a new 5 year plan for the future of ASP

We are meeting again in only 8 months!!!! The next meeting is in Reno, Nevada from June 20-23, 2023. I know that **Dawn Abney**, the Local Host and Meeting Coordinator, the Program Committee, and the Hybrid Meeting Working Group are already working on many projects that go into staging the meeting. I encourage you, the membership, to do your part. Submit symposium proposals and contributed abstracts for the meeting. Remember, we all want to see you all in person! But, that is not always possible. Virtual presentation and participation are welcome and encouraged for anyone who cannot be in Reno. The [Call for Abstracts page](#) has already been updated on the website.

Proposals for symposia/roundtables/workshops are due February 1, 2023. You may submit proposals starting January 15, 2023.

Abstracts for in-person and virtual podium and poster presentations are due March 1, 2023. Submission will open February 1, 2023. You must register for the meeting before you submit your abstract.

Questions about abstracts, proposals, or the meeting program should be directed to the [Program Committee Chair, Dr. Michele Mulholland](#). Pre-conference or post-conference sessions require Program Committee approval.

ASP is always on the lookout for new hosting locations. Currently, we are exploring possibilities in both Mexico and Canada. But, we need your help. Motivated local hosts are one of the central keys to a good conference. If you and/or your institution/employer might be willing to host a future ASP conference, please contact our meeting coordinator, Dawn Abney (Dawn.Abney@crl.com).

And finally, I also want to thank the new term's Standing Committee Chairs

Awards and Recognition Committee
Conservation Committee
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
Education
Membership and Finance Committee
Media and Public Engagement
Primate Care
Publications Committee
Research and Development Committee
Student Committee
Program Committee

Justin McNulty
Jennifer Cramer and Tremie Gregory
Ray Vagell and Laura Abondano
Brett Frye and Gabrielle Oliveira
Kristine Coleman and Paul Garber
Katie Gerstner
Lisa Reamer and Ori Pomeranz
Sarah Brosnan
Lydia Hopper and Julie Teichroeb
Kaelyn Dobson and Carson Black
Michele Mulholland

and the individual members of those Committees, as well as my colleagues on both the past and present Board of Directors (Mollie Bloomsmith, Mike Reid, Lynne Isbell, Kris Coleman, Ashley Edes and Paul Garber). Your willingness to serve ASP is the fuel that keeps this uniquely interdisciplinary family moving forward. To get involved or re-involved, reach out to me or anyone on the Board or Executive Committee and we will connect you to the people "in the know" for your particular interests.

My best to you all, I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

Matthew Novak
President, American Society of Primatologists

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards & Recognition Committee

Congratulations to the Ruppenthal Student Travel Awardees!

The Ruppenthal Student Travel Awards are designed to help students who would otherwise not be able to attend the meeting. This year, the BOD was able to offer four awards for the annual meeting in Denver:

- **Mayte Martinez**
- **Jayashree Mazumder**
- **Negin Valizadega**
- **Josue Alejandro**

Congratulations students!

Student members of ASP are eligible to apply for \$500 awards to offset the cost of travel and accommodation to the 2023 ASP meeting in Reno, Nevada. Deadline is TBD, but as in past years, will be tied to the abstract submission deadline. Details will be available on the [Ruppenthal page of the website](#) as they become available.

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Consider Nominating ASP Members and Supporters of ASP for Society Awards

The Awards and Recognition Committee encourages nominations to recognize those who have contributed in different ways to primatology or to the ASP. Please consider nominating someone who has devoted substantial time and energy over the years to the ASP for the Distinguished Service Award. We also have the Early Career Award for someone who has made an exceptional contribution to primatology at the beginning of their professional career and the Distinguished Primatologist Award for someone who has made exceptional contributions throughout the course of their professional career. The nomination deadline will be on or around **March 15, 2023** (please check the website and future updates from ASP for the deadline announcement).

- **Distinguished Primatologist Award** for career achievement in primatology
- **Senior Research Award** for research achievement by one who has not received the highest academic degree in his/her field
- **Early Career Award** for exceptional contributions by a primatologist who is less than seven years past receiving the Ph.D.
- **Distinguished Service Award** for long-term contributions to the ASP
- **Special Recognition/Achievement Award** for exceptional one-time or short-term service to the ASP

For details on the nomination process for these awards and others, please see the [ASP Grants and Awards page](#).

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Thank you to the Awards and Recognition Committee for their hard and thoughtful work in soliciting

and evaluating the various nominations and applications during the past year. The members include:

- **Dorothy Fragaszy**
- **Paul Garber**
- **Andreas Koenig**
- **Justin McNulty**
- **Juan Carlos Serio Silva**

Paul Garber will be leaving the committee to begin his term as President-Elect. **Marietta Danforth** will be joining the ARC.

Conservation Committee

1. Jennifer Cramer, current co-chair of the committee, will take over the leadership of the committee. Bert Covert served as chair of the committee from 2021-22 and co-chair 2020-2021. Tremaine Gregory will serve as co-chair for the upcoming year. The committee currently has 28 members (four from habitat countries).
 - a. Current committee members are Thad Bartlett, Kelly Boyer Ontl, Janice Chism, Bert Covert, Jennifer Cramer, Kaelyn Dobson, Francine Dolins, Wendy Erb, Montse Franquesa Soler, Paul Garber, Katie Gerstner, Tremaine Gregory, Erin Kane, Kinley Kinley, Martin Kowalewski, Susan Lappan, Allison McNamara, Krista Milich, Kristen Morrow, Marilyn Norconk, Erik Patel, Anne Russon, Anne Savage, Christopher Shaffer, Cynthia Thompson, Kathy West, Christy Wolovich, and Yin Yang.
 - b. We anticipate some members who will rotate off the committee. We will recruit new members this year while acknowledging that long-term members are essential for the functioning of the committee.
2. Current budget:
 - a. Committee - \$39,249.90
 - b. Covid Fund - \$912
 - c. Saving Primates Where they Live initiative – was \$28,400 plus \$25,000 match from Re:wild – all allocated
3. Committee responsibilities and activities
 - a. During the year
 - i. Conservation Small Grants
 1. We received 15 proposals (deadline 31 Jan 2022; opening 1 Jan 2021). We received 17 proposals in 2020 and 16 in 2021.
 2. Each grant was reviewed by four committee members (reviewers).
 3. Proposals were from Madagascar (6), Asia (2), South America (2), Africa (4), and the Caribbean (1).
 4. We funded 4 proposals (2 from Madagascar, 1 from South America, and 1 from Africa) that ranged from \$1,740-2,000 for a total of \$7,740).
Recipients:
Dr. Fernanda Abra "Reconecta: Building bridges for arboreal species conservation"
Project country: Brazil
Nina Beeby "Nutritional implications of habitat disturbance on a Critically Endangered fruit-specialist (*Varecia variegata*)" Project country: Madagascar
James Bukie "Assessment of gastrointestinal-parasites to inform conservation in wild drill monkeys at Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary (AMWS), Cross River State, Nigeria"
Project country: Nigeria

