

# ASP BULLETIN

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to ASP members. It is only a few short weeks to our 1998 meeting in Georgetown, Texas. Steve Schapiro, our local host, has worked diligently to provide the local arrangements. And once again, our Program Committee, chaired by Evan Zucker, has lined up an exciting science program with excellent speakers, symposia, workshops, and topic oriented-sessions. I look forward to seeing you there.

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on other ASP activities.

### ELECTIONS:

I am happy to convey the outcome of our most recent elections for society officers as reported to me by the Elections Committee of Molly Bloomsith (Chair), Debra Forthman, and Filippo Aureli. Our new President Elect is John Capitanio; our new Secretary is Janette Wallis; and our incumbent Treasurer, Steve Schapiro, was reelected for a second term. Congratulations to John, Janette, and Steve. They will begin their terms at the end of the 1998 meeting. At that time, Nancy Caine will assume the Presidency of ASP.

In addition to the election of society officers, the ballot included a constitutional amendment which would more clearly specify the term of office for Secretary and Treasurer as being limited to two terms (the exact wording was that "the Secretary and Treasurer can be reelected to one additional consecutive term"). The amendment was ratified by 80% of ASP voters. This amendment takes effect with these elections.

### WILEY-LISS CONTRACT:

Our contract with Wiley-Liss is up for renewal, and ASP's Board of Directors has decided to discuss several issues with the publisher before renewing the contract. These issues include the institutional subscription rate, financial support of the editorial office, and the creation of a web-based publication.

### SPECIAL THANKS:

I would like to extend my very special thanks to all the committee chairs who worked so diligently on behalf of the society over the last two years; to Evan Zucker for his efforts as Chair of the Program Committee (producing outstanding, stimulating programs which went so smoothly); to Gabe Lubach for her tireless devotion as Chair of the Education Committee (overseeing the student competitions and setting up workshops for students and teachers among her many other activities); to Sally Mendoza for her leadership as Chair of the Publications Committee (dealing with the complex and thorny issues of the Wiley-Liss contract among many other activities); to Gerry Ruppenthal for his efforts as Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee (continuing the high standards of the nomination and award process); to Kathy Rasmussen as Chair of the Research and Development Committee (who came on board in midstream and took on the task of determining whether ASP should have its own statement of ethical principles); to Steve Schapiro for his energetic and enthusiastic efforts as Chair of the Membership and Finance Committee (inventing and creating new strategies to streamline finances and gain new members); to Randy Kyes for his outstanding work and tireless devotion as Chair of the Conservation Committee (for continuing and furthering the success of this committee with respect to fund raising, supporting conservation efforts, and raising public awareness of conservation issues); and to Peggy O'Neill for her diligent efforts as ASP Historian (with

camera in hand, she caught us at our most interesting moments). I want to thank the Chairs and each of the members of these committees for making invaluable contributions to our society. Finally, a very special thanks to Anne Savage for her outstanding work as Secretary of the Society (for keeping ASP members informed through the Bulletin and for providing crucial input to Board deliberations).

- *Melinda Novak, President*

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## **FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

I've certainly enjoyed my tenure as Executive Secretary and I would like to personally thank all of the individuals that submitted information for the bulletin. You certainly made my job much easier!! A special debt of gratitude is owed to Dara Zirotsky, Editorial Assistant, for all of her hard work and dedication in preparing these bulletins. Dara and I wish Janette Wallis all the best in her new role as Executive Secretary. Don't worry Janette, the boxes of information are on the way!

- *Anne Savage, Executive Secretary*

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## **TREASURY NOTES**

If you haven't paid your 1998 ASP/IPS/AJP dues yet, this will be the last ASP Bulletin you will receive until payment is received. In addition, without a renewed membership, you are unlikely to be included in the 1998 ASP Directory. I am holding publication of the Directory until this month, in hopes of including the 200+ former members who have yet to pay and to give everyone a chance to inform me of any changes of address. A "Third Notice" for dues will be sent under separate cover.

If you're having any problems with your AJP subscription, please let me know.

- *Steven Schapiro, Treasurer*

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## **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Reminder: The Conservation Committee will hold its annual conservation silent auction at the ASP meeting in June. This auction has become an anticipated event and an important fund-raising activity for primate conservation. You may bring items to donate with you, or you can send them in advance to: Conservation Auction, c/o Dr. Steve Schapiro, Dept. of Psychology, Southwestern Univ., P.O. Box 770, University at Maple, Georgetown, TX 78627-0770 (Steve can be contacted at (512)321-3991 or by email at [an83000@mdacc.mda.uth.tmc.edu](mailto:an83000@mdacc.mda.uth.tmc.edu)). Primate-related items, crafts, and artwork are popular. Your contribution to the auction is a contribution to primate conservation.

