

Dr. Nancy G. Caine, Editor
Executive Secretary of ASP

A Successful Annual Meeting in Veracruz

The 14th annual meeting of the American Society of Primatologists was held June 24-28 in Veracruz, Mexico. A joint meeting with the Asociacion Mexicana de Primatologia, this convention was marked by international camaraderie and a wide range of content in the program. The minutes of the Executive and Business Meetings are published in this issue of the Bulletin.



ASP 1992 in Toronto

ASP will hold its 15th annual meeting in Toronto from June 19-21, 1992. Hosted by Glendon College of York University, the meeting will conveniently follow on the heels of the Animal Behavior Society meeting in Kingston. **The likely deadline for submission of abstracts for the ASP meeting is January 15, 1992.** Please plan ahead!



Congratulations to the Winners of the Student Presentation Awards

At each ASP meeting the Education Committee judges paper and poster presentations that have been entered in the Student Competition. To qualify, the student must be first author of the paper/poster and must present the work him/herself. This year there were 21 papers and 12 posters, from which three winners were selected. The co-winners of the paper presentation award were Lynn Miller, Dept. of Anthropology, U.C. Davis, and Elliot Friedman, Dept. of Psychology, University of Wisconsin. Ms. Miller's paper was entitled, "The Influence of Resource Dispersion on Group Size Among Wedge-Capped Capuchins. Mr. Friedman's paper was, "Interleukin-1 in Rhesus Macaques: Some Preliminary Findings." The winner of the poster division was Rebecca Addington. Ms. Addington, whose poster was entitled, "Factors Affecting the Food Calls of Red-Bellied Tamarins," conducted her research at Bucknell University and is now at the Dept. of Psychology, University of Wisconsin. Congratulations to these students for their fine work.

ASP's Distinguished Primatologist Award Given to Philip Hershkovitz

In 1989, ASP made its first Distinguished Primatologist Award to Bill Mason. The second recipient of the award is Philip Hershkovitz. Curator emeritus, Mammal Division, of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, Dr. Hershkovitz is perhaps best known to primatologists for his classic, truly monumental text, Living New World Monkeys, published in 1977. Dr. Hershkovitz has been invited to give a lecture at the ASP meeting in Toronto next June, where a more complete and fitting tribute will be made to him.



Animal Research Information Board

The Animal Research Information Board -- an electronic bulletin board available only courtesy of the American Psychological Association Science Directorate through BITNET or INTERNET -- will have information and items of interest on the use of animals in research. It will include the latest information on:

- activities in Congress (legislation and hearings), the Federal agencies, and the States;
- Federal regulations;
- pro- and anti- animal research groups;
- campus activities, and more!

This is a moderated board and material for possible posting will be sent to an editor. Those who have access to BITNET or INTERNET can sign on to this service by sending a mail message to:

LISTSERV@GWUVM

with the following command in the body of the text:

SUBSCRIBE APAARIB your name

For more advice on how to issue such a command, consult your university computer technical assistance staff. If other problems exist, contact APA Science Directorate staff member Elizabeth Baldwin through e-mail at:

APASDEAB@GWUVM

or by mail, 1200 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, or phone (202) 955-7653.

Resolution Regarding Human Population Growth Passed by ASP

At the ASP Business Meeting held in Veracruz, the following resolution was passed by a vote of 55 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions:

Resolution

Submitted to President Joyce Sirianni previous to the Business Meeting in accordance with article 6, section C, of the Bylaws of the Constitution of the American Society of Primatologists.

Whereas the continued existence of non-human primates is essential to the purposes of this Society

and

Whereas the major threat to the continued existence of non-human primates is the increasing human population

be it resolved that

The American Society of Primatologists publicly announce its support for all ethical efforts to control human population growth world wide

and further that

The international scientific community exert unified efforts to encourage, by all ethical means, the control of human population growth.