Katherine King "Assessing community-led conservation and biodiversity education in Ranomafana National Park, Madagascar" Project country: Madagascar

- ii. Conservationist Award
 1. Dr. Yin Yang was awarded the 2022 Conservationist Award in recognition of his leadership in efforts to conserve the Critically Endangered black snub-nosed monkey. Congratulations Dr. Yang! More details will be in an upcoming Bulletin.
- b. Subcommittees:
 - i. Video and YouTube – Krista Milich and Allison McNamara. Two Zoom webinars were recorded and uploaded to our YouTube site since the OKC meetings.
 - ii. ASP-CAN (the Conservation Action network) is in its third year under the leadership Francine Dolins and Susan Lappan. Along with former co-chair Paul Garber, they are working on having previously posted action letters (can be found under the [Conservation Committee, ASP-CAN tab](#)) edited for publication in a special edition of the American Journal of Primatology.
 - iii. Communications: Erin Kane, ASP Media chair. Publishing communications from the committee to ASP Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.
 - iv. Editing and publishing final reports from small grant recipients. We have received one final report and will edit for inclusion in an upcoming ASP newsletter.
- c. Activities:
 - i. Conservation webinars, Dec. 2021 and February, 2022. The committee helped organize and produce three conservation webinars. December 1- Conservationists Award winners. Speakers- Dr. Andie Ang, Dr. William Olupot, Dr. Mamy Razafitsalama, Dr. Bernardo Urbani, and Dr. Fernanda Abra. December 14- Conversation with Dr. Pat Wright and our Conservation Champions for the Saving primates where they live campaign. February 24- Karisoke Today webinar for donors. Speakers- Dr. Tara Stoinski, Dr. Winnie Eckhardt, Honorine Ihimbazwe, and Eric Ndayishimiye. The first and third webinars are available at [AmSoc Primatologists Conservation Committee You Tube channel](#).
 - ii. Saving Primates Where They Live campaign to raise funds for habitat-country primatologists. This fundraising campaign ended on December 31, 2021. Our goal was to raise \$25,000 that would be matched by Re:wild. We exceeded our goal by raising \$28,400 and the \$25,000 match from Re:wild is presently being process and we should have the funds by the end of August, 2022. We advertised these funds in April noting that applications would be reviewed on a rolling basis starting in May of 2022. To date, we have received nearly 20 applications requesting nearly \$100,000. We have allocated our \$28,400 to eight of the applicants (four from Asia, two from Africa, one from Madagascar, and one from South America). After discussions with Re:wild they have agreed to provide \$25,000 to support an additional eight applications (three from Asia, two from Africa, two from Madagascar, and one from Central America).
 - iii. Plans for 2022, 2023
 1. Develop additional webinars relevant to primate conservation.
 2. Seek new funding streams for primate conservation.
 3. Discuss developing new ways to share information about primate conservation within and beyond the ASP.
 4. Continue the solicitation and production of Action Letters from ASP-CAN.

The committee co-chairs, Jennifer Cramer and Bert Covert, are grateful to the support of the Society and wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to committee members during 2022, making this a successful year.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee

1. This year, our committee had its name officially changed to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Committee to better address equity and accessibility in primatology and ASP.
2. Our committee includes members from the queer, neurodivergent, disabled, and BIPOC communities as well as those from primate range and developing countries. This year we see a total of 18 ASP members in the DEIA Committee.
3. The DEIA Committee also took the initiative to inform primatologists from habitat and developing countries that their ASP membership is free. We hope this could address and increase ASP membership diversity. Additionally, some committee members have tweeted about the online option for this year's ASP in hopes that the conference is more accessible to all.
4. Leading up to ASP Denver 2022, DEIA Committee members collaborated with local host (Dr. Amy Levine) and Program Chair (Dr. Ashley Edes) in planning and implementing a more accessible and inclusive conference, such as:

A. Name tags with pronouns

- Conference goers that have provided us with their pronouns during registration have their pronouns printed on their name badge.

B. Distributed accessible maps

- Accessible maps of the conference hotel as well as Downtown Denver were provided to conference goers.

C. Implemented a Quiet Space

- A dedicated quiet space will provide conference goers with a space to recover from or avoid overstimulation as well as providing a space for quiet reflection

D. Implemented COVID-19 Personal Comfort level signs

- Signs for COVID-19 personal comfort levels were used to designate conference goer's personal comfort level with COVID-19 avoidance.
- The associated stickers were distributed and used on name badges to indicate each other's comfort levels. Stickers differed by both color and shape to accommodate members with color vision deficiency.

E. Implemented DEIA Committee Social Hour

- We have implemented a social hour during the conference so that conference goers with suggestions or questions about ASP DEIA initiatives could share them with us.
- Kylen Gartland will be at the social hour in-person. She will provide links and instructions on how to use and join GATHER during the DEIA Comm. Social Hour.
- This year, most of our committee members are unable to be at ASP in-person. We have implemented a hybrid in-person and online social hour using the GATHER app. Those that are joining us at ASP Denver virtually will be able to meet the DEIA Committee through the GATHER app. as well as in-person conference goers who choose to join the social hour online.

F. Accessibility

- Presenters (podium and posters) were provided with an accessibility guide so that their presentations are more accessible and inclusive to those with different access needs.

5. Lastly, Raymond Vagell will continue to be the DEIA Committee Chair for another 2 years (2022-2024). The committee has also unanimously requested Dr. Laura Abondano to be the Co-Chair for 2022-2024 and the BoD approved.

Education Committee

Co-Chairs - Lauren Robinson & Brett Frye

Members - Kathy West, Karen Hambright, Michael Reid, Maddie Soule, Jessica Vandeleest

New Co-chair – Gabriela de Faria Oliveira

New Members – Jacob Negrey, Cory Ross, Tim Bradford

Non-Conference Activities

- Karen Hambright's outreach was cancelled due to the pandemic
- Lauren Robinson – Skype a Scientist, Letters to a Pre-Scientist and gave invited talks to the German primate centers (DPZ), Texas Tech
- Jessica Vandeleest – In collaboration with the UC-Davis Animal Behavior Graduate Group blog, "The Ethogram" Jessica developed a K-2 module to teach kids. How to recognize animal behavior (e.g., fearfulness, aggression, relaxation, etc.) in ways that can help guide their interactions with wild and domestic animals. The module was tested in a local elementary school classroom (~24 students)
- Kyes Award
 - We awarded the Kyes (Outstanding Outreach) Award this year – Dr. Anne Savage
 - Awards: ASP Plaque & \$250 Honorarium

2022-2023 Goals

- Student Competition – Website Updates
 - We need to revise website language to clarify several points, including:
 - Details that applicants must be the primary author and must present the work. Historical data is fine, but students must clearly convey their intellectual contributions to the project as the lead author.
 - Team presentations are not allowed
 - We will require language requiring contestants to address ASP's Ethical Use of Animals in the submitted work (Cover Letter).
 - We will clarify information on Data Blitz requirements, e.g., time limit (2 minutes), single static slide (no animations)

Conference Activities

- Denver Zoo (08/25/2022)
 - Brett Frye - Walk & Talk Primate Tour for Volunteers/Education Staff (~20 attendees)
 - Lauren Robinson - Primate Personality & Welfare Talk for Denver Zoo Staff, Volunteers (~50 attendees)
- Student Competition (14 Applications)
 - Online Presentations – 5 finalists (shown below); 4 presentations awarded
 - Christina Costa
 - Nalina Aiempichitkijkarn
 - Viendra Mathur
 - Katherine King
 - Giulia Ciminelli
 - In-person Presentations – 5 finalists (shown below); 3 presentations awarded
 - Selena-Guerreo-Martin
 - Isabel Arcusa
 - Gabriel Risko
 - Kaelyn Dobson
 - David Massey

- No poster presentations were submitted for consideration this year.

