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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and Happy Holidays to ASP members. Let me bring you up to date on some society activities. First, I am happy to report that we have been approved for membership in AAALAC International (ratification will take place at the 1998 meeting). The Board of Directors had previously recommended this action, and I submitted a formal proposal to AAALAC International in September of this year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this organization, AAALAC International is a voluntary accrediting organization that provides guidance to client institutions and formally accredits those that meet certain standards. It is concerned with improving the research environment and promoting the humane care and use of laboratory animals.

Second, I have asked the Chair of Research and Development, Kathy Rasmussen, to consider whether ASP should formally adopt a set of ethical guidelines about the use of nonhuman primates. There are a number of regulations and guidelines to which our members already adhere (e.g. guidelines promulgated by the Society for Neuroscience, or the American Psychological Association, or the Animal Behaviour Society). The question is whether we should also have a set of guidelines. If you have any ideas on the subject, please contact me or Kathy Rasmussen.

Finally, this is an election year. Full members will receive an official ballot sometime in January as soon as the Nominating Committee has completed its work. The ballot will contain not only the slate for the Offices of President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, it will also include a proposed change of the constitution regarding term of office for Secretary or Treasurer. The Board of Directors has recommended the following: that the Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected for a second consecutive term but shall not serve more than two terms. Further information regarding the pros and cons of this change will be included in the ballot.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season. Our society is thriving in large part because of the dedication and commitment of its members. I also urge you to examine our web page (WWW.asp.org) to get an overview on all society activities. - *Melinda Novak, President*

TREASURY NOTES

In order to minimize the potential of disrupted subscriptions to AJP, please try to renew your subscription as soon as possible. Don't forget that your membership renewal form was included in the call for abstracts mailing and that we accept credit card payments. - *Steven Schapiro, Treasurer*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

The American Society of Primatologists is soliciting nominations for two awards via the Awards and Recognition Committee:

1) **The Distinguished Primatologist Award:** This award honors a primatologist who has had an outstanding career and made significant contributions to the field. Previous awards have been made to Dr. William Mason, Dr. Philip Hershkovitz, Dr. Charles Southwick, and Dr. Orville Smith. The recipient of this year's award will be invited to deliver a special address at the 1999 meeting of the ASP.

Nominations should be made in writing and must include a narrative that describes the nature and extent of the nominee's contribution to primatology. Nominators must also see that two additional letters of support be submitted on behalf of the nominee.

2) **The Distinguished Service Award:** This award is not presented on any scheduled basis but is presented to deserving individuals who have contributed long-time service to the ASP and to primatology in general. Former awardees are Dr. Richard Harrison, Historian for the ASP, Dr. Leo Whithair for long-time accomplishments on behalf

of primatology, Judith Schrier, Editor of the Laboratory Primate Newsletter, and Larry Jacobsen, Head of Library Services at the Wisconsin RPRC. A nominating letter of support must be included at submission.

If you would like to nominate individuals for either of these special awards (deadline for receipt is May 15, 1998) send pertinent information to: Gerry Ruppenthal, Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee, CHDD Box 357920; University of WA, Seattle WA 98195; fax: (206) 616-9774; email: Gerry@u.washington.edu
-Gerry Ruppenthal, Awards and Recognition Committee Chair

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Call for Conservation Award Nominations and Grant Applications

Nominations for Conservation Awards and Grants are now being sought by the American Society of Primatologists. These awards and grants, funded from the ASP Conservation Fund, are a mechanism to recognize deserving colleagues and students, including those from primate habitat countries - countries with native primate fauna - for whom the prestige of an ASP award or grant can be a valuable aid to the recipient's conservation efforts. An award nomination is basically a letter of recommendation. A grant proposal should consist of a concise narrative (a few pages) plus a budget page.

Subscription Award: This award provides the American Journal of Primatology to worthy individuals in habitat countries who otherwise would have little access to the scientific literature on nonhuman primates. Preference is given to individuals who will make the journal available for use by students and colleagues. The award is normally granted for a 5-year period. Recipients are requested to submit a brief report every two years summarizing the use of the journal. A nominating letter should describe the nominee's credentials, his/her primate-related activities, and should explain why the nominee deserves to receive high priority consideration.