The resolution was drafted and submitted by the Past Presidents attending the 14th ASP meeting (R. Dukelow, D. Lindburg, W. Mason, O. Smith).

Discussion that surrounded this resolution is summarized in the minutes of the Business Meeting (this issue).



Conservation Fund-raising in Veracruz

The ASP Conservation Committee coffers are \$619 richer thanks to fund-raising efforts in Veracruz. John Anderson (Chair) solicited \$274 in cash contributions, and three ASP members contributed an additional \$345.

Funding for Primate Research

For several reasons, funding for primate research is becoming particularly difficult to obtain. The ASP Research and Development Committee has therefore formulated a plan that may help to rectify this.

The committee is compiling a document to identify those areas of research for which the use of nonhuman primates is essential, using for illustration a representative selection of primate studies that have made significant contributions in areas ranging from basic biology and behavior through biomedical and veterinary research to conservation issues. This document will be submitted to AJP for publication, and reprints will be distributed to major funding agencies (NIH, ADAMHA, NSF, etc.) to encourage informed peer review and support for primate research.

Since the R&D Committee members do not have the expertise to cover all areas, we need your help. Please contribute a short account of relevant work (about 250 - 500 words) including references to publications. Failure to respond may result in the oversight of important research areas! On completion, the manuscript will be circulated for commentary to those who have responded. Please send your account as soon as possible (no later than November 1, 1991) to:

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Emory University School of Medicine
The Georgia Mental Health Institute
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Atlanta, GA 30306
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Job Opportunity

The Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, anticipates making one or more faculty appointments beginning August 1992 in one or more areas. One of the appointments is in Biological Psychology, at the Assistant Professor level. Candidates working on any aspect of the biological bases of behavior, including animal behavior, neuroethology, behavioral neuroscience, etc. will be considered.

A CV plus three letters of evaluation and selected reprints should be sent to the Search Committee, Biological Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1202 West Johnson Street, Madison, WI 53706. The University of Wisconsin-Madison is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and especially encourages women and minorities to apply. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by November 1, 1991.

Congratulations to Chuck Snowdon

Dr. Charles T. Snowdon, ASP member, was recently awarded the John T. Emlen Professorship by the University of Wisconsin, in recognition of his contribution to the scientific and academic communities through his teaching and research activities. Past and present members of Chuck Snowdon's laboratory have donated \$165 to the ASP Conservation Committee in honor of the award, with the intention of promoting the support of projects like those engaged in by Chuck throughout the years.



Larry Fedigan, 1938-1990

On December 22, 1990, Larry Fedigan died in a car accident on an icy highway in Alberta, Canada. He was driving to a cabin in the mountains for Christmas, and was killed instantly in a collision with a pickup truck.

Larry was born into an Irish family in London, England in 1938. Soon thereafter, during the bombing raids over London, he evacuated with his family to Luton, England. In Luton, he was awarded a scholarship to attend a public school, and later a scholarship to attend the University of Nottingham. After his undergraduate training, he taught for eight years in France, where he met and married Linda Fedigan in Paris in 1968. He and Linda completed graduate degrees at the University of Texas, and in September 1972, he took a job at Texas A & I University in Laredo (now Laredo State University), a position which allowed him and Linda to begin their many years of research on the Arashiyama monkeys.

Larry was involved in the Arashiyama project in many ways over the years. He collaborated in data collection, and co-authored several publications with Linda and with Harold and Sarah Gouzoules. From 1978 to 1979, he was hired as the Manager of the colony (and seemed to be conceptualized by the monkeys as a resource, since food calls filled the air whenever he appeared). He sat on the Scientific Advisory Board for the South Texas Primate Observatory after the monkeys were moved to Dilley, he co-taught a field course there in 1981, and he played a large role in the international conference on the Arashiyama project held in Banff, Canada in August 1987. The resulting book, The Monkeys of Arashiyama, to be published by SUNY Press, will be dedicated to Larry.