Student Competition Winners 2022

The Education Committee would also like to congratulate our winners in the ASP Student Competition. We would also like to thank all the students that competed this year. All winners received a cash prize, one-year of free membership to ASP, and waived publication fees if accepted by AJP.

Online Winners

- Nalina Aiempichitkijkarn - 1st Place Oral Presentation - Social networks and tuberculosis infection among free-ranging long-tailed macaques
- Virendra Mathur - 2nd Place Oral Presentation - Understanding variability in crop foraging by Himalayan langur (*Semnopithecus schistacesus*) and other wildlife species using direct observation and camera traps in an anthropogenic landscape
- Katie King - 1st Place Poster Presentation - Investigating urinary oxytocin and affiliative behavior in wild male *Propithecus verreauxi* at Kirindy Mitea National Park, Madagascar
- Guilia Ciminelli - 2nd Place Poster Presentation - Automated detection of behaviours used to assess temperament in rhesus macaques

In-Person Winners

- Isabel Arcusa - 1st Place Oral Presentation - Scent marking and other behavioral responses to conspecific urinary cues in owl monkeys (*Aotus nancymae*)
- Selena Guerrero-Martin - 2nd Place Oral Presentation - Positive reinforcement training may influence the acute immune response to SIV-infection in socially housed, laboratory pigtailed macaques (*Macaca nemestrina*) and rhesus macaques (*Macaca mulatta*)
- Gabi Risko - Honorable Mention Oral Presentation - The importance of auditory, olfactory, and visual cues for insect foraging in owl monkeys (*Aotus nancymae*)

Primate Care Committee

2022 Accomplishments

- 24 Members
- Melinda Novak Welfare Fund: \$13,181 (does not include Workshop profits which are about \$2000 but we also haven't given out our awards/grant yet which will be about \$1800)
- Pre-Conference workshop on Environmental Enrichment (34 participants + waitlist)
- Inaugural year for the Melinda Novak Welfare Grant, will be announced at Closing Banquet (2 applicants)
- Welfare Award will be announced at Closing Banquet (1 virtual, 6 in person applicants)
- Hot Topics highlighting Primate Care Projects each quarter
- Update of Welfare Tab on ASP website
- Assisted with review of the APV-ASP Environmental Enrichment Position Statement
- Article published in AJP as a direct result from the 2019 Pre-Conference Workshop "Identifying and Treating Abnormal Behaviors in Nonhuman Primates"

New for 2022

- Brainstorming for annual sustaining fundraising plans for Melinda Novak Welfare Fund – subcommittee created
- Pre-Conference Training Workshop in Reno

- In process of gaining permissions from institutions/presenters of Enrichment Exchange Webinars so videos can go on the Member Resources page on ASP Website
- Subcommittee creating content for AALAS Primate Behavior Module (in conjunction with APV)
- Individualized Care Symposium being planned for Reno 2023 (possibly interdisciplinary)
- PCC membership assisting with APV with the Welfare Corner section of their newsletter

Program Committee

Committee members:

Ashley Edes (chair)
 Emily Rothwell
 Jessica Vandeleest
 Elizabeth Wood
 Dorothy Fragaszy
 Kelly Pate (for RACE)
 Bess Carlson (for RACE)

Preparation for the 2022 ASP annual meeting began following the close of the business meeting at the 2021 conference. Highlights for this year's conference program included:

- This year was our first ever hybrid conference format, with all scientific conference sessions (symposia, roundtables, podium sessions) streaming live and most being recorded for ON DEMAND viewing, as well as ON DEMAND viewing of all posters (in-person and virtual only) and virtual talks.
- Three plenary speakers:
 - Dr. Hayley Murphy – “The Great Ape Heart Project: How Collaboration and Reputation Can Improve Research in Zoos”
 - Dr. Edward Louis – “Balancing Biodiversity Conservancy and the Community-Based Conservation Reckoning to Expand Lemur Habitat in Madagascar”
 - Dr. Júlio César Bicca-Marques (2021 ASP Distinguished Primatologist) – “Howler Monkeys, Environmental Change, and Conservation Activism”
- Three symposia proposed and accepted.
 - Interdisciplinary symposium: “What’s New at the Zoo: Recent Advances in Primatology Taking Place in Modern Zoological Parks”
 - One symposium was withdrawn prior to the meeting.
- Two roundtables proposed and accepted.
- One workshop proposed and accepted.
- We received 146 abstract submissions:
 - 79 podium presentations
 - 40 in-person poster presentations (also available ON DEMAND)
 - 14 virtual podium presentations
 - 13 virtual poster presentations
- Continuing education credits for veterinarians and veterinary technicians (RACE): 8.25 credits
 - 1 plenary and 29 podium presentations
- As discussed in 2021, a printable program at-a-glance was made available on the website at the end of July since the online program with the new website provider is not easily printed.
- Abstract submission deadlines for the 2023 meeting have been approved and announced.

Publications Committee

Members: Laura Abondano Franco, Sarah Brosnan, Sara Freeman, Peter Judge, Michele Mulholland, Meg Sosnowski, Raymond Vagell

Guests on Aug 25, 2022 meeting: Matthew Novak, Karen Bales

Since the Nov 2021 meeting in OKC, the publications committee has met virtually and on 8/25/22 in Denver with a primary focus of considering the options for developing a potential e-journal for ASP. The goals of the proposed e-journal are to provide ASP members and the broader primate community with access to publication types that are not currently available through current formats, including *AJP*, which this journal will complement. This sort of complementary journal approach is an emerging trend in the research community; for instance, the Society for Neuroscience recently launched *eNeuro* to go alongside their flagship publication, *The Journal of Neuroscience*. *eNeuro* is an open access, fully online publication that has no length limits and publishes papers that are not published in *JNeuroscience*, with an explicit mandate to evolve as the needs of the research community and the Society for Neuroscience change. Part of this larger push, both in the community and at ASP, is driven by a need for other types of publications, such as replications, null results, and methods papers, that aren't easily published in more traditional outlets, and partly by the push for more open access publishing that is more distanced from the traditional large publishing houses.

