

# ASP BULLETIN

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to ASP members. The meeting in San Diego was a rousing success -- from the sternwheeler cruise to the banquet with all the workshops, paper and poster sessions, and symposia in between. I want to thank Nancy Caine and all who worked with her for creating a most memorable experience. Thanks also to Evan Zucker and the Program Committee for a stimulating exchange of information and ideas.

I would like to remind you that we are in an election year. I have formed a nominating committee consisting of Joe Erwin (Chair), Matt Kessler, Don Lindburg, Julie Worlein, and Leanne Nash. If you are interested in nominating someone for the positions of President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please contact Joe Erwin or the other members. Ballots will be sent out sometime in December/January so please get your nominations in as soon as possible.

Also included on the ballot will be a proposed constitutional amendment to clarify the terms of office for Secretary and Treasurer. At present, it is unclear whether the Secretary or Treasurer can serve multiple two-year terms, although this has occurred quite frequently. The constitutional amendment will specify that both officers can serve 2 consecutive terms. Included with the ballot will be statements discussing the pros and cons of such a change.

Have a nice fall and don't forget to start planning your symposia and workshops for our next meeting in Texas. - *Melinda Novak, President*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

San Diego certainly was a terrific venue for such a successful ASP meeting! I hope you are all looking forward to Texas in the summer. Speaking of heat, I can now be reached at the following address: Disney's Animal Kingdom, PO Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830, Phone: 407 938 2837, Fax: 407 939 6391, email: [annesavage@aol.com](mailto:annesavage@aol.com). Please send information to me by Nov. 14th for inclusion in the December bulletin. - *Anne Savage, Executive Secretary*

## TREASURY NOTES

Beginning with payments for 1998 dues, journal subscriptions, etc., the American Society of Primatologists will now accept Visa and Mastercard credit card payments. Volume 1 of the ASP Book Series and registration fees for the 1998 Annual meeting will also be payable by Visa or Mastercard. We are asking for a small voluntary contribution (as does ABS) to offset credit card processing fees from only those members who choose to pay by credit card.

We are beginning a targeted membership drive. If you know of people who you think should be members of ASP, but who currently are not members, please send me their addresses and we will send out a recruitment letter.

I made a mistake on some of last year's renewal notices, inadvertently raising IPS dues from \$20 to \$30 for full members and from \$10 to \$15 for student members. In an effort to rectify this problem, an anonymous donor has stepped forward and volunteered to match all overpayments and contribute the total to the Conservation Fund of IPS. This could yield a combined total of \$5000.00. If you would like me to refund your overpayment, please contact me by 1 December 1997. If you would like to contribute the overpayment and have it matched by the anonymous donor, you don't have to do anything. I apologize for the mistake. - *Steve Schapiro, Treasurer*

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Larry Jacobsen has been awarded a Distinguished Service Award for his long-standing commitment to library services at the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The award recognizes his significant contribution to the field of primatology and his pioneering efforts to disseminate information worldwide.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONSERVATION AWARDS

The Senior Biology and Conservation Award went to two outstanding nominees: Nancy Czekala-Gruber of San Diego, California for her extensive work in the reproductive biology of primates which has provided important and fundamental contributions in the area of primate conservation biology, and Jeremy J.C. Mallinson of Great Britain for having devoted three and half decades to the development of meaningful conservation strategies of the wildlife preservation trusts and the role of modern zoos in the conservation of primates worldwide. The Conservation Award went to Juan Carlos Serio Silva of Mexico for his efforts to preserve the habitats and primates of Mexico through his field research, teaching, and outreach efforts. Five Conservation Small Grants were funded as follows: (1) Kimberley A. Phillips of Hiram College in Ohio for the conservation of capuchin and howler monkeys in Trinidad; (2) Zhaoyuan Li of China for the impacts of habitat fragmentation on the behavior and social structure of the white-headed langur, *Presbytis leucocephalus*, in China; (3) Rondang S.E. Siregar of Indonesia for assessing the behavioral competence of rehabilitant orangutans reintroduced to the Meratus Forest, East Kalimantan; (4) Joanna E. Lambert of the University of Florida at Gainesville for the status of red colobus (*Procolobus badius*) populations in regenerating areas of Kibale National Park, Uganda; (5) Julio Cesar