Conservation Award (\$500): This award provides recognition and financial support for students and young investigators from habitat countries who demonstrate potential for making significant and continuing contributions to primate conservation. Those eligible include students, researchers, and educators from primate habitat countries for whom no more than five years have elapsed since receipt of their terminal degree. Nominators should provide the name, title and full mailing address of their nominee, along with a statement about the nominee's qualifications for the award, focusing on past and potential contributions to primate conservation. A copy of the nominee's vita is encouraged. Supporting letters from other individuals acquainted with the nominee's work may be submitted. Past awards have been presented by U.S. Ambassadors or other senior officials, thereby obtaining favorable publicity for the award, its recipient, and primate conservation in the recipient's country.

Senior Biology and Conservation Award (\$500 Honorarium): This award is one of ASP's highest honors. It is given to recognize an individual without an advanced degree who has made substantial contributions over many years to promote primate conservation either through direct action or via enhancement of biological knowledge of the well-being of primates. Such contributions could arise from work done in the field, laboratory, or zoo settings. Nominees might work directly with primates or be engaged in activities supporting those who work with primates. Examples include, park rangers, census takers, animal caretakers, research technicians, assistants or facilitators, and individuals involved in private enterprise benefitting primate conservation. Nominating letters should detail the nominee's qualifications, contributions to primate biology and conservation, period of service, and full mailing address. A copy of the nominee's vita is encouraged. Supporting letters from other individuals acquainted with the nominee's work may be submitted. This award is typically presented at a public ceremony by senior officials.

Conservation Small Grants (up to \$1500, but usually \$500): Grant proposals are solicited for conservation research or related projects, including conservation education. ASP and IPS members working in habitat countries are especially urged to apply to help someone from a habitat country submit a meaningful project which can be a portion of a larger effort. Grant proposals must be typed in English, should not exceed 2000 words, and should include a brief budget page. Recipients of grants must agree that a brief progress report, in a form suitable for publication in the *ASP Bulletin*, will be made within 12 months of the award.

Evaluation and Application Procedure: With the exception of requests for emergency support, which can be considered at any time for immediate action, the Conservation Committee will make its recommendations for awards and grants to the ASP Executive Committee at its annual meeting. Successful nominees and applicants will be

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee wants to remind members that contributed abstracts for oral presentations and posters need to be postmarked no later than **12 January 1998**. Earlier submission of the abstracts, disks, and other registration materials would be appreciated greatly by the committee. The Program Committee is pleased to announce the invited speakers for the 1998 meeting. The Keynote Address will be given by Ben Beck of the National Zoo, and the featured speakers will be Tom Butler (Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research), Carol Berman (State University of New York at Buffalo), and Dick Dukelow (Michigan State University). Several symposia and workshops have been submitted, and more information about these will be included in the next bulletin. - *Evan Zucker, Program Committee Chair*

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Everything is proceeding nicely for the 1998 ASP meeting in Georgetown and Bastrop, TX. Local arrangements questions can be sent to Steve Schapiro, by mail, email, phone or fax. We're looking forward to seeing you. - *Steven Schapiro, Treasurer*

EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN PRIMATOLOGY AND RELATED FIELDS

Professor of Behavioral Primatology at the Louis Pasteur University (Strasbourg, France) - The appointment is at the professor level in the field of behavioral primatology: ethology, cognitive psychology. Applications will be accepted starting 15 December 1997. The position starts 1 September 1998. Candidates should speak fluent French, have teaching experience and have been productive in research for at least 10 years. Contact: Bernard Thierry (Researcher at the CNRS, Primate Behavior, Laboratoire d'Ethologie & Neurobiologie, CNRS (URA 1295), Universite Louis Pasteur, 7 rue de , F - 67000 Strasbourg; email: thierry@currif2.u-strasbg.fr