With his death, STPO and the Arashiyama monkeys have lost a long term supporter. Larry will be sadly missed by those whose lives he touched, Linda and his friends, family, colleagues and students. --- from the STPO Observer, May, 1991.

Gorilla Workshop at the Milwaukee County Zoo

The 2nd Gorilla Workshop will be hosted by the Milwaukee County Zoo and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County, June 12-15, 1992. The workshop will be held at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, and will include a zoo tour of the new ape complex opening in the Spring of 1992. Partial funding may be made available for those keepers and students from outside the United States and Canada demonstrating a financial need. Inquiries may be sent to: Sandy Vojik, Chairperson, The Gorilla Workshop, Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

For information regarding registration and paper/poster presentations, please contact Jan Rafert, Curator of Primates & Small Mammals, Milwaukee County Zoo (414) 771-3040 or above address.



Understanding Chimpanzees

Jan Goodall and the Chicago Academy of Sciences announce the second international chimpanzee symposium, "Understanding Chimpanzees: Diversity and Survival," to be held at the Academy December 11-15, 1991. The conference will take a comparative approach to understanding the behavior of chimpanzees and bonobos: documenting behaviors and behavioral variability, investigating hypotheses that explain variations, and exploring comparative methodology. The conference will also survey current population status in the wild, threats to habitat and survival, and the development of sanctuaries. Advisors for the symposium include Toshida Nishida, Richard Wrangham, Frans de Waal, Geza Teleki, Randall Susman, and Robert Fry. For a program and registration form, contact Linda Marquardt, Chicago Academy of Sciences, 2001 North Clark St., Chicago, IL 60614 [312-943-6969]. ----- from Laboratory Primate Newsletter, July, 1991.



Summer Internships in Primatology

Each year the ASP Education Committee compiles a list of summer research opportunities for students. At the back of this issue of the Bulletin you will find a form on which you can describe any such opportunity(s) you may have to offer in your laboratory or field site. You need not be in a position to offer funds. Please take the

time to complete the form and return it to Chris Duggleby. Students are the future of primatology; we need to cultivate their skills and interests.



Silver Spring Monkey Ruling

Activists have won a battle in their 10-year-old war with the federal government over the "Silver Spring" monkeys. In a 8-0 ruling on May 20, the Supreme Court said PETA, the International Primate Protection League, and other organizations have the right to sue in Louisiana courts in attempts to obtain custody of the 2 remaining monkeys located at Tulane.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was wrong, said the Supreme Court, in a 1988 decision not allowing PETA, et al., to sue for custody. That ruling allowed the government to kill three of the monkeys for research purposes. An additional 2 macaques were killed last month.

The 17 Silver Springs monkeys were seized in 1981 from a NIH funded private facility in Silver Spring, MD. Currently 2 are housed at Delta and 5 others are living at the San Diego Zoo. Ten died naturally or were killed. -- *From Animal Bytes News, an electronic news list, cited in Laboratory Primate Newsletter, July, 1991.*



Electronic Discussion Forum

The Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, has announced the availability of a new mail server list called Primate-Talk. Primate-Talk is an open forum for the discussion of primatology and related subjects. This list is open to electronic mail users world-wide with an interest in primatology. Subject matter may include, but is not limited to: news items, meeting announcements, job notices, research issues, veterinary/husbandry topics, information requests, and book reviews.

People with Internet, BITNET or UUCP addresses can communicate with primate-talk. Users of other networks should contact the WRPRC. If you are interested in joining primate-talk, send a message to primate-talk-request@primate.wisc.edu stating that you would like to sign on. If you have questions about electronic access to the list, you may call Larry Jacobsen, Head of Library Services at the WRPRC Library, (608) 263-3512, or FAX at (608) 263-4031. You may also write to the WRPRC Library, 1220 Capitol Court, Madison, WI 53715-1299, USA. --- from Laboratory Primate Newsletter, July, 1991.