Bicca-Marques of the University of Illinois at Urbana (and Brazil) for the cognitive aspects of tamarin (genus *Saguinus*) foraging decisions. Three American Journal of Primatology Subscription Awards were given to the following individuals; (1) Julio Cesar Bicca-Marques of Brazil; (2) Mewa Singh of India; (3) Arun Srivastava of India. - *Randy Kyes, Conservation Committee Chair*

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

The 1998 ASP meeting will be 28 June through 1 July at Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. Information about this meeting, including instructions for submitting abstracts for symposia, workshops, oral papers, and posters will be sent to members in early to mid-October. Symposium and workshop proposals must be postmarked no later than 21 November 1997 and contributed oral papers and posters no later than 12 January 1998. The Program Committee especially encourages contributions from field primatologists, primate veterinarians, neuroscientists, and reproductive physiologists, as well as from those in all other areas of primatology. - *Evan Zucker, Program Committee Chair*

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The yearly student awards are an important part of ASP's mission to encourage good scholarship and science for the future of primate research. Thirty-two students entered this year's competition, and three were recognized for their excellent presentations. Two students gave outstanding oral papers: Ms. Cheryl D. Knott (Harvard University, Cambridge, MA), "Interactions Between Energy Balance Hormonal Patterns and Mating Behavior in Wild Bornean Orangutans (*Pongo pygmacus*)"; and Ms. Ann Ch.F. Weaver (Emory University, Atlanta, GA), "The Development of Reconciliation in Tufted Capuchins, *Cebus apella*." The outstanding poster presentation award went to: Ms. Amy L. Harrison (Kent State University, Kent, OH), "Feeding Party Dynamics in Response to Food Availability in White-Faced Sakis of Lago Guri, Venezuela."

The Education Committee would like to congratulate these students, and to thank all of the students for their efforts. I would also like to thank the Education Committee members and volunteers for evaluating the student presentations. - *Gabriele R. Lubach, Education Committee Chair*

### **CONSERVATION SILENT AUCTION**

Another successful auction at San Diego! With everyone's participation and more than 200 donations, we netted \$4062 in contributions this year. We would like to thank everyone who donated items to the auction--your participation keeps the auction alive and contributes to its continuing success. Special thanks go to those donors who brought dozens of items, or whose donations netted the auction large contributions: Sally Boysen, Rona Brown, Bob Ingersoll, Cynthia Kirby, Alan Mootnick, Elva Mathiesen, Leanne Nash, Debbie Pollack, Jim Patterson, David Smith, Ray Rhine, Darlene Smucny, Chuck and Hether Southwick, Peggy and Joe Wagner. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in bidding, and everyone who made winning bids--every donation helped us reach our final total. Special thanks goes to those bidders who made noteworthy contributions: Julie Bond, Sally Boysen, Carolyn Crockett, Kathy De Falco, Joe Erwin, Wili Gergits, Paul and Duston Houghton, Kay Izard, Amy Jacobson, Jay Kaplan, and Jim Moore. We would also like to thank the volunteers who helped prepare and watch the tables, and who helped collect the donations: Chris Caleffie, Carolyn Ehardt, Will Gergits, Peter Judge, and Randy Kyes. A very special thanks go to Anne Richardson for the long hours she spent at the auction tables.

Remember to look for items for next year's auction all year long. Carolyn Crockett asked an antique dealer in her area to donate the large metal monkey from Indonesia that was prominently displayed at this year's auction. If you try this at home, make sure the donor understands that the money we collect on their item is considered a charitable contribution, and is tax deductible. They will receive a letter of thanks from ASP for their tax records. If you need more information, or a template letter of request, e-mail me at [ptmehlman@aol.com](mailto:ptmehlman@aol.com). Also, contact me or Randy Kyes for the color brochure that describes the Conservation Program. Thanks to all for the continuing support of the auction, and see you in Texas next year. - *Patrick Mehlman, Conservation Committee*

### **LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS ASP '98 (28 June-1 July 1998)**

The 21st annual meeting of the American Society of Primatologists will be co-hosted by Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX and The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Science Park in Bastrop, TX. Scientific and social sessions will take place from 28 June-1 July 1998. The majority of events will be held on the Southwestern University campus, but a tour, the banquet, dance, and closing ceremonies will occur at the Science Park on 1 July 1998. Standing committees will meet on the afternoon of Sunday, 28 June and will be followed by a reception for all registrants. Scientific sessions will begin on Monday morning, 29 June, and will continue through the afternoon of Wednesday, 1 July.