- *Randall Kyes, Conservation Committee Chair*

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## **LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS REPORT**

We're just about ready for you in Georgetown and Bastrop. The last couple of things are falling into place, and we're eagerly awaiting your arrival. Late registrations for the meeting and for dormitory housing are still being accepted. There is no additional late fee for registration for the meeting, but there is a \$50 late fee for dorm

housing.

We are providing a shuttle service from the Austin airport on Sunday, 28 June 1998, to Georgetown, and from Georgetown to the Austin airport on Thursday, 2 July 1998, for a cost of \$20 round trip. If you arrive in Austin on Saturday night, just make your way to the airport on Sunday so that you can take the shuttle on the hour and half-hour with us to Georgetown. Shuttle service will begin at 12:00 noon on Sunday, 28 June 1998.

If you want to send items for the conservation auction in advance, just mail them to me at the Southwestern University address that Randy provided.

If you have any last minute questions, don't hesitate to call, fax, or e-mail. Looking forward to a great meeting.  
- *Steven Schapiro, Local Arrangements Chair*

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## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Information about invited speakers, workshops, and paper/poster sessions at the 1998 meeting has appeared in the past two Bulletins, and the full program is available on the Society's web site:

<http://www.asp.org/ASP/asp1998/default.html>. The program and abstracts will appear in the June issue of the *American Journal of Primatology* (Volume 45, Number 2) - even if you are not attending the meeting, please try to take a look at this issue to see the good work that our members are doing.

As my term as Chair of this committee winds down, I'd like to thank the members of the committee for their service over the past two years: John Berard, Tammie Bettinger, Mollie Bloomsmith, Maria Boccia, Susan Gibson, Dee Higley, Leslie Knapp, Deborah Overdorff, and Karyl Swartz. They have done an excellent job examining and modifying policies and procedures, suggesting speakers to invite, reviewing abstracts and proposals, and their work has contributed to the high quality programs that we have had and the high quality abstracts we have published. As Chair of the Program Committee, I have gotten to know many members of ASP, and I have greatly enjoyed that aspect of the job. Thanks to everybody who contributed to the programs of the past few years.

Deadlines seem to come upon us more quickly every year, so please start thinking about what you would like to contribute for the 1999 meeting!

- *Evan Zucker, Program Committee Chair*

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## EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Assistant Professor of Anthropology** - The Department of Anthropology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook invites applications for a tenure-track position at the level of Assistant Professor, beginning September 1999. Applicants should have an active and ongoing research interest in the study of behavior or ecology with a strong basis in evolutionary theory and a focus on the biology of nonhuman primates. Special consideration will be given to applicants who approach sociobiological questions from a combined perspective of behavioral field studies and genetic or hormonal analyses. Send application letter, curriculum vitae, a brief description of ongoing and planned research, and name, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to Diane Doran, Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794- 4364, before 30 September 1998. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. SUNY is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

**Field assistant to doctoral candidate** - The assistant will aid Chelsea E. Kostrub, from the Animal Behavior Graduate Group at the University of California at Davis, who is conducting a two-year study of the social organization and behavior of wild golden-mantled tamarins at the Tiputini Biodiversity Station in eastern Ecuador.

The assistant will help in locating, following, and habituating tamarin groups, collecting behavioral and ecological data, mapping trails and trees used by tamarin groups, and possibly trapping and marking tamarins. The applicant must be enthusiastic and willing and able to work long hours under rugged and physically/mentally demanding conditions, 6 to 7 days per week. A degree (completed or in progress) in physical anthropology, zoology, animal behavior, or related field preferred. Other characteristics that are desirable though not necessarily required are previous experience in tropical forest and conversational Spanish. The assistant's site fees will be covered, i.e. meals and lodging, but the assistant will be responsible for the expenses of travel to and from the site. The term of appointment is 6 months (negotiable), starting August 1998. Applicants should send a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and the names and e-mail addresses of three references to: Chelsea E. Kostrub, c/o Tiputini Biodiversity Station, USFQ, P.O. Box 17-12-841, Quito Ecuador