AJP Subscription Awards for 1991

Each year the ASP Conservation Committee awards AJP subscriptions to one or more primatologists in countries with native primate fauna. This year the subscriptions go to:

1. Juan Carlos Serio Silva
Parque de la Flora and Fauna Silvestre Tropical
Universidad Vera Cruzana
A. Postal 57
Catemaco, Ver 95870 MEXICO

*Nominated by John Anderson

2. Professor Felix S. Nuñez
Zoologo
Escuela de Biologia
Universidad de Panama
Panama City
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

*Nominated by Dennis Rasmussen

3. Alcides Pissinatti
Fundacao Estadual de engenharia do Meio Ambiente
Rua Fonseca Telles, 121/15•amdar
Rio de Janeiro - RJ 23011, BRAZIL

*Nominated by Jeffrey French

4. Alphonse Nemeye
Karisoke Research Centre
B.P. 105 Ruhengeri, RWANDA

*Nominated by Sandy Harcourt

5. Sharon Matola
c/o Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center
P.O. Box 474
Belize City, BELIZE

*Nominated by Ken Gold

6. Dun Den Sajutil
Institute Pertamina
Bogor, Java
INDONESIA

*Nominated by Joe Erwin

ONR Young Investigator Program

The Office of Naval Research is seeking applications to support young scientists and engineers who show exceptional promise for doing creative research in fields including biological, cognitive and neural sciences. The deadline for applications is December 17, for about 14 awards of \$75,000 a year for three years. Applicants must be U.S. citizens in tenure-track positions at U.S. universities and colleges and must have received their graduate degrees on or after December 1. For more information, contact Special Programs Office, Office of Naval Research, Code 11SP, 800 N. Quincy St., Arlington, VA 22217, [703-696-4108]. --- from Laboratory Primate Newsletter, July, 1991.



Senior Biology and Conservation Award Winner 1991: Gerry Ruppenthal

The Senior Biology and Conservation Award is given by the ASP Conservation Committee with the aim of recognizing primatologists without professional degrees who have made substantial contributions to primate biology or conservation. This year's awardee is Gerald Ruppenthal. Gene Sackett's letter of nomination is reprinted below:

Gerry Ruppenthal has had a 30-year career in laboratory primate research and is still going strong. He began his career in 1960 as an undergraduate research assistant to Harry Harlow in the Primate Laboratory of the Psychology Department at the University of Wisconsin. After receiving his B.S. degree in psychology in 1965, he became a project supervisor for Harry and Margaret Harlow. During the 1960s, Gerry was instrumental in developing behavioral coding systems and equipment that have proven important for research on captive primates and for rearing infant primates in nurseries. Among his contributions were digital coding of behavior, the surrogate mother feeding device, the playroom merry-go-round activity device, and the nuclear family living cage arrangement. The surrogate device, or variants on it, are now standard equipment for all nonhuman primate nurseries. The nuclear family units generated a set of unique data concerning maternal and paternal behavior and its influence on developing infants. During this decade, Gerry also supported the research and training of most of the graduate students in this important laboratory. Over 20 Ph.D. recipients at the University of Wisconsin benefitted from Gerry's expertise in behavioral observation methods, skill at constructing primate testing apparatus, and knowledge of rhesus macaque behavior.

In 1970 Gerry moved to the University of Washington. Here he was instrumental in developing the Infant Primate Research Laboratory (IPRL), a facility jointly operated by the Regional Primate Research Center and the Child Development and Mental

Retardation Center. The IPRL provides nursery care for newborn and infant macaques and baboons from the Primate Center's breeding colony. As one of the few non-Ph.D. Research Scientists in the university, Gerry has supervised the IPRL for its 20-year existence.