Reasonably priced, fully air-conditioned dormitory accommodations, including a breakfast and lunch meal plan, are available for all participants. NOTE: Unfortunately, no accommodations are available on campus the Saturday night (27 June) prior to the meeting. If you plan to come to Central Texas early, plan to stay in Georgetown, Round Rock, Bastrop, or Austin. For those who would prefer not to stay in the dorms, there are three motels in Georgetown. All are located off-campus and are less than a 10-minute drive away. Parking on campus is free and virtually unlimited.

It will be quite hot in Central Texas in late Jun-early July. Be prepared to sweat when you are outside. Since all the meeting venues are less than 2 minutes apart, you shouldn't have to spend too much time outside during the hot parts of the day (6am-1am). - *Steve Schapiro, Local Arrangements Chair*

### **MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee was called to order at 5:10pm on June 27, 1997 by President Melinda Novak at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, San Diego, CA.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Business meetings from 1996. While the Board of Directors had some reservations about some of the recommendations in the document, Private Ownership of Primates, it was accepted as fulfilling its charge of providing input for the Board of Directors. These minutes and changes were accepted.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CONSTITUTION OF ASP REPORT**- Chair: Melinda Novak; Committee Members: Nancy Caine (attending), Orv Smith (attending)

The committee was charged with the review of the ASP constitution, to identify areas of confusion, and to determine whether current society practices are consistent with our constitutional bylaws.

**RECOMMENDATION:** In an effort to clarify the role and function of standing committees, each new chair will receive a copy of the constitution and a separate boldfaced page indicating the duties of their specific committee. In addition, all chairs will be given a flow chart indicating responsibilities and interconnections between various committees.

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that we begin proceedings for a constitutional change under Article 5. Section 3. that permits two consecutive terms for both secretary and treasurer.

**MOTION:** The committee recommends the acceptance of the "Review of the Constitution of ASP" in principle.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Steve Schapiro reported that the finances for the 1996-1997 were in excellent shape with an excess of \$12,000. A financial report was submitted for review.

**MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** - Chair: Steve Schapiro (attending); Committee Members: Sally Boysen (attending), Leslie Digby (attending), Will Gergits (attending), Jeff Roberts, Bill Roudebush (attending), Carol Shively (voting in abstentia), Larry Williams (attending)

**MOTION:** The committee recommends accepting the Financial Statements 1 June 1996-31 May 1997.

**MOTION:** The committee recommends an additional \$1000 be given to support the development of the ASP web page, \$500 to support a target audience membership drive, and \$800 to the education committee.

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that membership in ASP is free to those individuals from habitat countries who are not financially able to pay their dues.

**MOTION:** The committee recommends the acceptance of the revised ASP membership form that includes the option of paying dues by credit card with an additional \$3.00 processing charge included.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The committee working in collaboration with Education and Awards and Recognition Committees determine whether additional funds could be used to support a scholarship/grant program which may include support to post-docs and early investigators.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE REPORT** - Chair: Gerry Ruppenthal; Committee Members: Mike Andrews (attending), Steve Suomi (attending), Carol Berman (voting in abstentia), Lynn Fairbanks, Dorothy Fragazy

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that the Distinguished Service Award be given to Larry Jacobsen, Head of the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center Library.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** - Chair: Gabe Lubach (attending); Committee: Julie Worlein (attending), Glover Barnes (attending), Linda Brent (attending), Vicki Bentley-Condit (attending) and Melissa Haberstroh (attending). Paper-Judging Volunteers: Gerry Ruppenthal, Jay Kaplan, Gray Eaton and Lynne Miller.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Education Committee feels that they need a larger committee to assist in judging the student paper competition and to form subcommittees to accomplish their goals.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that there be continuity in the membership, so that there is not a complete turnover every 2 years.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee proposes that someone from next year's meeting site form a subgroup to organize a teacher workshop. Efforts would be made to investigate whether credits/accreditation could be given to those teachers attending the meeting and the workshop.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Investigate whether funds could be designated to assist in the development of materials for the teacher workshop. The materials developed during this workshop would be archived and distributed via the ASP web page.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Establish a small grant fund (\$250-300) for educational purposes. Individuals would apply and proposals would be reviewed for merit by the committee. All resulting materials would be archived and available on the web.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For 1999, plan a "careers in primatology" symposium or workshop that would include people from a variety of fields to speak (biomedical, field, zoo, education, vet, etc). This would be videotaped, archived and available on the web.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT**- Chair: Randy Kyes (attending); Committee Members: Nora Bynum, Michelle Conant, Carolyn Ehardt (attending), Jeff French, Don Lindburg (attending), Patrick Mehlman (attending), Ray Rhine (Special Consultant) (attending), Dondin Sajuthi (attending), Chuck Southwick (attending) and Janette Wallis (attending).