Postdoctoral Research Assistant at the University of Oxford - Applications are being accepted for a postdoctoral research assistant position to study conditions experienced by primates during transport. During the first year the project will involve developing an environmental monitor for use in subsequent years to monitor primate consignments. Applicants should have experience in developing instrumental systems and will preferably have a biological background. Good interpersonal skills are essential. The post is funded by the Animal Procedures Committee from 1 March 1998 for one year in the first instance. This position is Academic-related Research Staff grade 1A, with salary of GBP15,159 to GBP22,785. Closing date for applications is 5 January 1998. The University is an equal opportunities Employer. Informal enquiries can be made to Dr. Robert Hubrecht, phone +44 (0)1707 658202, fax +44(0)1707 649279. Written applications, including a cv and the names and addresses of two references should be sent to Box No. 339, Room 501, New Scientist, Low Rise, Kings Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS

Internship in Research and Animal Behavior, Kansas - The Sedwick County Zoo is developing an internship program in the area of research and animal behavior. The program will be designed to train students to conduct research in the zoo setting. Projects will range from observational studies of animals in their environments, to biological studies of topics such as stress and reproduction. Qualifications: Applicants should be juniors, seniors, or graduate students in the fields of comparative psychology, psychobiology, zoology, related fields. They should have at least one semester of statistics, one semester of animal behavior, at least classroom experience in research methods and good library skills. All applicants should be self-starters and self-motivators, able to work flexible and sometimes unusual hours and have a recommended GPA of at least 3.0. Students will be expected to write proposals, gather data, conduct literature searches, and accept other research responsibilities. Contact: Emily Weiss, Consulting Curator of Research and Animal Behavior, Sedwick County Zoo, 5555 Zoo Blvd., Wichita KS 67212; phone: (316)942-2212 x257; fax: (316)942-3781; email: _research@scz.org_

Postdoctoral Training in Laboratory Animal Medicine at the University of Washington - The Department of Comparative Medicine is inviting applications for postdoctoral training positions starting on or after 1 July 1998. This

program is designed to provide individuals with a broad foundation to build a career in teaching, research, and service in the laboratory animal medicine field and to prepare them for ACLAM board certification. Candidates with a strong interest in research are sought. One year of clinical training in laboratory animal medicine supported by the University is followed by three years of research training which is supported by an National Center for Research Resources (NIH) training grant. Financial support for the training includes stipend support (\$23,772 for the first-year internship, and \$20,292 to \$32,300 per year, commensurate with experience, for the three years of research training), travel, medical/dental insurance, and partial support of tuition (in accordance with NIH policies). Prerequisite for the program is a veterinary medical degree (D.V.M.) or equivalent. Opportunities exist for qualified trainees to pursue advanced study for a M.S. or Ph.D. degree. To be eligible for support, individuals must be U.S. citizens or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the U.S. at the time of appointment. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible. The University of Washington is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer; individuals from minority groups that are under represented nationally in the biomedical and behavioral sciences are encouraged to apply. Contact: Ms. Alice Ruff, Dept of Comp. Med., Univ. of Washington, Box 357190, Seattle, WA, 98195-7190

Research Fellow, Disney's Animal Kingdom, Wildlife Tracking Center - Assists in the development and design of studies to track daily range patterns, habitat usage, and activity patterns of a variety of free ranging species at Disney's Animal Kingdom using radio telemetry. Coordinates the data collection protocol and works in close association with the scientific, veterinary, and animal management teams. Responsible for training individuals in the use of telemetry equipment and data collection. Will also assist in the coordination and public exhibition of programs that use VHF, satellite and GPS technology that will be highlighted in the Wildlife Tracking Center. Major Duties and Responsibilities: Assists in the design of the appropriate telemetry system to monitor birds and mammals at Disney's Animal Kingdom. Works in close association with the scientific, veterinary, and animal management teams to develop transmitter attachment techniques. Develops interactive, interpretive experiences in partnership with the scientific and education staff. Communicates research results in staff seminars, scientific journals, conference presentations, and popular publications. Term: One year appointment, beginning 1 April 1998. Qualifications: A minimum of a BS in biology, zoology, wildlife biology, psychology, or anthropology. Experience with wildlife tracking technologies. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Ability to work with others in a fast paced, team oriented atmosphere. Closing date 15 January 1998. Send resume and 3 references to: Anne Savage, Ph.D., Conservation Station Administration, Disney's Animal Kingdom, PO Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000; email: AnneSavage@aol.com; web site: www.careermosaic.com/cm/wdw/wdw3.html