Perhaps even more important, Gerry has worked with laboratory personnel, graduate students, and faculty researchers to develop an "Infant-Save" program. This program, modeled after human neonatal intensive care units, provides nursery care for medically at-risk newborns that are born prematurely, have low birth weight, are injured or abused in their natal groups, or are suffering from diseases. Over 90% of such individuals die if left with their mothers. In most facilities such newborns are euthanized because of the expertise and expense required to keep them alive and the time required for their recovery. Due in large part to Gerry's efforts, over 300 Infant-Save animals have been nursery-reared through infancy, providing over 150 subjects for research and 125 successful members of the Primate Center's self-sustaining breeding colony.

Gerry's efforts in the IPRL have enabled more than 75 University of Washington faculty researchers to employ nonhuman primate models of genetic, prenatal, and perinatal disease processes. Furthermore, over 50 researchers have been able to study naturally occurring at-risk newborns in the Infant-Save program.

Gerry's vita lists 25 journal articles, most published in major behavior or primate journals. These articles concern basic processes of primate development and important techniques for primate husbandry. He is first author on a paper summarizing 10 years of research on "motherless-mother" rearing. This paper is a major publication in the field of primate development and is an important example of an influential primate model of human behavior. In addition to journal articles, Gerry edited a book, Nursery Care of Nonhuman Primates, which contains much of the IPRL methodology. This book, published in 1979, is still a standard reference on the topic.

Not listed in Gerry's vita are the dozens of graduate students who received training and research support from him over the past 20 years. Also missing is reference to over 500 undergraduate students, participants in IPRL projects for research credit toward their degrees, who were trained and supervised by Gerry and his IPRL staff.

Gerry is a charter member of the American Society of Primatologists. As such, he has served each year on a society committee, has presented papers at most meetings, and has represented the IPRL and the Child Development and Mental Retardation Center to the society. I believe that most academicians engaged in work with primates would be proud to claim the research, training, methodological development, breeding colony conservation, and professional society accomplishments and credentials of Mr. Gerald C. Ruppenthal.



Conservation Award 1991: Andreia Martins

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition and financial support for students and young investigators in countries with native primate fauna. This year's award goes to Andreia Martins of Brazil. Ben Beck, Devra Kleiman, Melanie Bond, and Andrew Baker presented the Conservation Committee with the following letter of nomination:

Ms. Martins was born in Silva Jardim in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the nearest town to the Poco das Antas Biological Reserve, the Tamarin Project headquarters. She has been working with reintroduction of golden lion tamarins on the Reserve since 1984. She began as a field observer, tracking behavior of released tamarins. Her abilities and dedication to the project led to increasing responsibilities, and since 1988 she has coordinated the work of six field observers that monitor 15 reintroduction groups. Her daily duties include checking animals, preparing food, and trapping for tattooing and radiocollaring. She also participates actively in collecting, summarizing and analyzing behavioral data and preparing written reports.

Ms. Martins is highly respected by all who have worked with her. Her positive interactions with the owners of neighboring ranches (and their children) have been instrumental to our success in reintroducing tamarins on private lands and thus protecting additional forests. She begins her work day by 5:30 AM, is often still busy at dinnertime, and usually works seven days a week. But she somehow always finds the energy to make a birthday cake for a colleague, attend her English lessons, or play the guitar.

The continuing success of the reintroduction program is in large part due to her dedication and expertise. Her plans to begin a degree program in a nearby university assure that she will have a continuing positive impact on conservation in Brazil. We feel that Ms. Martins' commitment to her work and the reintroduction project are deserving of the recognition this award represents.



Conservation Fund Raising Auction

An auction will be held next year during the ASP conference banquet to raise money for the ASP Conservation Fund. Members are requested to donate something (artifacts, handicrafts, institution t-shirts, posters, etc.) to be bid on by those in attendance. All funds raised during the auction will go to the ASP Conservation Fund.

Field biologists (and travelers), if during your journeys you would keep this auction in mind, and purchase 1 or 2 extra mementos, or if you just happen to have a few left-over artifacts or trade items for the auction, a donation would be appreciated.