The Conservation Committee (CC) would like to thank all the individuals and organizations that have contributed to the ASP

Conservation Fund over the past year thus helping to maintain ASP's commitment to the conservation of primates worldwide.

The CC recommended: (1) establishing a procedure to evaluate external proposals to fund specific conservation projects. This particular funding procedure will allow an individual to submit a proposal to the CC describing a specific conservation project that they want to support with their own contribution or with contributions they have collected independently. The CC will review the proposal and determine its suitability. Acceptable proposals will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval. The individual may then send their contribution to the ASP Conservation Fund and a check in the same amount (from the ASP Conservation Fund) will be issued in support of that specific conservation project. This procedure is not meant to function as an ongoing funding mechanism for a specific project, rather a specific proposal with a single total contribution will be processed and completed; and (2) that the Conservation and Education committee work together to establish a grant-writing subcommittee to assist individuals from habitat countries in the preparation of proposal for conservation related activities.

Contributions to the Conservation Fund during this year's meeting included: \$1708 from individual donors (a number of whom contributed \$100 or more) and \$5000 from David Taub and his associates, LABS of Virginia, Inc. and the Stern Charitable Trust of the Bionetics Corp., who have been generous supporters of the ASP Conservation Fund over the years. In addition, proceeds from the silent auction totaled \$4062. A special thanks to Patrick Mehlman for organizing the auction and the all others who helped make the auction a success. - *Randy Kyes, Conservation Committee Chair*

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT** - Chair: Sally Mendoza; Committee Members: Charlie Menzel, Jim Moore, Steve Suomi, Anne Savage (ex officio), Mike Raleigh (ex officio), Mike Andrews (ex officio), Dieter Steklis (ex officio), John Capitanio (ex officio) (attending)

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that the ASP annual student paper award winners and their abstracts, Distinguished Primatologist, Distinguished Service Award, Senior Biology and Conservation Award, Conservation Award, small grant award recipients, ASP meeting registration materials, and the ASP program be posted on the ASP web page each year. All other submissions will be reviewed by the Publications Committee and sent to the President for approval.

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that the ad hoc committee report on "Private Ownership of Primates" be removed from the internet.

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that ASP seek legal advice to assist in the renegotiations of the AJP contract with Wiley-Liss.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that the ASP book series continue with Dieter Steklis as series editor. He will provide the continuity in format for the series and handle all correspondence with the necessary parties in the development of future book proposals.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee will investigate the feasibility of outsourcing the production, marketing, handling, printing, and distribution of future books in the series.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT** - Chair: Evan Zucker (attending); Committee Members: John Berard, Tammie Bettinger (attending), Mollie Bloomsmith (attending), Boccia (attending), Susan Gibson (attending), Dee Higley (attending), Lelie Knapp (attending), Deborah Overdorff and Karyl Swartz (attending).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Workshop proposals should adhere more to the form of symposia proposals, and the deadlines for submission of workshop proposals should be the same as symposia.

**MOTION:** The committee would like to review all pre-and post-conference scientific sessions and nothing should be advertised publicly until the proposal is accepted by the Program Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

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

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:13pm on June 28, 1997 by President Melinda Novak at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, San Diego, CA.

Melinda Novak reported on the formation of the Nominating Committee. The chair of the Nominating Committee is Joe Erwin. Members of the committee are Julie Moreland, Matt Kessler, Leanne Nash, and Don Lindburg.

The following motions were made by the **AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CONSTITUTION OF ASP:**

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that we begin proceedings for a constitutional change under Article 5. Section 3. that permits two consecutive terms for both Secretary and Treasurer.

