

# ASP BULLETIN

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## FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Thank you, ASP members, for all you have done during the past two years to increase knowledge and understanding of primates, to promote primate conservation, and to advance the scientific study of primates. As members of ASP we are all pledged to support these fundamental purposes of the Society. We are indebted to Dr. John Hearn and the staff of the University of Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center (publicly funded through the National Institutes of Health) for the outstanding International Congress of Primatology they hosted. The scientific program was exceptionally good, and I was especially pleased to see the range of topics addressed by the plenary speakers. This impressed on me once again how essential such breadth is to the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary field of primatology. Sometimes I worry that medical primatologists may not be sufficiently aware of studies of primate behavior and ecology in natural settings or that field primatologists may not be adequately informed regarding neurobiological or endocrinological studies conducted with captive primates in laboratories or zoos, but I am encouraged by the number of reports of integrative interdisciplinary scientific projects, whether they were conducted in laboratories, breeding colonies, zoological parks, or in wild or free ranging primates. Let us hope that those who are committed to science in the service of conservation, care, health, and fundamental knowledge will continue to prevail over those who exhibit prejudice against primatology and primatologists and who essentially advocate ignorance over understanding. We are all committed to the humane treatment of primates and many of us work continually to improve research methods in ways that progressively amplify the range of research that can be humanely conducted. Our new ASP President, Dr. Melinda Novak, is a leader in furthering this commitment to high quality research and care. I hope all who attended the IPS/ASP Congress were inspired, as I was, to increase cooperation and collaboration and the dynamic expansion of comparative primate biology. *-Joe Erwin, Past President*

## FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Margaret Clarke for her outstanding efforts as Executive Secretary. Moreover, her time, patience and guidance have been extremely helpful as we prepared this first bulletin. I am honored to serve as the Executive Secretary of the American Society of Primatologists and I look forward to working with all of you. Please feel free to contact me with any announcements or questions regarding the ASP Bulletin.

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## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Dr. Orville Smith is the fourth recipient of the Distinguished Primatologists Award based on his many scholarly and professional contributions to the study of primate behavior. Judith Schrier has been awarded a Distinguished Service Award for her long-standing commitment to the publication of Laboratory Primate Newsletter. Formal presentation of these awards will take place at the San Diego meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONSERVATION AWARDS

The Senior Biology and Conservation Award went to Alexander Peal of Liberia for his devoted efforts over two decades, and under difficult circumstances, to establish and maintain wildlife parks and reserves in his homeland, and for his contributions to primate research and protection. Mukesh Chalise also won the Conservation Award. Nine small grants were funded, as follows: (1) Mukesh Chalise of Nepal for Familiarization of Environmental Problems Through Conservation Education; (2) Anwaruddin Choudhury of India for A Survey of Primates in the Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya; (3) MaLinda Henry of Miami University of Ohio for Inter-Specific Competition for Food Resources between *Pan paniscus* and *Homo sapiens* in Lomako Forest of Zaire; (4) Zhaoyuan Li of China for Impacts of Habitat Fragmentation on the Behavior and Social Structure of the White-headed Langur, *Presbytis leucocephalus* in China; (5) W. Scott McGraw of SUNY Stony Brook for a Survey of Endangered Primates in Eastern

Ivory Coast; (6) Richard Nisbett of the University of Oklahoma for Continuation of Radio Broadcasts in Support of the Society for the Conservation of Nature in Liberia; (7) Erwin Palacios of Colombia for Ecological Bases for Lake- and River-Side Habitat Use of *Alouatta seniculus* in Colombian Amazonia; (8) Anne Savage of the Roger Williams Park Zoo for the use of "Bindes" as an Alternative to Long-term Resource Consumption in Colombia; and (9) Ian Singleton of the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust for Seasonal Migration and Population Structure of Sumatran Orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*) in the Gunung Leuser National Park.