(more...)

Ann Russon has volunteered to be a depository for these items prior to the conference. Stay tuned to the Bulletin for future announcements regarding the auction. Contact Ken Gold if you have any suggestions or questions.

Ken Gold and Paul Houghton
Conservation Auction Coordinators



Upcoming Lab Animal Meetings

A joint meeting of AALAS (American Association for Laboratory Animal Science) and ICLAS (International Council for Laboratory Animal Science) will be held October 20-24, 1991, in Buffalo, New York. The keynote lecture, by Frederick K. Goodwin, M.D. (from the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration) will be on the topic of animal rights and research. Two representatives of the USDA will hold a roundtable discussion regarding regulations and inspections. Contact Sarah Dunlap, 70 Timber Creek Drive, Suite 5, Cordova, Tennessee 38018.

The Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW) and Working Animals Used in Research, Drugs, and Surgery (WARDS) will co-sponsor a conference on "Implementation Strategies for Research Animal Well-being: Institutional Compliance with Regulation." The conference, the fee for which is \$295, will take place at the Peabody Hotel in Baltimore on December 5-6, 1991. Contact SCAW, 4805 St. Elmo Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814. (301) 654-6390.



Primates and the Media

According to the American Psychological Association's Animal Research Information Board, the NBC television series "Quantum Leap" will air an episode this fall in which the main character "leaps" into the body of a research chimpanzee being used in head injury research. The Foundation for Biomedical Research, and numerous other organizations and individuals, according to NBC Nightly News (August 13, 1991), have written to the show's producers to express their concern about the possible misrepresentation of biomedical research in this production. ASP members may want to express their feelings about the matter to Mr. Don Bellisario, Executive Producer, Quantum Leap, 100 Universal City Plaza, Building 426, Suite D, Universal City, CA 91068.



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 25, 1991.

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Sirianni at 1:15 PM.

The Minutes of the 1990 meeting were approved as published in the September, 1990, ASP Bulletin.

President's Report. Joyce Sirianni, President of ASP, reported on data compiled by Jeff French, ASP Treasurer, regarding the demographics of ASP. There are almost equal numbers of male and female ASP members (N= about 600), with more female than male members representing the younger (terminal degrees earned after 1980) membership cohorts. Anthropology is the disciplinary affiliation of nearly 30% of the members, followed by Psychology, Biology/Zoology, and veterinary medicine. (The Biology/Zoology category is probably underestimated due to the choice of some members to list fields such as anatomy and genetics as their disciplines). Behavior is the primary research specialization of over 50% of the membership, followed by reproductive biology (about 10%).

President Sirianni is currently constituting an ad hoc committee to review the bylaws of the ASP Constitution. The Bylaws Committee will be chaired by Orville Smith. Likewise, a Nominations Committee, to be chaired by Don Lindburg, will soon be constituted. The purpose of the Nominations Committee is to choose nominees for the 1992 election of ASP officers. A chair will soon be appointed for the Elections Committee, which will carry out the election procedure.

ASP will meet in Toronto in 1992 and in Boston in 1993. We need invitations for future meetings from geographically diverse settings.

Treasurer's Report (read by R. Rawlins, President-Elect, for J. French, Treasurer). Total assets as of June 1, 1991, are \$39,663 in the General Fund and \$15,341 in the Conservation Fund. It is expected that the Veracruz meeting will close with a profit. The Treasurer's Report was passed by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee passed a motion to invite the members of the Mexican Primate Society to the Veracruz banquet as our guests. A motion was also passed that ASP arrange for a CPA review of our financial records and that the Treasurer of ASP be bonded.

Executive Secretary's Report. Nancy Caine, Executive Secretary, raised the issue of allowing, and/or recruiting, paid advertisements in the ASP Bulletin. The Publications Committee and the Executive Secretary will explore this matter.