The publications committee's charge has been to consider how ASP might best do this going forward. Our current focus has been on considering what we can do that will bring added value to ASP and complement *AJP*. Our goal for 2022 is to develop a proposed business plan for a e-journal to forward to the Board of Directors for consideration.

One major concern is ensuring that this e-journal is of as much use as possible to the membership of ASP and the field, and that we maximize the time of the members who put their efforts into this journal. We are also sensitive to the significant limitations that we are under due to the constraints of the Wiley contract, and one major point of discussion has been what we could do that would be value added, above and beyond what is already available through *AJP* (and other primate journals). Some of the ideas we are considering, which could be implemented individually or in tandem, as appropriate, include:

- A bioRxiv.org style repository for pre-prints of primatology papers. Our impression is that most primatologists are not using bioRxiv (or other pre-print servers), so this could be a valuable addition, and to our knowledge would not conflict with Wiley. This might also dovetail with earlier data-storage proposals that have been floated at ASP. One major concern is how we would provide appropriate long-term server storage without charging for this service. This would be of particular concern if we were to develop a more traditional e-journal in the long run, because presumably we would want to integrate this service with the e-journal platform. One possibility, for instance, is that ASP members could archive their pre-prints for free, as part of their ASP dues, but non-ASP members would be required to pay a nominal fee. As we will discuss below, pre-prints raise a couple of issues distinctive from the other publication types that will need to be considered if we ultimately end up integrating multiple types in the same journal, most notably whether we wish to have non-peer reviewed paper types and peer-reviewed paper types on the same platform (or whether this risks confusion).
- A video journal (similar to JOVE), to which individuals could submit a "video paper." This could be a recorded talk of themselves presenting a published paper, a TED style talk about an idea, a standalone publication of a new method or technique, a video note of an interesting behavior, etc. We would need to work out a number of details, including how they would be reviewed (for instance, do we review proposals first, then videos, or require the video to be

produced prior to review?), what sorts of formatting requirements or standardization of format we would have, and what sorts of quality requirements we would have (JOVE sends a professional videographer if a proposal is accepted, but this is fairly expensive, which is counter to the goal of inclusivity and access that we have).

- Publish more traditional article types that work around the Wiley restrictions, including brief reports/notes, null results, replications, history of primatology, teaching primatology, etc. One challenge is that most of these article types aren't excluded by Wiley (our most highly downloaded paper last year was a brief communication), so we will need to determine what is actually excluded. It is also not clear that this is the best way forward for a new journal, since AJP already provides this venue.

We are also sensitive to the effort and time that this will require. Other journals that have developed standalone open access journals (such as *Animal Behavior and Cognition*) have relied on volunteers for copy editing, which has required significant time and effort by the editors, which we think is unsustainable over the long term. Any proposal we put forth would take this into account, for instance incorporating copy editing services into a fee structure if traditional article types, that require editing, are incorporated into the final plan. One of the things that we will develop this year is a plan for editors or co-editors, the editorial board, and the reviewer structure. We anticipate a model wherein reviewers receive credit for reviews that allow them discounted publications (much like the *PeerJ* model). We also will propose that these credits stack, both within and across authors, so that publications can be free if an author or authors stack their credits.

For the platform, we recommend that we either use our existing website or the Public Knowledge Project (PKP), depending on which article types we ultimately pursue. If we develop a more traditional journal, we will require the structure that an existing publication site provides, and for that we have chosen PKP based on John Capitanio's subcommittee report because it offers two key benefits over other options. First, they automatically assign a DOI to all submissions. Second, they offer copy-editing services, which will provide a sustainable model for the journal. We are still developing our specific recommendations, but we anticipate the following points that must be taken into consideration when deciding the long-term goals of the ASP e-journal. Notably, using PKP can be fairly inexpensive, but it is not free:

- Based on current numbers, it will cost approximately \$3000 to get started, which we think that ASP will likely need to commit to funding.
- Also based on current numbers, we think that it will cost approximately \$35/page for publishing and copy-editing services. We have not worked out final numbers, but we plan to propose a model that will assume that authors at Western research institutions will pay a slightly higher charge to offset the costs for our colleagues at smaller liberal arts colleges or habitat countries. We anticipate that this model will need to be flexible, and/or initially involve some subsidy from ASP, until we determine the relative proportion of different types of authors who are submitting to accurately determine how much subsidy is needed.
- As mentioned above, we will need to figure out how to fund pre-prints, should we choose to move forward with that model. They would not require copy-editing, which would reduce the cost, but we will either need to fund space on our current website or pay for PKP. In addition, should we ultimately include more than one article type we will need to consider how to structure the journal to allow for different categories of peer reviewed vs not and make it clear to readers what type of article they are currently viewing.
- Video articles would also not need require copy-editing, but may have different costs if they use additional server space. We have not investigated this yet.

This concludes the publication committee's report.

Research and Development Committee

Current committee members: Lydia Hopper (co-Chair), Julie Teichroeb (co-Chair), Mukesh Chalise, Ricki Colman, Brett Frye, Kylen Gartland, Andrew Haertel, Brenda McCowan, Charlie Menzel, Manuel Moro, Darby Proctor, Emily Rothwell, Ken Sayers, Kathryn Shelton, Carol Shively, Kate Talbot, Larry Williams, Pauline Zablocki-Thomas, and Toni Ziegler

One of the core functions of this committee is to oversee the administration of the ASP Small General Research Grant. This year we received 26 applications for the grant, with folk applying from nine countries (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Tanzania, UK, and USA) and with proposals relating to more than 20 species. Four successful applicants were awarded grants, of up to \$1,500 each. Congratulations to the four awardees:

- Iara Torge, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina: The effect of landscape fragmentation on seed dispersal by black capuchin monkey (*Sapajus nigritus*) in northeastern Argentina
- Lindsey Warshawski, University of Victoria, Canada: Form and function of food-associated calling in the Rekambo chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes troglodytes*) community in Loango National Park, Gabon
- Will Whitham, Texas A&M University, USA: Automated testing of chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) self-control using a Kinect sensor
- Lauren Wiseman-Jones, Washington University in St. Louis, USA: Monitoring changes in physiological stress and energy balance of mountain gorillas (*Gorilla beringei beringei*) in relation to acute social and anthropogenic stressors

At the Committee's annual meeting in August, the committee voted to create a new committee co-Chair position and we are happy to announce that the committee's new co-Chair is Dr. Julie Teichroeb (University of Toronto). Julie has been a member of the committee since 2018, and joins Dr. Lydia Hopper as committee co-Chair.

At our annual meeting we also discussed new opportunities to provide professional development support for committees. In the coming months, look out for announcements about grant writing workshops and research method development workshops, that we plan to host virtually and in person at the annual meeting. We are also working on revising and updating content on the ASP website related to research with primates.

Lydia Hopper and Julie Teichroeb
Co-Chairs, ASP Research and Development Committee

Social Media and Public Engagement

Social media continues and public engagement continues! The ASP Instagram page has 1,014 followers as of this morning, and we have 5,040 followers on twitter. We had significant engagement around a few tweets, continuing with engagement around celebrities with pet primates. I continue to think that this, and research on captive primates, are areas where we could grow and improve our engagement.