**Field Position -Behavioral Census Technician** - This position is through the LABS of Virginia, Inc and the field work focuses on a rhesus colony located on the coastal sea island, Morgan Island, South Carolina. The person filling the position will: work outdoors on a 450 acre island with free ranging rhesus macaques, supporting a commercial breeding program; be assigned specific troops of rhesus to observe and record data regarding reproduction and group composition; follow directives to conduct reproductive census on non-human primates, collecting reproductive data, entering data into a computer, and generating reports as requested by management; be responsible for some animal husbandry and care; have an opportunity to learn basic veterinary technician skills. Qualifications are a BS/BA degree with major in Anthropology, Biology, Zoology, or related scientific field, or, some related experience and/or training. Salary is based upon education and/or experience. Generous benefits package. Minimum of one year of commitment required. Application deadline is 31 July 1998. Contact: Shannon Mixon, Personnel Manager, LABS of Virginia, Inc., P. O. Box 557, 95 Castle Hall Rd., Yemassee, SC 29945; phone: (843)589-5190; fax: (843)589-5290; e-mail: *PoorRobin@aol.com*

**Field Assistant Nocturnal owl monkeys research-** The assistant will aid Dr. Eduardo Fernandez-Duque in conducting a 12-month study of activity patterns in the nocturnal owl monkeys (*Aotus azarai*) in Formosa, Argentina between September 98-September 99 and will help in locating, following owl monkey groups, collecting behavioral and ecological data, mapping trails and trees used by owl monkeys, and possibly trapping and marking owl monkeys. The assistant will be tent camping and will share responsibilities with Dr. Fernandez-Duque and other assistants in maintaining and organizing camp activities (e.g. cooking, cleaning). The work will be physically and psychologically demanding. Although the terrain is flat there will be times when staff will walk for 10-12 hours per day in the forest. The research will require flexibility in sleeping habits. At times, part of the forest is flooded and the work requires walking with water up to the waist. A degree (completed or in progress) in physical anthropology, zoology, animal behavior, or related field is preferred. Previous experience in tropical forest and conversational Spanish are desirable though not necessarily required. The assistant's living expenses will be covered while on camp, i.e. meals and lodging, but will be responsible for the expenses of travel to and from the site, as well as any other personal expenses. The term of appointment is ideally 12 months, but a minimum of 3-4 months will be considered. Applicants should send a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and the names and e-mail addresses of three references. Until 10 July contact: Dr. Fernandez-Duque Dept. Psychology, One Shields Ave., UC-Davis, Davis, CA 95616; phone: (530)750-2322; fax: (530)752-2087; email: *efernandez@ucdavis.edu* After 13 July contact: Eduardo Fernandez-Duque c/o Mirella Valeggia, Camacua 48, San Isidro (1642), Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Research Fellowships in Japan** - The National Science Foundation (NSF) nominates researchers for five fellowship programs administered by the Japan Society for the of Science (JSPS) and the Science and Technology Agency of Japan (STA). The range of programs allows visits of nearly any length to Japanese universities, inter-university research institutes, and over 120 Japanese national laboratories, public corporations, and non-profit

research organizations. The following fellowships are available: \* JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships support 12 to 24 month research stays for researchers who have received their PhD degree within the last six years. \* JSPS Short-term Postdoctoral Fellowships support 3 to 11 month research stays for researchers who have received their PhD degree within the last ten years. \* JSPS Short-term Invitation Fellowships support research visits to Japan of 7 to 60 days for researchers with a PhD degree. \* STA Postdoctoral Fellowships support 6 to 24 month research stays for researchers who have received their PhD degree within the last six years. \* STA Short-term Fellowships support research visits to Japan of 1 to 3 months for researchers with a Ph.D. degree. Contact: Japan and Korea Program, Rm 935, Div. of International Programs, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230; phone: (703)306-1701; fax: (703)306-0474; email: [JKPinfo@nsf.gov](mailto:JKPinfo@nsf.gov); web: [www.nsf.gov/sbe/int/japkor/](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/int/japkor/)

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## **BULLETIN BOARD**

**Call for Grant Proposals Primate Conservation Incorporated (PCI)** - PCI is a not-for-profit foundation founded to fund field research that supports conservation programs for wild populations of primates. Priority will be given to projects that study the least known and most endangered species in their natural habitat, as well as involve citizens from the country in which the primates are found. The intent is to provide support for original research that can be used to formulate and to implement conservation plans for the species studied. PCI will provide seed monies or provide matching grants for graduate students, qualified conservationists and primatologists. Grants have averaged approximately \$2,200, with a maximum grant of \$5,000. Conferences, travel to scientific meetings, legal actions, tuitions or salaries at institutions, and overhead costs are not supported. Deadlines for all grant application materials are 10 February for the spring and 20 September for the fall. Awards will be given 15 May and 15 December. Contact: Noel Rowe or Abigail Barber at Primate Conservation Inc., 163 Town Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937-5000; phone: (516)267 6856; fax: (516)267 6856; email: [74225.2342@compuserve.com](mailto:74225.2342@compuserve.com)