Awards and Recognitions Committee Report. Margaret Clarke, reporting for Irwin Bernstein, Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee, presented the committee's recommendation for the next Distinguished Primatologist award. The Executive Committee passed the motion that the award be given to Philip Hershkovitz. The issue of funding for the Distinguished Primatologist Award was raised. The Executive Committee passed a motion that the Bylaws Committee address this matter.

In response to a question posed about the transmission of information from each committee chair to her/his successor, the Executive Committee developed the consensus that incoming chairs should meet at some length with outgoing chairs, and that there be an attempt, when possible, to appoint chairs who have served as members of the committee in question.

Program Committee Report. Reinhold Hutz, Chair, reported that there were approximately 185 abstracts accepted for the Veracruz meeting. There were 211 abstracts for the Davis meeting in 1990. Dr. Hutz expects the number of registrants at Veracruz to be close to 300. Thanks go to the vendors who contributed to the financial health of the meeting.

Dr. Hutz expects the deadline for submission of abstracts for the 1992 ASP meeting to be January 15, 1992.

Conservation Committee Report. John Anderson, Chair, reported that there will be an auction to benefit primate conservation at the Toronto meeting. ASP members will be asked to donate the items to be sold.

The Executive Committee voted to give the following conservation-related awards: Senior Biology and Conservation Award to Gerald Ruppenthal; Conservation Award to Andreia Martins; Journal Awards to Juan Carlos Serio Silva, Felix Nunez, Alcides Pissinatti, Alphonse Nemeys, Sharon Matola, and Dun Den Sajutil.

Education Committee Report. Chris Duggleby, Chair, reported that there were 21 papers and 12 posters entered in the student award competition at the Veracruz meeting. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Solicitations for summer (1992) research opportunities for students will be published in the September Bulletin.

The Education Committee will investigate the possibility of compiling lists of colleges and universities that offer training in primatology.

Publications Committee Report. Tom Gordon, Chair, reported that H. Dieter Steklis, Editor of the American Journal of Primatology, will resign as Editor as of December, 1991. A committee is being formed to select Dr. Steklis' successor.

Three motions relevant to Publications activities were passed by the Executive Committee: that ASP should send an official letter of gratitude to the individuals in the current AJP Editorial Office; that Dieter Steklis be formally thanked for his excellent work as Editor of AJP and congratulated on the occasion of his appointment at Karisoke; and that the Publications Committee should pursue additional institutional and individual subscriptions to AJP.

Research and Development Committee Report. Doris Zumpe, Chair, reported that her committee hopes to compile a document to identify those areas of research for which the use of nonhuman primates is essential, using for illustration a representative selection of primate studies that have made significant contributions in areas ranging from basic biology and behavior through biomedical and veterinary research to conservation issues. This document will be submitted to AJP for publication, and reprints will be distributed to major funding agencies to encourage informed peer review and support for primate research. The ASP membership will be asked to contribute to the compilation of information for this document.

The committee is working on a prototype database system module for keeping animal colony records. If accepted as a standard by colony managers around the USA, this database system would greatly facilitate quick and reliable exchange of basic demographic data.

AJP Editor's Report. Dieter Steklis, Editor of AJP, confirmed that he will resign the Editorship in order to assume an 18-month position as Director of the Karisoke Research Center (pending final approval by the Rwandan Government.)

Dr. Steklis reported that AJP is currently in very good health.

Historian's Report. Richard Harrison, Historian, reported that he has photographic records, maintained in albums, for all annual meetings since 1984. Correspondence relating to the conception and formation of the Society is also bound in a single album. To the extent that they have been made available to Dr. Harrison, written records of each ASP meeting are also preserved. Dr. Harrison is attempting to create a computer-based archive of past presidents, including records of official business and items of historical interest. Dr. Harrison also informed the Executive Committee that he would decline a request (if offered) for reappointment to the position of Historian after 1993.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 PM.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING, JUNE 26, 1991.