We continue collaborating closely with the conservation committee and student committee and are eager to work with other committees as we can! As always, we would love more members to join, the committee, and are here to better-support the efforts and activities of our members and committees, especially around your research, or efforts to improve diversity, outreach, and public engagement!

With the return to in-person meetings, I think there are opportunities for workshops including on writing press releases and building a positive social media presence.

I am stepping back from the committee after 4 years of chairing it, and look forward to handing it off to the extremely capable Katie Gerstner, who is doing an excellent job taking the lead on all our social media currently.

A message from new chair, Katie Gerstner:

I am thrilled to be taking over for Erin Kane as Chair for the Media and Engagement Committee. In the next month, I will be featuring content about our 4 small grant award winners. Stay tuned for details and updates about their fascinating projects! I encourage all members and committees to reach out to me anytime with news, updates, flyers, job opportunities or any content that is primate related. You can contact me directly at katiegerstner@gmail.com and feel free to share my email with others. If you are providing photos, please include a watermark or provide credit for the ownership of the images. If you do not already, please follow the ASP Twitter and Instagram accounts, @ASPVoice is the handle for both.

Student Committee

Chairs:

Kaelyn Dobson

Malique Bowen

Members:

Katie Gerstner

Benjamin Lake

Alexander Baxter

Gabriela de Faria Oliveira

Sierra Simmons

Carson Black

Goals

The Student Committee aims to foster a supportive and reliable community for ASP student members during the annual conference and throughout the year. During the 2021-2022 year, we wanted to increase student membership and develop stronger relationships through student office hours, meetings via zoom, and social media engagement.

Events

1. ASP Student Spotlights happen at least once a month and showcase current members and their work.
2. We held offices hour in May 2022 for non-members to come and chat about the benefits of becoming a student member and/or attending an ASP conference.
3. This year we will hold a few events at the conference
 - a. Student Mixer and Trivia
 - b. Social Media Workshop
 - c. Speed Mentoring

Student committee activities from last year's conference successfully encouraged students to participate in field schools, engage with ASP on social media, and develop relationships with other ASP members.

Future Events

The student committee will continue to hold events at and outside of conferences to increase student involvement and membership. Next year we aim to reach out to minority organizations (Black in Biological Anthropology) and institutions based in primate home countries to further increase diversity and inclusion in the society and at conferences.

Treasurer's Report & Membership and Finance Committee

The final accounting for our ASP 2022 meeting is still in progress. We had 202 registrants for the online and virtual meeting, and 77 for the virtual only meeting; an impressive number for our first time offering a hybrid meeting! A huge thank you to Amy, Bert, and Justin, for their hard work on the conference! We are very thankful to our vendors and those that donated. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended, both in person and virtually.

The final balances and changes to funds for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2022 are as follows: General fund (\$208,396) +60%; Legacy Fund (\$8,912) + 3%; Conservation Fund (\$39,250) -17%; COVID Emergency Relief Fund (\$912) -17%; Melinda Novak Primate Welfare Fund (\$13,156) +9%. There was one new fund established in this fiscal year: The Saving Primates Where They Live Initiative (\$28,410; overseen by Conservation Committee; provides funds to habitat-country researchers). A huge thank you to everyone who was able to donate to one or more of these funds!

On August 24, 2022, ASP had 513 members, an increase of approximately 2% over last year (297 full members, 87 student members, 29 retired members, 100 complimentary members). Our membership is diverse, with members from 35 countries. However, student membership is down by 18% from last year.

We added new membership categories in 2022, and they were relatively popular. We will continue to offer these in 2023:

- A two-year student membership (\$120)
- A two-year full membership (\$200)
- Lifetime full membership (\$1,150, payable over 2 years)
- Lifetime retired membership (\$250; does not include access to American Journal of Primatology)

New this year- If you have wanted to provide a recurring (e.g., monthly) donation to ASP, but were unable to do so, you are now in luck! You can join the Monthly Giving Club here (<https://donorbox.org/american-society-of-primatologists>). Donations will go to the General Fund, and will support research grants, travel awards, etc.

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining the Committee, please contact Kris Coleman (treasurer@asp.org).

ASP 2022 MEETING MINUTES

ASP Board of Directors Meeting 1: August 25 8:30am-10:55am

In attendance: Lynne Isbell, Matthew Novak, Mollie Blooms Smith, Kris Coleman. Mike Reid absent.

1. New committee chairs: Matthew
 - a. Laura Abondano, co-chair DEIA
 - b. Education: Laura Robinson is stepping down, who to replace her? No one yet
 - c. Primate Care: are Lisa and Ori stepping down? Jaine Perlman?
 - d. Student: Carson Black
2. Discussion about restricting meeting venues to locations that are “safe”: Kris
 - a. We will try to find venues that are safe and will opt for those that are if given a choice.
3. IUCN decision to classify long-tailed and pig-tailed macaques as endangered: Mollie
 - a. Request to APV/ASP WG to are you going to try to do something about this?
 - b. Do we want to get involved in deciding to challenge or not? Yes
 - c. Matthew will interact with Sherrie of APV
4. Webmaster issue revisited: Mollie
 - a. Virtual aspects of ASP: assisting in virtual meeting and public-facing website
 - b. Need videos, webinars, photos from members to update website and make it more dynamic
 - c. Get Ashley’s input and revisit at next BoD meeting
5. Things to continue working on into next 2-year term:
 - a. Strategic plan, including goal of 5% annual increase in membership
 - i. 513 members in 2022; 504 in 2021 (1.79% increase) paying members: 413 (6.2% increase)
 - ii. 252 to 297 full members
 - iii. 106- 87 students
 - iv. 31- 29 retired
 - v. 115-100 complimentary members
 - vi. Lifetime: 9
 - vii. Half payments: 4 out of the 9
 - viii. Retired lifetime: 8
 - ix. 2-yr full members: 47 (out of 297)
 - x. 2-yr student: 16 (out of 87)
 - b. Historic records in storage
 - i. Matthew will reach out to Gabe Lubach
 - c. Recurring donations plan: cultivation of donors
 - i. Monthly donations: acknowledgments on website
 1. Create location for it: currently under *Aotus* grant
 2. Kris will put it on the latest news section now
 - ii. Give updates to group about how funds are used
 - d. Additional fund-raising options (e.g., planned giving opportunities)
 - i. Non-profits do this with development officers
 - ii. Suggest people put ASP in their wills
 - iii. Kris will ask accountant

- e. Steve Ross Travel Award
 - i. ARC will set it up and decide on the awards
 - ii. Lynne will talk with Justin about its status
- f. Increase membership diversity
 - i. Need DEAIC to work on larger issues
 - ii. BLM statement started committee; need to somehow increase racial diversity in ASP

Adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting: August 26 5:00pm-7:00pm

President Isbell opened the meeting by recognizing the committee chairs, co-chairs, and proxies, and asking each one to step up and present their annual reports. These reports can be found in this Bulletin on pages 4-16. Meeting closes with President Isbell saying “thank you” to the committees for all their hard work. Everyone’s enthusiasm and dedication is wonderful, thank you!