"The term of office for President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years. The Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected for a second consecutive term, but shall not serve more than two terms. The President may serve only one term."

**APPROVED** for inclusion on the ballot

**MOTION:** "The term of office of committee members shall be the same as that of the President who appointed them. An incoming President may reappoint a committee member(s) to an additional term."

**APPROVED** for inclusion on the ballot

**MOTION:** The committee recommends the acceptance of the "Review of the Constitution of ASP" in principle. Each new chair will receive a copy of the constitution and a separate boldfaced page indicating the duties of their specific committee. In addition, all

chairs will be given a flow chart indicating responsibilities and interconnections between various committees.

The following motions were made by the **MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**:

**MOTION:** The committee recommends accepting the Financial Statements 1 June 1996-31 May 1997.

**APPROVED**

**MOTION:** The committee recommends an additional \$1000 be given to support the development of the ASP web page, \$500 to support a target audience membership drive, and an additional \$800 to the Education Committee.

**APPROVED**

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that membership in ASP is free to those individuals from habitat countries who indicate that they are not financially able to pay their dues.

**APPROVED**

**MOTION:** The committee recommends the acceptance of the revised ASP membership form that includes the option of paying dues by credit card with a request for an additional \$3.00 processing charge

**APPROVED**

The following recommendation was made by the **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**:

**RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that the Distinguished Service Award be given to Larry Jacobsen, Head of the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center Library. No candidate was selected for Distinguished Primatologist Award. If endorsed by the BOD, these will be announced at the ASP Business Meeting.

**ACCEPTED**

The following recommendation was made by the **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Establish a small grant fund (\$800) for educational purposes. Individuals would apply and proposals would be reviewed for merit by the committee.

**APPROVED** - see Membership and Finance Committee report

The following motions were made by the **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Randy Kyes requested confirmation of the awards which were nominated by the Conservation Committee.

**APPROVED**

**MOTION:** The committee recommends establishing a procedure to evaluate external proposals to fund specific conservation projects.

**APPROVED**

The following motions were made by the **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**:

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that the ASP annual student paper award winners and their abstracts, Distinguished Primatologist, Distinguished Service Award, Senior Biology and Conservation Award, Conservation Award, small grant award recipients, ASP meeting registration materials, and the ASP program be posted on the ASP web page each year. All other submissions will be reviewed by the Publications Committee and sent to the President for approval.

**APPROVED**

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that the ASP ad hoc committee report on "Private Ownership of Primates" be removed from the internet.

**APPROVED**

**MOTION:** The committee recommends that ASP seek legal advice to assist in the renegotiations of the AJP contract with Wiley-Liss.

**APPROVED**

The following motion was made by the **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**:

**MOTION:** The committee would like to review all pre-and post-conference scientific sessions and nothing should be advertised publicly until the proposal is accepted by the Program Committee.

**APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

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## **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING**

The business meeting was called to order at 4:36pm on June 29, 1997 by President Melinda Novak at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, San Diego, CA. Sincere thanks were expressed to Nancy Caine, local arrangements chair and her students and volunteers for the tremendously successful conference.

Melinda Novak presented a review of the actions of the Board

1. Minutes of the 1996 meetings were accepted.

2. The award recommendations submitted by the Awards and Recognition Committee were accepted.
3. Membership dues and conference registration can now be paid by credit card.
4. Membership dues will be waived for those individuals identifying need from habitat countries. (see Membership and Finance Committee report)
5. Funds will be used to further our Education Committee efforts, expand our web page, and target specific markets for membership. (see Membership and Finance Committee report)
6. Policy for posting information on the ASP web page was developed. (see Publications Committee report)
7. The renegotiation of the Wiley-Liss contract to serve as the publisher of American Journal of Primatology is in progress. (see Publications Committee report)
8. A policy was developed for the dissemination of ASP reports (see Publications Committee report)
9. ASP will continue to publish the "Special Topics in Primatology" book series. Dieter Steklis will serve as series editor and all correspondence regarding proposals should be sent directly to him. (see Publications Committee report)
10. The Conservation Committee has developed a policy to assist in "target funding" initiatives. (see Conservation Committee report)
11. The Program Committee will review all pre-and post-conference sessions.
12. A modification to the constitution regarding the terms of office for secretary and treasurer will appear on the December mail ballot. "The term of office for President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years. The Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected for a second consecutive term, but shall not serve more than two terms. The President may serve only one term."
13. The terms of office for committee members and chairs will be on the December mail ballot.  
"The term of office of committee members shall be the same as that of the President who appointed them. An incoming President may reappoint a committee member(s) to an additional term."