## **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGISTS POLICY STATEMENT ON THE LONG-TERM CARE OF CHIMPANZEES AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

- *Whereas* chimpanzees are present in the U.S. in research centers, zoological gardens, and other settings outside their natural habitat; and
- *Whereas* large-scale reintroduction of captive-born chimpanzees to natural habitat is not presently feasible nor likely to become feasible in the near future; and
- *Whereas* chimpanzees are members of the species most closely related and biologically similar to humans; and
- *Whereas* chimpanzees require high quality medical care, secure and complex physical facilities, and social and psychological stimulation; and
- *Whereas* much valuable information regarding health and behavior can be learned from studies of chimpanzees of all ages; and
- *Whereas* convenience euthanasia is generally considered inappropriate for great apes and maintenance of chimpanzees under appropriate conditions is costly;

### **The American Society of Primatologists recommends:**

- That efforts should be made to provide secure and appropriate environments for captive chimpanzees in zoological exhibits, research facilities, retirement facilities, and sanctuaries;
- That humanely conducted scientific studies of chimpanzees throughout the life span should be encouraged and federally supported, especially research on developmental and aging processes and other topics that may contribute not only to the understanding of human health and behavior, but also hold promise for improving the health and quality of life of chimpanzees;
- That tissues of chimpanzees should be preserved following death for additional study, including brain tissues in a comparative neurobiology research resource bank similar to those maintained for the study of human neuropathology;
- That regulations be advanced to permit chimpanzees to reside exclusively in accredited zoological parks, accredited research facilities, or other situations that are USDA licensed and subject to regulation under the Animal Welfare Act;
- That additional wild-caught chimpanzees not be imported (in accordance with current policies) and that a national chimpanzee registry be created to assure that the individual identity and location of all chimpanzees is known as a means of improving enforcement of laws and regulations intended to eliminate illegal trade or holding of chimpanzees and other primates.

*This statement was reviewed by the Research and Development Committee of the American Society of Primatologists (ASP) and Society's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors officially approved this policy statement in its present form on August 12, 1996.*

## **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Primatologists met at 8:05 PM on Sunday, August 11, 1996 at the IPS/ASP joint meeting in Madison, WI. All members were present except the past president, Richard Rawlins, and a representative of the local arrangements committee.

Report from the TREASURER: Jeff French reported that the finances for the 1995-1996 period were in excellent shape, and handed in his yearly financial report. There was an overage of almost \$15,000 from the annual meetings in Scottsdale, AZ in 1995, due to the cancellation of the featured speaker and an overestimate of charges from the caterer. In addition, the overage from the Seattle, WA meeting in 1994 paid for a number of standard expenses (copying and mailing the bulletin, printing and mailing the membership directory, printing the conservation brochure, printing the society letterhead). In the past, the society has depended on overage from meetings to run the Society's business, but this can now be handled through membership dues.

1. Report from the MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Jeff French announced that the Society presently has 801 members. The following motions were made:

MOTION: The committee recommends that the Board of Directors fulfill its 6-year commitment of \$20,000 to the ASP conservation fund immediately.

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that the Society hire an independent auditor to review ASP financial records every four (4) years AND when there is a change in the Treasurer of the Society.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a membership category for interested "subadult" individuals be investigated. This has resulted from the success of the ASP web page in attracting interest from nonprofessionals interested in nonhuman primates.

2. Report from the PROGRAM COMMITTEE Evan Zucker reported that individuals will be limited to two (2) presentations (posters and/or oral papers), although the limit of any individual being included on four (4) abstracts remains intact. For symposia to be considered for the program, a written overview from the organizer and abstracts from each participant will be required, and these will be due November 21, 1996 for the 1997 meetings. Invited speakers are being considered, and the program will include the Distinguished Primatologist. More detailed instructions for the preparation of abstracts will be included with the "Call for Papers".

3. Report from the CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Ray Rhine requested confirmation of the following awards which were nominated by the conservation committee:

--Sixteen continued AJP subscription awards.

--Small grant awards to the following individuals: Malinda Henry, Richard Nisbett, W. Scott McGraw, Ian Singleton, Anne Savage, Mukesh Chalise, Erwin Palacios, Zhaoyuan Li, and Anwaruddin U. Choudhury for a total of \$5500 in small grant awards.

--Conservation award to Mukesh Chalise.

--Senior Biology and Conservation Award to Alexander Peal.