Senior Research Fellow, Disney's Animal Kingdom, Wildlife Tracking Center - Assists in the development and operation of the enzyme immunoassay laboratory in the Wildlife Tracking Center. Initiates studies in reproductive biology in accordance with the scientific mission of Disney's Animal Kingdom. Coordinates laboratory activities and works in close association with the scientific, veterinary, and animal management teams. Responsible for training and supervision of technical staff in EIA techniques. Will also assist in the coordination and public exhibition of programs that will be highlighted in the Wildlife Tracking Center. Major Duties and Responsibilities: Maintains an active research program in reproductive biology. Works in close association with the scientific, veterinary, and animal management teams to develop and validate assays for a variety of species. Develops interactive, interpretive experiences in partnership with the scientific and education staff. Communicates research results in staff seminars, scientific journals, conference presentations, and popular publications. Term: One year appointment beginning 1 April 1998. Qualifications: A minimum of a Ph.D. in endocrinology or related field (or completion of the Ph.D. within one year). Experience with enzyme immunoassay systems. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Ability to work with others in a fast paced, team oriented atmosphere. Closing date 15 January 1998. Send resume and 3 references to: Anne Savage, Ph.D., Conservation Station Administration, Disney's Animal Kingdom, PO Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000; email: AnneSavage@aol.com; web site: www.careermosaic.com/cm/wdw/wdw3.html

Volunteer field assistant needed for dissertation research - The study involves the collection of fecal samples from *Ateles geoffroyi* on Barro Colorado Island, Panama. Fecal samples will be used to extract estrogen and progesterone metabolites which will be correlated to behavioral and ecological data to investigate the reproductive biology and behavior of this species. The field assistant's duties will involve the collection of fecal samples from 4-5 females in the

group on a daily basis. Barro Colorado is an island in the Panama Canal, and is under the management of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. Openings are available for May-October 1998. The cost of staying on BCI is approximately \$24 per day including meals. A small amount of money (\$1000) will be available to help out with airfare and room and board. Preference will be given to those who have graduated with degrees in Anthropology or Zoology/Biology, and to those who have some field experience in Tropical Forests, but all interested should apply. Preference will also be given to those who are able to stay for 5-6 months. Contact: Christina Campbell, email address: campbell@qal.berkeley.edu

Animal Keeper 2 for Chimps/Lions/Baboons at North Carolina Zoological Park - Responsible for daily care of chimps, lions and baboons. Responsible for facilities (holding and exhibit) maintenance; maintaining accurate records, assisting in special procedures, carrying out projects as requested, providing environmental enrichment. Contact Human Resources for minimum state qualifications, salary and benefits. Preferred qualifications include four year degree and 2-3 years experience maintaining chimps. Keeper 2 assumes leadership role for Keeper 1 staff, under the supervision of Keeper 3. Contact: Cammie Bunting, Human Resources Dept., North Carolina Zoo, 4444 Zoo Pkwy, Asheboro, NC 27203; phone: (910) 879-7310

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Distance Sampling Email List - A new forum for sharing ideas and information about distance sampling survey methods. Distance sampling is a widely used technique for estimating the abundance of biological populations. Methods include line transects, point transects (variable circular plots), cue counting, trapping webs, and migration counts. To join, send an email message to the address _mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk with the following message: "join distance-sampling Firstname Lastname" Mail questions about the list to the list administrator at _distance-sampling-request@mailbase.ac.uk

The Evolution of Language Discussion List (and On-Line Symposium) - This list will hopefully pool the expertise of Anthropologists, Neuroscientists, Behavioralists and the Medical Profession. In order to subscribe to the list, send an email to: <Majordomo@list.pitt.edu> with the message in the body: subscribe evolutionlanguage . If you prefer the digest version, the message should read: subscribe evolutionlanguage-digest