ASP Board of Directors Meeting 2: August 27 12:00pm-1:30pm

In attendance: Lynne Isbell, Mollie Blooms Smith, Matthew Novak, Kris Coleman. Mike Reid absent.

BoD discussion of requests from committees (BoD decisions in bold)

a. ARC:

The ARC would like to propose a change to the ASP by-laws to address the ASP Conservationist Award. Currently the by-laws read that the Awards and Recognition Committee is responsible for the administration of all awards of the society, except for a couple carve-outs.

If this route, propose that Article 5, Section 7, #1 be amended to state (new language is underlined):

Administer all programs for awards and formal recognitions conferred by the Society except the Student Research Awards and the ASP Award for Excellence in Outreach which will be administered by the Education Committee, the ASP Conservationist Award which will be administered by the Conservation Committee, and the Primate Welfare Award which will be administered by the Primate Care Committee.

Alternatively, the process could be changed to bring the ARC back into oversight of this award. It would also make sense for the Kyes award to go back to the ARC since both the Kyes Award and the Conservationist Award are evaluated and selected well in advance of the meeting (but the Student Awards and Welfare Award are determined at the meeting). There could be no change to the process other than upon selection by the respective committee, the ARC would need to endorse the selection (much like the President’s Award).

The BoD approves the ARC’s alternative suggestion.

- b. Conservation: no requests
- c. Diversity and Inclusion: no requests
- d. Education:

Requested approval for the Kyes (Outstanding Outreach) Award this year to go to Dr. Anne Savage: **Approved**

e. Media and Public Engagement: no requests

f. Primate Care:

In process of adding Enrichment Exchange Webinars to the Member Resources page on ASP Website – already approved by board but will we need the board to view the content before uploading? **Yes**

In process of putting together content for AALAS Primate Behavior Module (in conjunction with APV) – already approved to do this by the board but wondering if board will want to approve the content before sending to AALAS? **Yes**

Seeking approval to try and implement a “Bidding DJ” hour at the banquet where people can pay money or give tokens (for those who don’t carry cash) in order to request/change/stop a song – this is part of our attempt to find an annual fundraiser that will help sustain the Melinda Novak Fund. **Approved**

g. Program:

Decision needed on abstract submission deadlines for the 2023 meeting.

Proposes February 1 for symposia, March 1 for regular abstracts. **Approved**

h. Research and Development: see Creation of a Committee Co-Chair below

ASP Research Grant applicants

This year the R&D Committee received 26 applications from nine countries (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Tanzania, UK, and USA) and with proposals relating to more than 20 species. Following discussion at the committee meeting, they recommended five applications to the BoD for funding.

The four highest-ranked applications were approved for funding.

ASP website Research Page content and updates

This past year, the committee reviewed the “Research” pages of the ASP website with the aim of updating and expanding the information presented to better reflect the scope of research conducted by ASP members. In the coming year, the committee will draft new content for the website. Once content has been created, we will submit a proposal to the ASP BOD For review.

Yes, please go ahead and send it to Ashley.

Creation of a Committee Co-Chair

To aid continuity across committee Chair terms, and to empower the committee to achieve more, the Committee proposes creating a co-Chair position, with each co-Chair serving two 2-year terms, overlapping in a staggered fashion. Lydia just completed her first two-year term as Chair and so would like a co-Chair to join her for her last two years. If the BOD approves this, can the committee elect their co-Chair or does the nominee need to be approved by the BOD?

The bylaws call for the President to nominate committee members and for the BoD to advise and consent. If the R&D Committee would like to suggest a co-chair to Matthew, please feel free. The BoD approves the co-chair position.

Proposed Committee activities in 2022/2023

The following ideas were proposed at the committee meeting:

- i. Host a virtual grant writing workshop
 - a. Building on the success of our virtual workshop in 2020, the committee seeks the ASP BOD approval to host another virtual grant writing workshop for ASP members that would be held in winter 2022
Approved
- j. Host a roundtable or workshop at ASP 2023 on research methods
 - a. Specifically, Kylen suggested the topic of helping folk to identify/adapt suitable methods for different research settings (e.g., zoos vs labs vs field)
Please submit a proposal to Program Chair
- k. Student: no requests

New business

Approved to continue virtual component for next year

Request greater focus on diversity in DEIAC

Adjourned.

So many smiling faces at the ASP 2022 Opening Reception at Denver Zoo

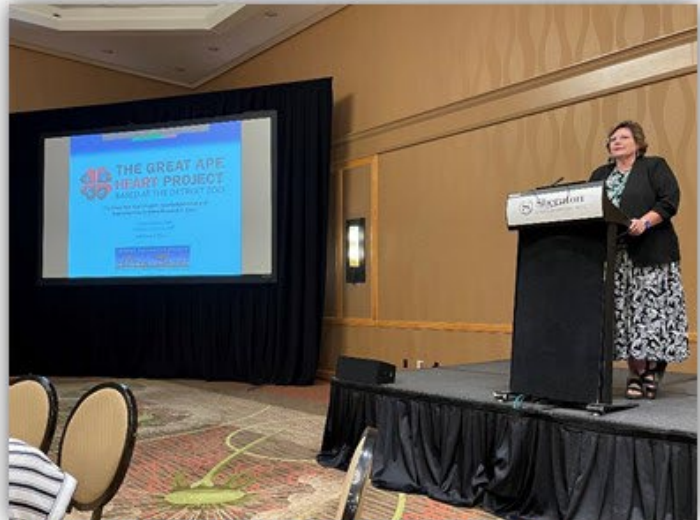


Janice Chism, Marilyn Norconk, and Jennifer Cramer

At the podium during ASP 2022



Local host Amy Levine



Keynote Speaker Dr. Hayley Murphy



Keynote Speaker Dr. Ed Louis



2021 Distinguished Primatologist
Júlio César Bicca-Marques



Dr. Mollie Bloomsmit awarding Dr. Joseph
Erwin the ASP Founder's Award



Nancy Caine at the Poster Session



Kris Coleman at the Closing Banquet with her Silent Auction prize!



Marty Mallon, Dawn Abney, Ashley Edes, Amy Levine, Justin McNulty, and Matthew Novak



Mollie Bloomsmith and Brianne Beisner at the Poster Session



Noel Rowe, Director of Primate Conservation, Inc. & ASP Supporter



The touching Tribute to the Career of Steve Ross, led by Betsy Herrelko

SOCIETY AWARDS

2022 Distinguished Primatologist Award Announced at the 44th Meeting of the ASP in Denver, Colorado!

With the approval of the ASP Board of Directors, the Awards and Recognition Committee presented the 2022 Distinguished Primatologist Award for career achievement in primatology to **Dr. Toni Ziegler**. This award honors a primatologist who has had an outstanding career and has made significant scientific contributions to our field.