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The society is in good financial shape (see previous reports). A suggestion was made to develop a lifetime membership dues category. The feasibility of this will be determined by the Membership and Finance Committee.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

ASP will investigate the possibility of sending the quarterly newsletter via a list server. Members will have the option of receiving the newsletter via email or printed copy. We continue to expand our society newsletter exchange list. Suggestions from the membership are welcome.

#### **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Randy Kyes expressed his thanks to all those who contributed and worked on the silent auction. This auction appears to be our most successful to date! The conservation awards were announced (see Executive Committee minutes).

#### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. The Program Committee thanked everyone who submitted abstracts, as well as everyone who attended the meeting.
2. The submission of abstracts on disk worked very well, and the abstract issue of AJP looks very good because of the standard format. With the next "call for abstracts", there will be some additional instructions to further increase the standardization of the abstracts. Revisions were easily done, and approximately 30 abstracts were revised before they were accepted in their final form.
3. The Program Committee wants to increase the number of contributed papers and posters from field workers, as only about 1/3 of all the contributions were based on field work. The Committee has some ideas as to how to increase the participation of field workers, in terms of the program and attendance. We have some plans for symposia, and these ideas will be developed further over the next few months.
4. Next year's meeting will take place at the same time of year, so the schedule for the dissemination of information will be approximately the same as this past year, with the initial mailing in October, Symposia and Workshop proposals due in late November (see below), and contributed abstracts due mid-January (approximately).
5. In the call for abstracts, there will be a description of what constitutes a workshop, and what differentiates those from symposia. The review procedure for workshops will be the same as for symposia, as will the timetable for notification of the organizer regarding acceptance or rejection. This will give the workshop organizer(s) sufficient time to publicize the workshop.
6. All pre-conference and post-conference scientific activities must be approved and accepted by the Program Committee prior to advertisement of these events. Individuals who are planning workshops of broad interest, such as this past year's workshop on ethics in primate research, might consider a pre- or post-conference meeting. This would alleviate conflicts in the program schedule, and facilitate maximum participation.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Thirty two student proposals were submitted (16 poster and 16 paper). Thanks to all of those students who submitted and those members who assisted in judging the competition. At the next ASP meeting in Texas, the Education Committee will host a teacher workshop to give local teachers the opportunity to explore relevant topics and experience a scientific meeting. In an effort to give students the opportunity to meet one another, a mixer will be held at each ASP meeting in the future.

#### **LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT - SAN DIEGO, CA**

Nancy Caine reported that there were 380 participants at this year's meeting. She extended her sincere appreciation to her graduate students and to the Bahia Hotel for their assistance in creating such a successful ASP meeting!

#### **LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT - GEORGETOWN, TX**

Steve Schapiro invited all members to attend next year's ASP meeting to be hosted by Southwestern University and The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Science Park to be held in Georgetown, TX from 28 June-1 July. Tours of the facilities in Bastrop will be available.

#### **LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT - MADISON, WI**

Larry Jacobsen, on behalf of the local arrangements chair Dave Abbott, reported on the success of the joint ASP/IPS meeting and awarded the society \$8,663 from the proceeds of the conference.

#### **AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PRIMATOLOGY REPORT**

Debbie Pollack, AJP editorial assistant reported on the activities of the journal. Between 1 July 96-31 May 97, 271 manuscripts were submitted, 55% were rejected, 26% accepted and 13% were encouraged to re-submit. AJP impact rating was 12th out of 101 journals. A web page for the journal is currently being developed.

#### **HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

Peggy O'Neill-Wager has encouraged Orv Smith to create a document detailing his career for the historical records of the society.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Joe Erwin will chair the nominating committee. Committee members are Don Lindburg, Julie Worlein, Matt Kessler, Leanne Nash. Information will appear in the September newsletter for the solicitation of candidates for office.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Research and Development Committee chaired by Kathy Rasmussen has been charged with recommending a set of ethical guidelines for the society. Any individuals interested in working on this project should contact Kathy directly.