Once approved, these awards will be announced during the closing ceremonies of the IPS Congress. The committee also presented the following recommendations to be decided upon by the BOD:

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve an announcement to be put on CNN International that ASP will provide help to members of third world nations wishing to apply for grants for conservation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve setting up a special account for channeling of monies "earmarked" for specific conservation projects, that is, donations made to support a specific type of conservation research.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve setting up a \$500 travel fund for students to travel to IPS, and that the award will be accompanied by a letter of commendation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve sending letters of commendation to those involved in fighting the bushmeat trade.

4. The report of the EDUCATION COMMITTEE was given by Gabriele Lubach. The committee reported that there were 95 papers submitted for consideration for student awards (the competition was open to IPS as well as ASP members). Thus, there will be additional awards and the category of "honorable mention" will be added for this year. The committee will send instructions for the student competition to be included with the call for papers to be sent out by the program committee. The committee made the following motions for consideration by the Board of Directors:

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that, while students can submit applications and present information at any time, students wishing to compete for the student prize shall submit a written paper (less than 10 pages in AJP format) at a date that is due on a date after the abstract due date and before the meeting date. (The date will be announced with the call for papers).

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that the BOD approve the Education Action Plan, which includes formal and informal links with other groups and associations.

5. The report of the PUBLICATION COMMITTEE was given by Janette Wallis. Robert Harrington, the new senior editor of Wiley-Liss was present at their committee meeting to discuss the potential for an ASP publication of an "encyclopedia of primates." The following recommendation was made:

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that the Board establish a committee to develop the idea of a primate reference source with Wiley-Liss.

The chair also reported on the progress of the ASP Book Series, indicating that the first volume would be out in the fall. Five additional individuals have expressed interest in a future book, but at present there are no firm proposals or commitments. The following recommendation was made.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Dieter Steklis, as chief editor of the ASP Books Series, be appointed as an ex officio member of the publications committee.

6. The RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE report was given by John Capitanio. The question of formal affiliation resulting from the liaison initiative was discussed, and the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** That ASP formally affiliate with AALAC, which includes a membership fee and support for the ASP liaison to attend the AALAC annual meeting. The president of ASP, or a presidential designee, will be the official liaison.

The committee also considered the success of the home page, and made the following recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION:** That ASP formally continue the WWW home page, and that a mechanism for its continuation be established.

The committee also considered a statement on care of captive chimpanzees that had been presented to them by Dr. Joe Erwin,

and made the following recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the BOD formally consider approving the statement on long term care of chimps.

7. The AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE report was made by Nancy Caine. Their recommendation was that the Distinguished Primatologist Award be given to Orville Smith, and the Distinguished Service Award be given to Judith Schrier. If approved by the BOD, these will be announced at the ASP Business Meeting, and the closing award ceremonies for IPS. Nancy Caine also wanted to reiterate the Board's decision of 1995 that funding for the Distinguished Primatologist be disbursed directly from ASP (i.e., not part of local arrangements meeting budget)

8. There was no report from local arrangements since no representative was present.

9. The report of the EDITOR of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PRIMATOLOGY was given by Mike Raleigh. He reported that manuscript flow continues at the rate of approximately 4 submissions per week. 213 manuscripts were submitted in the last fiscal year, of which 186 were sent out for review. 62 have been accepted, 39 were rejected with resubmission encouraged, 99 have been rejected, and 13 are awaiting decision. He reported that as of January, 1997, AJP will be listed on Medline, and credited the ceaseless efforts of Dick Dukelow on this matter. Dr. Raleigh also noted that the contract with Wiley-Liss is up for renewal in 1999, and that the society needs to formally contact Wiley-Liss unless they want automatic renewal. He announced the appointment of a new senior editor, Robert Harrington, whose enthusiasm and energy bode well for ASP-AJP-Wiley-Liss interactions. Dr. Raleigh announced that his term as Editor will expire in 1997, and that he would like to continue as editor at least through the present contact with Wiley-Liss which expires in 1999.

President Joe Erwin announced that the white paper on private ownership of primates has been approved in principle by the Board of Directors. While the president has some reservations about some recommendations, it is approved for distribution to interested parties.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

*-Margaret R. Clarke, Former Executive Secretary*

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The Board of Directors Meeting at the meeting of the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGISTS in Madison, WI was called to order at 2:30 PM by President Joe Erwin. Richard Rawlins was not present, and Jeff French was not present but had sent his recommendations on agenda items with the Executive Secretary.