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM.

Minutes of the 1990 meeting were approved as published in the September, 1990, Bulletin.

The President and Treasurer summarized the reports they made at the Executive Committee meeting (as published in the Minutes of the Executive Committee). The Executive Secretary reminded the Society that she welcomes and encourages submissions to the Bulletin.

Reinhold Hutz, Program Chair, reported that there were 250 registrants for the Veracruz meeting, 30 of which failed to attend. Dr. Hutz provided the audience with some additional statistics regarding the current meeting, and responded favorably to several comments from the floor. Several of these comments regarded the submission of abstracts, including the suggestion that the date for which abstracts are due be communicated via the Bulletin several months in advance, and that a "stand-by" policy be maintained for abstracts submitted late. It was also suggested that there be a name index included on the program, and that titles of keynote and featured speaker addresses be included in the program. It was also proposed that we consider leaving posters up for the entire course of each annual meeting.

Although Alejandro Estrada was not present at the Business Meeting, he was thanked for his good work as local arrangements chair for the Veracruz conference.

Chris Duggleby, Chair of the Education Committee, reported that the winners of the student paper and poster awards would be announced at the banquet.

Dieter Steklis, Editor of AJP, repeated his announcement that he would resign as Editor of AJP in December, 1991, in order to assume the Directorship of the Karisoke Research Institute for 18 months.

Regarding the health of AJP, Dr. Steklis informed us that he receives one manuscript about every 2-3 days. Time between receipt of the manuscript and notification of editorial decision averages 64 days. Average time in revision is 27 days. AJP rejects approximately 50% of the manuscripts it receives.

The Institute for Scientific Information ranks journals according to their importance in relevant fields. In the "Zoology" category, AJP was ranked 12th of 92 journals that were evaluated in 1989. When rated in terms of professional impact, AJP was placed in the top 30% of all professional journals.

Dr. Steklis publicly thanked Cathy Whiteman for her invaluable assistance in the editorial office.

J. Wong, Local Arrangements Chair for the 1992 meeting in Toronto, was not present at the Business Meeting. Joyce Sirianni reported that the dates of the meeting are June 19-21 at Glendon College of York University, Toronto.

In the one piece of new business, the following resolution was read by Orville Smith:

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Submitted by the Past Presidents attending the 14th ASP meeting:
R. Dukelow, D. Lindburg, W. Mason, O. Smith.

The resolution was moved forward and seconded. There was some discussion, primarily surrounding the issue of who is to decide what is ethical. There was also some concern expressed that ASP members who work in the field might suffer negative repercussions from their affiliation with an organization that advocates population control. Several members of the audience found themselves in agreement with the sentiment of the resolution but felt that the statement as written was self-serving. Orville Smith replied that the "self-serving" language was essential given our status as a non-political group.

A vote was taken. There were 55 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

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deadline for submission to the December Bulletin is November 11.

1992 INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS IN PRIMATOLOGY

The Education Committee of ASP is compiling a list of primate research/husbandry opportunities for students in 1992. The list will be published in the December 1991 and March 1992 ASP Bulletins. If you have such opportunities, please provide the information requested, or pass along the form to others who might.

Immediately below appears a series of questions about TENTATIVE assistantships you may have to offer in 1992. **You may simply fill in the appropriate information, tear the sheet from the Bulletin, and return it (see address below).** Feel free to add additional job descriptions by answering the same set of questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper.

a) please give the NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, and LABORATORY/UNIVERSITY/RESEARCH INSTITUTE/ZOOLOGICAL PARK AFFILIATION of the person who should be contacted in relation to this assistantship.

b) brief description of duties associated with this assistantship

c) earliest starting date and length of appointment

d) are stipends or other forms of financial assistance available?

e) what, if any, particular skills or experience must a student have to perform the duties for this assistantship?

f) other pertinent information about this assistantship

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