Through her groundbreaking parenting research and advancements in endocrinology that set a new trajectory for field primatology and captive animal welfare, her successful mentorship of others at every professional and skill level, and her extensive service to the professional community, **Dr. Toni Ziegler** has had far-reaching and long-standing impact on the field of primatology.

Dr. Ziegler earned her Ph.D. in Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology from Texas A&M University in 1982. To date, Toni has published over 160 journal articles, book chapters, and book reviews, all of which has received over 11,357 citations (more than 1,000 citations in just the past year). Toni has been awarded 10 NIH, 3 NIMH, and 2 NSF grants (among others) for her research.



Dr. Ziegler has risen to become one of the world's leading authorities in the field of primate reproductive endocrinology. She has earned this reputation as a result of her long-term investigations into the hormonal regulation of the socio-sexual, reproductive, and parenting behavior of South and Central American monkeys that live in extended family groups, and for her pioneering development of non-invasive methods for measuring hormone levels in both captive and wild primates. Her work includes comparative studies on a diversity of primate species including both humans and nonhuman primates, and it has contributed important original insights into the ways in which hormones mediate behavioral and physiological responses to social and ecological conditions. Thanks to **Dr. Ziegler's** persistence and careful validation studies, her immunoassay methods have become part of the standard tool kit for monitoring of endocrine parameters in non-invasively collected samples for a wide array of primate species.

Dr. Ziegler has trained over 25 graduate students and upper-level undergraduates, serving on 10 Ph.D. committees and 3 Master's committees despite not holding a position that allowed her to chair graduate committees. Countless students and post-doctoral researchers have worked with **Dr.**

Ziegler to analyze their own samples, and many of these students have gone on to establish their own labs employing the skills learned under **Dr. Ziegler's** supervision.

Dr. Ziegler has sustained a high level of visibility in professional societies. She serves on editorial boards of major journals, including the International Journal of Primatology, Hormones and Behavior, and the American Journal of Primatology. A member of ASP since 1980, **Dr. Ziegler** was elected to the Board of Directors, where she served as Executive Secretary from 2002-2006. She has long been invested in presenting her innovative research and new methods to the primatology community at annual meetings, presenting over 30 podium talks, organizing and chairing five symposia, and participating in 20 symposia as an invited or organizing contributor.

To cite from her nomination letter: "She has devoted decades of her life to our field and association, and she deserves to be recognized for her enormous impact."

The Awards and Recognition Committee is pleased to present **Dr. Toni Ziegler** with the ASP 2022 **Distinguished Primatologist Award**.

Distinguished Service Award Announced at the 44th Meeting of the ASP in Denver, Colorado!



With the approval of the ASP Board of Directors, the Awards and Recognition Committee presented the Distinguished Service Award to **Dr. John Capitanio**. This award is presented to deserving individuals who have contributed long-term service to the Society.

John has served the Society for longer than anyone else in ASP's history, spanning a 34-year period from 1986 to 2020. In this time, John has served on at least five different committees, in both roles as a committee member and a committee chair. John also served as a member of the ASP Board of Directors as President-Elect,

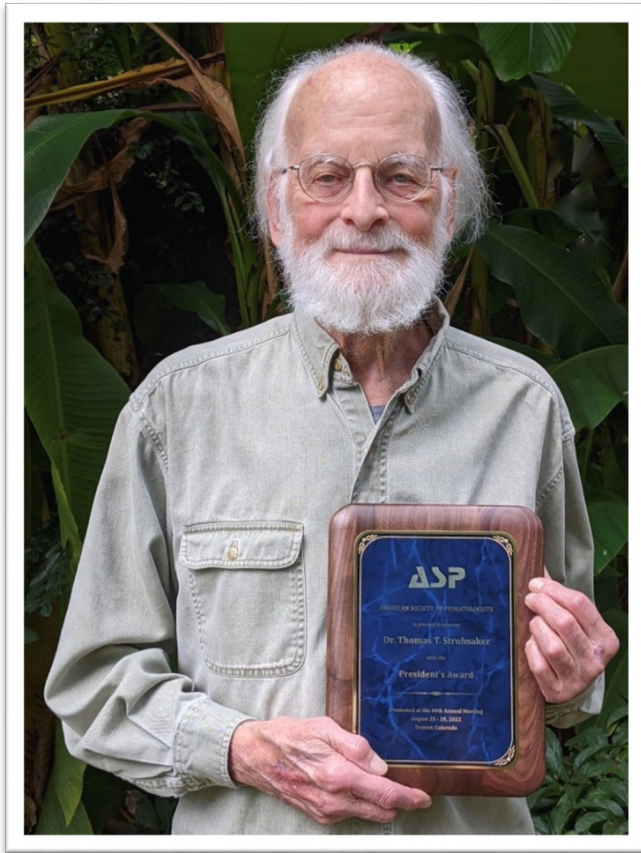
President, and Past-President.

John was intimately involved in the exceptionally smooth transition of ASP from a snail-mail-based society to a fully web-based society. In essence, he helped bring ASP into the 21st Century, which today may seem like no big deal, but at the time was an extremely important accomplishment.

John has also been an outstanding mentor and role model to countless budding- or established-primatologists. His calm demeanor, approachable nature, and keen sense of humor have earned him a reputation as a "go-to person." At ASP meetings he can often be seen talking with students or others about ASP, primatology, or where to get the best beer in town.

Thank you, John, for all you have done and continue to do for ASP.

President's Award Announced at the 44th Meeting of the ASP in Denver, Colorado!



The Society awarded the President's Award to **Dr. Thomas T. Struhsaker** at the 44th annual meeting of the Society, held in Denver, Colorado. During the President's term in office, s/he may nominate individuals or organizations that have made unique and exceptional contributions to primatology for the President's Award.

ASP President **Lynne Isbell** nominated **Dr. Struhsaker** for this award citing his extraordinary contributions to understanding primates and conserving their populations, particularly in Africa, over the span of 60 years.

Tom began his career in primatology in 1963 with a year-long dissertation project on the behavior and ecology of vervet monkeys in the Amboseli Reserve, now National Park, in Kenya. At that time the roads were terrible. There was no murrum to keep from getting stuck in the mud during the rain seasons, no easy communication with people outside the area, but Tom thrived in such places, as his career shows. He was a pioneer in the field of primate socioecology, the study of how habitat affects social

organizations, and of vocal communication. For example, he was the first to recognize that vervets produce distinctive alarm calls for different predators (Struhsaker 1967).

After Amboseli, Tom went to Cameroon to study drills. That was difficult because they couldn't be habituated, but while there, he also observed guenons, mangabeys, colobus monkeys, and patas monkeys to try to understand the influence of gross habitat variation on group size and the number of males per group, considered the most important influence at the time (Crook and Gartlan 1966). But he came to see that gross habitat type or vertical niche could not, in fact, predict social organizations. He was the first to argue that phylogenetic constraints may be more important than ecology in predicting social organizations (Struhsaker 1969).