The Following Motions and Recommendations from the Executive Committee were considered:

- **MOTION:** The committee recommends that the Board of Directors fulfill its 6-year commitment of \$20,000 to the ASP conservation fund immediately.  
---ACTION: PASSED.
- **MOTION:** The committee recommends that the Society hire an independent auditor to review ASP financial records every four (4) years AND when there is a change in the Treasurer of the Society.  
---ACTION: PASSED.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** That a membership category for interested "subadult" individuals be investigated.  
---ACTION: This was returned to the committee for further consideration.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve an announcement to be put on CNN International that ASP will provide help to members of third world nations wishing to apply for grants for conservation.  
---ACTION: This recommendation was returned to the new conservation committee for further consideration.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve setting up a special account to channel monies expressly earmarked for specific conservation projects, that is, donations made to support a specific type of conservation research.  
---ACTION: This was tabled until a specific mechanism for administering the funds could be created, and will be reconsidered at that time.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve setting up a \$500 travel fund for students to travel to IPS, and that the award will be accompanied by a letter of commendation.  
---ACTION: This was to be returned to the committee to establish the mechanism for this award, to consider associating the award with IPS, and to consider establishing an award for individuals from the New World countries to travel to the meetings of the American Society of Primatologists.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board recommend sending letters of commendation to those involved in fighting the bushmeat trade.  
---ACTION: PASSED.
- **MOTION:** The committee recommends that, while students can submit applications and present information at any time,

students wishing to compete for the student prize shall submit a written paper (less than 10 pages in AJP format) at a date that is due on a date after the abstract due date and before the meeting date. (The date will be announced with the call for papers).

---ACTION: PASSED.

• RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends that the BOD approve the Education Action Plan, which includes formal and informal links with other groups and associations.

---ACTION: PASSED in principle.

• RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends that the Board establish a committee to develop the idea of a primate reference source with Wiley-Liss.

---ACTION: PASSED. Names of 5 individuals for this committee were given to Melinda Novak, who will pursue this in a timely fashion.

• RECOMMENDATION: That Dieter Steklis, as chief editor of the ASP Books Series, be appointed as an ex officio member of the publications committee.

---ACTION: PASSED. It was also decided by the BOD that the Executive Secretary would be an ex officio member of the publications committee.

• MOTION: That ASP formally affiliate with AALAC, which includes a membership fee and support for the ASP liaison to attend the AALAC annual meeting. The president of ASP, or a presidential designee, will be the official liaison.

---ACTION: PASSED.

• RECOMMENDATION: That ASP formally continue the WWW home page, and that a mechanism for its continuation be established.

---ACTION: PASSED. It was decided that the mechanism for the continuation of the home page should be under Executive Secretary, and it was recommended that John Capitanio continue as the administrator of the home page.

• RECOMMENDATION: That the BOD formally consider approving the statement on long term care of chimps.

---ACTION: PASSED with the word "federally" added prior to "supported" in the second recommendation.

The Board of Directors approved the list of awards from Conservation and Award Committees, and officially stated that they would contact Wiley-Liss about negotiations for renewal of the contract of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PRIMATOLOGY. The BOD affirmed their support of the continuation of Michael Raleigh as editor of AJP.

The meeting of the BOD was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

*-Margaret Clarke, Former Executive Secretary*

## **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING**

The Annual Business Meeting for the American Society of Primatologists was called to order by President Joe Erwin at 8:30 PM, Monday August 12, in Madison, WI at the IPS/ASP joint meeting.

(The following announcements were made prior to the Business Meeting during the address of the ASP President).

• Joe Erwin announced the \$5,000 matching donation to the ASP Conservation Fund from LABS (David Taub). President Erwin also announced that the ASP Board of Directors was fulfilling its pledge of \$20,000 of ASP operating funds to be transferred to the ASP Conservation Fund. The silent auction proceeds could not be announced since the auction was still underway.

• Nancy Caine (Awards and Recognition) announced that the Distinguished Primatologist Award is being given to Orv Smith, and that the Distinguished Service Award is being given to Judith Schrier for her work with LABORATORY PRIMATE NEWSLETTER.