Melinda Novak thanked chairs and members of the standing committees for their hard work throughout the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

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### **EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN PRIMATOLOGY AND RELATED FIELDS**

**Field Director for Gorilla Habituation for Tourism, Dzanga-Sangha National Park** - The World Wildlife Fund-Germany invites applications for a field director of an on-going project to habituate western lowland gorillas for tourism in the Dzanga-Sangha National Park, Central African Republic. The position is for one year but is potentially renewable. Responsibilities include: organizing, conducting and supervising habituation of gorillas, and promoting. Applicants should have completed at least a Bachelor's degree in a related field, have research experience with African primates in the wild, (preferably with gorillas), and be fluent in French. A total of US \$50,000 will be provided to transportation, insurance, salary, and personal expenses. The study site is located in a somewhat remote area with some difficult circumstances. Applicants should submit a letter of application, c.v., and at least three letters of recommendation to: Allard Blom, WWF, B.P. 1053, Bangui, Central African Republic, Fax: 236-61-1085, e-mail: [WWF-CAR@CGNET.COM](mailto:WWF-CAR@CGNET.COM)

**Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore** - The selected candidate is expected to develop and maintain independent research in the concerned area as well as collaborate with other faculty and contribute to the teaching program. The candidate should have Ph.D. degree with about three years post-doctoral experience. Those with interest in the following areas may apply: a)Genetics and developmental biology of higher organisms including humans. b)Primate reproductive biology, reproductive immunology, endocrinology, molecular reproduction, cardio-vascular disease, neuroendocrinology using non-human primates. Indian nationals are strongly encouraged to apply. Submit a c.v., list of publications, important reprints, a brief description of the research program, and names of at least three references with full address, including fax and email to: Prof. M.Vijayan, Chairman, Division of Biological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, 560 012, Fax: 91-80-3340416, e-mail: [dcbio@admin.iisc.ernet.in](mailto:dcbio@admin.iisc.ernet.in)

**Postdoctoral Position in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility** - The Dept. OB/GYN Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center and Rush University is seeking postdoctoral fellow to participate in ongoing clinical and laboratory research in the area of human preimplantation embryology, with a specific focus on IVM/IVF and the mechanics of karyokinesis. Applicants should have a strong interest in the applied side of the work and should expect to participate in the clinical IVF/ART program as well. Candidates must have demonstrated experience in PCR and current techniques in immunocytochemistry. Experience in preimplantation embryology is highly desired as well. Fellows will be supervised by Drs. Richard Rawlins and Mary Fahy. The appointment will be

for a period of two years, beginning Fall of 1997. Salary commensurate with experience. RUSH is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Please send your statement of interest, c.v., and two letters of recommendation to: Dr. Richard G. Rawlins, Director IVF/ART Laboratories, Rush Medical Center, 1653 W. Congress Parkway, Chicago IL 60612, Fax: 312-942-4043, email: [rrawlinsrush.rpslmc.edu](mailto:rrawlinsrush.rpslmc.edu)

**Postdoctoral Position in Behavioral Biology Program** - The Department of Comparative Medicine at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine has an immediate opening for a postdoctoral fellow interested in using molecular genetic techniques to better understand phenotypic differences in primate behavior and neurobiology. The ideal candidate would have training in anthropology, psychology, or neuroscience, and also experience with molecular biology. Advanced training in molecular genetics will be provided, following which the fellow would take responsibility for managing studies linking candidate genes to individual differences in social behavior and brain biomarkers. The training and research will make use of an ongoing collaboration between the Department of Comparative Medicine at Bowman Gray and the Department of Genetics at the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research. Contact: Jay R. Kaplan, Department of Comparative Medicine, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1040, Phone: 910 716-1522 email: [jkaplan@cpm.bgsom.edu](mailto:jkaplan@cpm.bgsom.edu)

**Intramural Research Training Award, Postdoctoral Fellow, Primate Behavior** - The Gerontology Research Center, NIA, NIH laboratory is conducting a longitudinal study of aging and nutrition in a large sample of rhesus and squirrel monkeys of different ages. Postdoctoral fellows would participate in behavioral studies of the monkeys involving the development and use of automated, operant equipment to assess sensory, motor, affective, cognitive performance. Applicants must have demonstrated experience in nonhuman primate behavioral analysis using automated equipment. Similar experience in other species will be considered. Must have less than 5 years postdoctoral experience. Term of appointment is 2 yr initially, then year to year up to 5 maximum. Contact: Dr. Donald K. Ingram, Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Biology, Room 4E-01, Gerontology Research Center, NIA, NIH, 4940 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224, Phone: (410)558-8180, Fax: (410)558-8323, e-mail: [DONI@vax.grc.nia.nih.gov](mailto:DONI@vax.grc.nia.nih.gov)