New Interdisciplinary Journal in Primatology - This journal was recently created under the auspices of the Societe Francophone de Primatologie (SFDP). The main objectives of the journal, entitled "Primatologie", are to develop contacts between French speaking primatologists from around the world, and to promote the development of primatology in general. "Primatologie" will be published yearly. Each issue will be devoted to empirical and theoretical papers from various fields of primatology, including physical anthropology, behavioral sciences, biological and biomedical sciences, cognition, conservation, ecology, neuroscience, paleontology, and welfare. Papers in "Primatologie" will be primarily published in French. However, in order to overcome linguistic barriers and to promote exchanges between French and English speaking primatologists, each paper will be accompanied by an abridged version of 2-3 pages in English. Occasional papers in English may also be published. web site: <http://Inf.cnrs-mrs.fr/lnc/primatologie.html>

Primate Enrichment Email List - This is a forum in which to exchange information and ideas for enrichment in biomedical and behavioral research laboratories, as well as zoological parks. There is an alternate digest version available for those who wish to receive only one composite message a day of all list traffic. If you are interested in subscribing to the list, send a message to: david.seelig@yale.edu

New Evaluation Service from AAALAC - Institutions that use animals in research, teaching or testing can now receive an expert, independent evaluation of their animal care and use programs through AAALAC International (the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International). The new service is called a "Program Status Evaluation," and allows institutions to determine where they stand in terms on AAALAC Standards.

This process is entirely separate from AAALAC's traditional accreditation program, which can help institutions gain a better understanding of the accreditation process before they officially apply. For more information: phone (800)926-0066; web site: <http://www.aaalac.org>

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals Workshop - The National Institute of Health (NIH), Office for Protection from Research Risks is sponsoring this workshop on 16 January 1998 from 8:00am to 5:00pm titled 'Nonaffiliated and Nonscientist Members of IACUC's' at the NIH Natcher Conference Center in Bethesda, MD. The workshop is open to institutional administrators, members of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees, laboratory animal veterinarians, investigators and other institutional staff who have responsibility for high-quality management of sound institutional animal care and use programs. Contact: Ms. Lee Krulisch, Scientist Center for Animal Welfare, 7833 Walker Drive, Suite 340, Greenbelt, MD 20770, phone: (301)345-3500, fax: (301)345-3503, email: scaw@erols.com

Third Annual International Wildlife Law Conference - The conference will be held on 31 March 1998 at the American University's School of Law in Washington, DC. 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, web site: <http://EELINK.umich.edu/greenlif/index.html>

Sunbelt XVIII and 5th European International Conference on Social Networks - The International Conference on Social Networks which is the joint 5th European and 18th Sunbelt Conference will be held 28-31 May 1998 at the Gran Sitges Hotel in Sitges (near Barcelona), Spain. 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. For more information see the web site <http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/project/INSNA/>

The Animal Behavior Society Annual Meeting - The meeting will be held 18-22 July 1998 at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Plenary speakers include Sidney Gauthreaux, Jane Brockmann, and Jeff Galef. For further information contact Local Host, Lee Drickamer, Dept. Zoology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL 62901, phone: (618) 536-2314; email: Drickamer@zoology.siu.edu; web site: <http://www.cisab.indiana.edu/ABS/index.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; email: ralaiari@syfed.refer.mg

Fifth International Symposium on the Lion-Tailed Macaque (*Macaca silenus*) - The symposium is being organized by the University of Mysore, Mysore, India. The symposium dates are 11-13 January 1999. Papers may be presented on any aspects of lion-tailed macaque biology, ecology, behavior and conservation. A special emphasis of the symposium will be on problem oriented collaborative research between research scientists working on captive and wild populations. Contact: Dr. Mewa Singh, Professor of Psychology, University of Mysore, Mysore - 570 006, India. phone/fax: Residence: 91-821-514239; Office: 91-821-518772; email: msingh@giashga.vsnl.net.in

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