• Joe Erwin announced the results of the ASP election. Steve Schapiro was elected treasurer, Anne Savage was elected Executive Secretary, and Nancy Caine was elected President-elect. At the end of the meeting, Melinda Novak will assume her position as President, and Joe Erwin will become the immediate Past President.

(The announcements of the official Business Meeting follow below).

The minutes of the 1995 Executive Committee, Board of Directors Meeting I, Business Meeting, and Board of Directors II were presented, and accepted in the form published in the September, 1995 Bulletin.

• Margaret Clarke announced the continuation of the Elizabeth S. Watts Fellowship for another two-year period. Proposals are due September 15, 1996, and the award will be made before the end of the calendar year.

• Jeff French, ASP treasurer, reported that the financial condition of the Society was excellent (full report under executive committee meeting).

• John Hearn gave the Madison local arrangements report. He announced that there were between 1200 and 1300 participants from 47-50 countries, which he felt was a tribute to their approach of "good science, low cost". Students, postdoctoral fellows, and young investigators were well-represented, which Dr. Hearn attributed to ASP having a lead in the international area.

Abstracts were of high quality: all were reviewed and only one presentation by an author was allowed. Dr. Hearn would like to thank all of the people who helped, particularly the audio-visual staff, David Abbott, Toni Ziegler, Larry Jacobsen, and, most of all, the congress coordinator, EDI CHAN.

- Nancy Caine gave the local arrangements report for the 1997 meeting in San Diego. It will be held 6/27-7/1, 1997 at the Bahia Hotel (leaflets and announcements were handed out).
- Michael Raleigh, editor, reported on the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PRIMATOLOGY, re-iterating what he had reported at the Executive Committee meeting.
- Gabe Lubach (Education) announced that the awards for the student papers/posters would be announced at the closing ceremonies.
- Ray Rhine (Conservation) expressed his thanks for monetary contributions to the ASP Conservation Fund, announced that ASP had helped bring two individuals to the IPS meeting, announced the names of the research awards, and announced that the other two awards would be announced at the closing ceremonies.
- John Capitanio (Research and Development) asked for a special thank you for ERIC ROTHGARN who had helped develop the ASP Web page, and announced that ASP would affiliate with AALAC (in a manner similar to the present affiliation with IUCN/SSC, etc.).
- Janette Wallis (Publications) announced that the first special topics book would be published in the fall, and that Dieter Steklis was officially the series editor.
- Evan Zucker (Program) announced that the next meeting was only 10 months away, and the call for papers would soon go out. New information will be included.
- Peggy O'Neill Wagner (Historian) asked that the outgoing officers send information to her, and she requested that all members try to identify the "challenging" photos from the past meeting.
- Joe Erwin expressed his appreciation to Carolyn Crockett for her untiring dedication to utilizing the surplus credit from the 1994 meetings (see Exec. Comm. notes).
- Joe Erwin announced that we did not yet have sites for the 1998, 1999 and 2000 meetings. Joe Erwin announced the acceptance by the Board of Directors of the document on Private Ownership of Pets, and specifically thanked Janette Wallis and her committee for their substantial efforts.
- Joe Erwin officially handed the "gavel" (microphone) to Melinda Novak, who gave a few welcoming comments. The meeting was officially called to a close at 9:20 PM. (...and sprinklings of purple, green and gold were noticed in the vicinity of the outgoing officers...)

-Margaret Clarke, former Executive Secretary

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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education Committee would like to thank all of the students who entered this year's combined IPS/ASP student paper/poster competition. Out of 95 entries, there were 3 Prize winners, and 4 honorable mentions. This year's award for an oral paper goes to: Ms. Michelle A. Hook-Costigan (University of New England, Australia), for "Functional Hemispheric Lateralization in the Common Marmoset." Ms. Lisa A. Parr (Emory University, Atlanta, GA) was recognized with an Honorable Mention for her paper, "A Preliminary Report on Face Recognition in Chimpanzees."

Poster paper awards go to: Ms. Kabari Kar Gupta (Wildlife Institute of India, India), for "Conservation Status of the Slender Loris in Kalakkad-Mundanthuai Tiger Reserve, India," and to Ms. Katherine P. Weld (NIH, Poolesville, MD) for "The Treatment of Self-Injurious Behavior in Rhesus Monkeys Using a Serotonin Enhancing Agent."