**Research Scientist/Research Technologist II/III at Dept. of Pharmaceutics and Regional Primate Res. Center** - The University of Washington, Seattle, WA has a NIH sponsored research position focused on developing therapeutic strategies to prevent maternal-fetal HIV infection using the nonhuman primate model, *M. nemestrina*. A BS/MS in a biological science (or equivalent) and extensive experience working with tethered nonhuman primates, handling infectious agents (HIV, SIV or SHIV) and HPLC is desirable. The work will involve pharmacokinetic studies, infection and clinical monitoring of animals, and coordinating virological and immunological assays with central laboratory facilities of the Primate Center. The salary/funding is approximately \$2400-2700/month plus fringe benefits for a term of appointment of 2-5 years. Contact: Jashvant D. Unadkat, Ph.D., Department of Pharmaceutics, Box 357610, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, Phone: (206) 543-9434, Fax: (206) 543-3204, e-mail: [jash@u.washington.edu](mailto:jash@u.washington.edu)

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## **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Forum on Wildlife Telementary: Innovations, Evaluations, and Research Needs** - The forum will be held from 21-23 September 1997, in Snowmass, CO, in conjunction with the 1997 Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society. Contact: Jane Austin, National Biological Service, Northern Prairie Science Center, Jamestown, ND 58401, Phone: (701)252-5363, Fax: (701)252-4217, e-mail: [jane\\_austin@nbs.gov](mailto:jane_austin@nbs.gov)

**New Technologies - Electronic Media and Application for Animal Research and IACUCS** - The meeting will be held from 25-26 September 1997 at the Eric P. Newman Conference Center, Washington University, St. Louis. Sponsor: Scientists Center for

Animal Welfare. Contact: SCAW, 7833 Walker Drive, Suite 340, Greenbelt, MD 20770, Phone: (301)345-3500, Fax: (301)345-3503, e-mail: [scaw@erols.com](mailto:scaw@erols.com)

**Cold Spring Harbor Symposium on Human Evolution** - The meeting will be held 4-8 October 1997 at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on the north shore of Long Island, New York. Its organizers are Drs. Cavalli-Sforza and James Watson (President of CSHL). <http://www.cshl.org/meetings>

**Conference on Environmental Enrichment (3<sup>rd</sup>)** - The meeting will be held 12-17 October 1997 in Orlando, Florida. Contact: Thad Lacinak, Sea World, Inc., 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, FL 32821, Phone: (407)351-3600, Fax: (407)345-5397

**American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (Annual)** - The meeting will be held 1 November 1997 in Anaheim, CA. Contact: Sarah J. Dunlap, Phone: (901)754-8620, Fax: (901)754-8620

**American Anthropological Association (96th Annual)** - The meeting will be held 19-23 November 1997 in Washington, DC. Focus: Futures of anthropology: practice, imagination and theory in the 21st century. Contact: AAA Meetings Department, 4350 N. Fairfax Dr. Ste 640, Arlington, VA 22203, Phone: (703)528-1902 ext 2

**Third Annual International Wildlife Law Conference** - The conference will take place at American University's School of Law in Washington, DC on 31 March 1998. For more information contact: GreenLife Society - North American Chapter, 5208 Claremont Ave. - Suite B, Oakland, CA 94716, Phone: (510) 658-4380, Fax: (510) 658-5946, email: [greenlifesociety@msn.com](mailto:greenlifesociety@msn.com), <http://EELINK.umich.edu/greenlifindex.html>

**International Primatological Society** - The meeting will be held 9-14 August 1998 at the University of Antananarivo, Antananarivo, Madagascar. Contact: Secretariat of the XVII Congress, Madame Berthe Rakotosamimanana, Faculte des Sciences, Batement P, Porte 207, BP 906, Antananarivo 101 Madagascar, Phone: 261 (03) 805 70, e-mail: [ralaiari@syfed.refer.mg](mailto:ralaiari@syfed.refer.mg)

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