On to survey other places to establish a long-term field site, Tom explored Senegal, Gambia, Korup Forest Reserve, and Tai Forest in West Africa. He was the first to publish that chimpanzees in Tai use stones and sticks to crack open nuts (Struhsaker and Hunkeler 1971). After five months of surveys, he made his way to Uganda, where he settled in the Kibale Forest Reserve and focused on the behavior and ecology of red colobus monkeys. He worked in Kibale for 18 years, from 1970-1988, during a time that was fraught with internal turmoil as Uganda went through coups, wars, genocides, and several presidents.

Despite all that, he managed to develop the Kibale Forest Project into a world-class research station by inviting others just starting out to conduct comparative behavioral ecological studies of many of the other primates there. John Oates studied black-and-white colobus, Peter Waser, gray-cheeked mangabeys, and Rudy Rudran, blue monkeys. With great foresight, he asked everyone to collect data in the same way, and even now Colin Chapman and his students are using the same methods to

study red colobus monkeys, making it possible to compare their ecology and behavior over a 50-year period of time.

He also trained numerous Ugandan students in tropical forest ecology, including Deborah Baranga, who studied black-and-white colobus dietary chemistry and Isabirye Basuta and John Kasenene, who both studied the effects of deforestation on rodent ecology. Basuta then studied chimps for his Ph.D. Jerry Lwanga studied the fates of seeds and seedlings of various tree species. These three former students each eventually became administrators of the Makerere University Field Station at Kibale after Tom left.

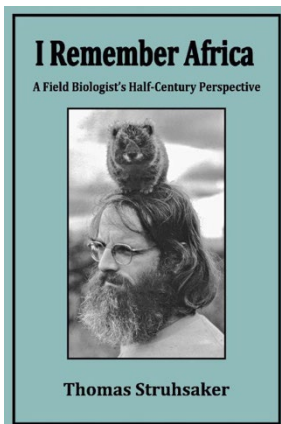
Tom's various surveys and his in-depth experiences in Kibale made him acutely aware of the precarious condition of Africa's tropical forests. As time went on, he became more involved with efforts to protect primates by protecting and conserving forests. He learned early on that the best way to do this is to create a research presence and then lobby for the establishment of national parks. He spearheaded the 23-year effort to turn Kibale from a forestry reserve to a national park, and several other places he surveyed and helped initiate primate research at have also now become national parks or reserves, including Korup in Cameroon, Tana River, in Kenya, Jozani Chwaka Bay, in Zanzibar, and Udzungwa Mountains, in Tanzania.

Although Tom has never held a formal academic appointment as a professor, he has published like one, with innumerable journal papers and three books, two on red colobus and one on tropical forest conservation (Struhsaker 1975, 1997, 2010). He has never held back the knowledge he has gained from his close observations, and because of that, we all have had continued opportunities to learn a great deal from him.

The American Society of Primatologists is pleased to present **Dr. Thomas Struhsaker** with the 2022 **President's Award**.

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[I Remember Africa: A Field Biologist's Half-Century Perspective - BookBaby](https://store.bookbaby.com)

I Remember Africa is a memoir based on the author's wildlife research and conservation efforts in Africa spanning 56 years (1962-2018). It describes some of the challenges scientists and conservationists faced in the early days of field research on primates and other wildlife in Africa.

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Kyes Award Announced at the 44th Meeting of the ASP in Denver, Colorado!

It is the Education Committee's great pleasure to announce that **Dr. Anne Savage** has been awarded the Kyes Award for Excellence in Outreach. This award recognizes Dr. Savage's established history of excellence in primatology outreach. Dr. Savage founded Proyecto Titis, which has been critical to the conservation of wild titi monkeys (*Saguinus oedipus*) in Colombia. The members of the Education Committee were particularly impressed with Dr. Savage's engagement of local peoples in a variety of programs, including education, tourism, artisanal industry, participatory conservation, and *in situ* research. Dr. Savage's work provides an outstanding example of outreach in primatology, and indeed, in any aspect of science and conservation. Congratulations!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know that ASP 2022 is still ongoing?

Did you miss ASP 2022 in Denver? All of the scientific program is available for you to view until late February 2023. You can access everything you missed. Register for the virtual Conference today!

Did you register for ASP 2022? Did you know you still have access to all the sessions and posters until late February 2023? Just return to the meeting schedule and click on the Virtual Conference. Your registration is still valid.

Did you know that at ASP 2022, the hybrid format means that there were both poster presentations and oral podium presentations that were only available virtually? They are available but were not part of the live paper and poster sessions. If you haven't accessed them yet, you should! You still have access to all the sessions and posters until late February 2023. Just return to the meeting schedule and click on the Virtual Conference. Your registration is still valid.

Our goal is to keep bringing you the best in-person meeting possible each year.

However, we also want your ASP membership to be a value to you beyond the conference and throughout the year, by offering continued access to existing content and new content with webinars, virtual talks and other online events.

Recipient of the inaugural Melinda Novak Welfare Grant

The Primate Care Committee is excited to announce our inaugural Melinda Novak Welfare Grant recipient, Tabor Whitney and her project "Associations between ecological attributes, the gut microbiome, intestinal inflammation and their impact on the welfare of mantled howlers in Los Tuxtlas, Mexico".

Primate Welfare Award presentation winners at ASP 2022

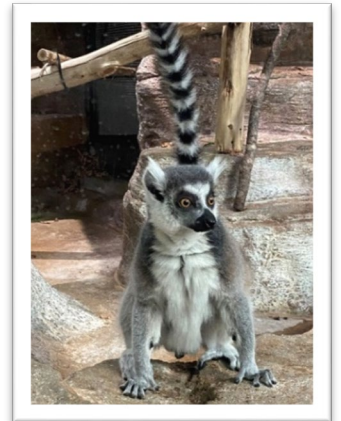
The Primate Care Committee had two Welfare Awards to give this year for presentations at ASP 2022 and, after much deliberation, these were awarded to Negin Valizadegan for her work on the blood microbiome and Josue Alejandro for his project with the slow lorises.

New Hot Topic in Primate Welfare feature

Check out the [Hot Topics in Welfare section](#) of the ASP website for this quarter's piece featuring the work of Dr. Sarah Neal Webb and colleagues at the National Center for Chimpanzee Care on chimpanzee physical therapy.

Calling all photographers: Seeking primate photos for the ASP website

Primatologists study amazing animals and many of us take great photos of them while we do it! ASP is seeking quality primate photos from members to be featured on various pages of the website (with credit), including the front page! If you would like to see your photos on the ASP website, please submit them to Executive Secretary Ashley Edes (aedes@stlzoo.org) for consideration.



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Fun at the Closing Banquet



Local Band: Mountain Reverb



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Reno, Sparks and Lake Tahoe Restaurants



Arts and Culture



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Shopping



Reno Tahoe Spas



Lake Tahoe & Reno Events



Reno Nightlife



Sports Teams

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Proposals for symposia/workshops/roundtables – Due February 1, 2023 | Abstracts – Due March 1, 2023