Three Honorable Mentions were presented for the following posters: Mr. Gary P. Aronsen (George Washington University, Washington, D.C.), "The Functional Anatomy of the Forelimb in *Callimico goeldii* and *Leontopithecus rosalia*: A Study Using Kinematic and Morphological Data;" Mr. Julio C. Bicca-Marques (University of Illinois, Urbana, IL), "Thermoregulatory Behavior in a Sexually Dichromatic Neotropical Primate: The Black Howler Monkey;" and Ms. Courtney Shannon (NIH, Poolesville, MD), "Rearing Condition and Plasma Cortisol in Rhesus Monkey Infants."

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding work. Special thanks go to the members of the Education Committee and volunteers, who evaluated the student presentations. -Gabriele R. Lubach, Education Committee Chair

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## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Conservation Committee (CC) recommended: (1) early cooperation with IPS, other national societies, and other funding organizations to help bring habitat-country primatologists to IPS congresses; (2) a partnership program to help habitat-country primatologists submit well-written research or development proposals for conservation to ASP, foundations, etc.; (3) that the Publications Committee initiate an edited "Handbook of Primate Conservation;" and (4) that the Society allow funds ear-marked

by donors for specific, evaluated conservation projects to be channeled through the Conservation Fund.

That Fund, which had about \$11,000 in 1992, should have about \$76,000 before the 1997 meeting, even though \$10,000 was distributed in 1995-1996 for awards and grants. This is a good start toward the CC's goals of both increasing support now while raising one million over ten years so that in the future a significant proportion of ASP's conservation support can be financed yearly from stable interest income. This year, donations were received from the Society (\$20,000), which found itself unexpectedly over-financed; David Taub/LABS (\$5,500), who year in and out has been a significant contributor; two anonymous donors (\$2,000 and \$1,000); Steuart and Jane Dewar (\$1,000); Michelle Conant, Ramon Rhine, Max Snodderly, and Richard Stouffer (\$500 each); and numerous others (including six former presidents of the Society) many of whom contributed \$100 or more. The total received from individual donors was a record \$16,300, largely in response to a matching challenge of one of the anonymous donors and to the example set by David Taub. In addition, about \$5,500, also a record, was received from the auction which depended upon the much-appreciated efforts of Paul Houghton, Pat Mehlman, and others. The CC expresses heartfelt thanks to them and to all auction and cash donors. Sixteen subscriptions to the *American Journal of Primatology* were continued for individuals in habitat countries where primate literature is scarce. In addition, \$500 each toward travel to the Madison Congress was given to Shu-Yi Zhang of China and Mukesh Chalise of Nepal. -Ramon J. Rhine, Former Conservation Committee Chair

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Information about the 1997 ASP meeting and the Call for Abstracts will be mailed to members in early October. The due date for abstracts is January 15, 1997. For symposia, written proposals from organizers and abstracts from each participant are due November 21, 1996. Additional information regarding the submission of symposia, oral papers, and posters will be provided in the October mailing. Accepted abstracts will be published in the *American Journal of Primatology*. Questions about program matters should be directed to the Chair of the Program Committee: Evan Zucker, Department of Psychology, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA 70118. Phone:(504)865-3255, Fax:(504)834-4085, e-mail: zucker@beta.loyno.edu

## LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Members should watch their mailboxes for the call for abstracts and local arrangements information, coming soon! Date of the meeting: June 27- July 1, in San Diego. -Nancy Caine, Local Arrangements Chair

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Sunbelt XVII- International Social Networks Conference. February 13-16, 1997

The 17th Annual International Sunbelt Social Network Conference will be held at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego, California from Thursday, February 13 through Sunday, February 16. The conference provides an interdisciplinary forum for social scientists, mathematicians, computer scientists, ethologists and all others interested in social networks. Conference sessions allow individuals interested in theory, methods or applications of social networks to share ideas and common concerns.

This year's conference is sponsored by The International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA), the School of Social Sciences and the Program in Social Networks at the University of California, Irvine and the Department of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh. Those who wish to submit a paper or chair a session should contact one of the program coordinators:

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