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## **WESITES OF INTEREST**

**GrantsNet** - The Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the American Association for the Advancement of Science have launched a new Web site for individuals seeking information on grants and other forms of support for research and training in the biomedical sciences. GrantsNet features an extensive database on fellowships, grants and various sources of research support, as well as links to funders' Web sites, online applications, and comments from recent application reviewers. The site currently focuses on graduate and postgraduate training and junior faculty positions, but expansion is planned to encompass undergraduate and precollege science training. [www.grantsnet.org](http://www.grantsnet.org)

**New Living Links Web Site On-Line** - This web site is for Living Links, an institute for the advanced study of ape and human evolution located at Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center and Emory University. The site features many photographs and vocalizations of apes and other primates, articles, Real Audio interviews, primate information and home pages for affiliated researches. [http://www.emory.edu/LIVING\\_LINKS/](http://www.emory.edu/LIVING_LINKS/)

**GorillaLine Web Site has moved** - The new address is: <http://www.waypt.com/users/~gorillas/gorline.htm>

**Primate Enrichment Web Site** - The site contains articles on environmental enrichment and psychological well-being of laboratory primates. Articles are taken from the Laboratory Primate Newsletter. <http://www.brown.edu/Research/Primate/enrich.html>

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Third International Great Apes of the World Conference** - The conference will be held 3-6 July 1998 in Sarawak, Malaysia and organized by Orangutan Foundation International. It will focus on behavioral ecology, captive management, ecotourism and conservation. Proceedings to be published. Contact: Gary Shapiro, Orangutan Foundation International, 822 S. Wellesley Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90049; phone: (310)207-1655; fax: (310)207-1556; email: [redape@ns.net](mailto:redape@ns.net); web: <http://www.ns.net/orangutan>

**Tenth Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society** - The meeting will be held 8-12 July 1998, at the University of California at Davis. Papers on non-human animals that have relevance to human behavior are welcome. Contact: Peter Richerson (Div. of Environmental Studies) or Monique Borgerhoff Mulder (Dept of Anthropology), UC-Davis, Davis, CA 95616; web: [www.des.ucdavis.edu](http://www.des.ucdavis.edu)

**Sedation, Immobilization, and Anesthesia** - In 1998 courses will be held in Winston-Salem, NC (11-12 July); Chicago, IL (12-13 September); College Park, MD (26-27 September); Boston, MA (3-4 October); Santa Ana, CA (4-5 November); and Walnut Creek, CA (7-8 November). Each sixteen-hour course on sedation, immobilization, and anesthesia of nonhuman primates will be presented by Dr. Keith Beheler-Amass of Safe-Capture International, Inc., Drs. Jan Ramer and Carol Emerson of the Wisconsin RPRC, and Drs. Joanne Paul-Murphy and Dave Brunson of the University of Wisconsin College of Veterinary Medicine. These courses are intended for primate veterinarians and technicians, primate researchers, primate care staff, and informed owners. This program is approved for Veterinary Continuing Education. All attendees will receive a 110-page training manual, including immobilization protocols for over 50 species of nonhuman primates. The registration fee is \$400 (\$350 in advance). Contact: Dr. Keith Beheler-Amass, Safe-Capture International, P.O. Box 206, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572; phone: (608)767-3071; fax: 608-437-5287; e-mail: [safecaptur@aol.com](mailto:safecaptur@aol.com); web: [www.safecapture.com](http://www.safecapture.com)

**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](mailto:Drickamer@zoology.siu.edu); web site: <http://www.cisab.indiana.edu/ABS/index.html>

**Society for the Study of Reproduction** - The meeting will be held 9-11 August 1998 in College Station, Texas. Contact: SSR, 1526 Jefferson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53711-2106; phone: (608)256-2777; fax: (608)256-4610

**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](mailto:ralaiari@syfed.refer.mg)

**Pathology of Laboratory Animals** - The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Pathology of Laboratory Animals (POLA) and 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Current Laboratory Animal Science Seminar (CLASS) courses will be held 10-14 August 1998, at the Uniformed Services University of Health Science, Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. The courses focus on interpretation of spontaneous diseases which might affect experimental results or alter the health of laboratory animals. The POLA course encompasses a wide range of diseases, to include infectious neoplastic, and iatrogenic conditions in a variety of laboratory animal species. The CLASS course includes lectures on animal models, research methods,

animal medicine and surgery, emerging diseases, occupational health issues, regulations, laws and guidelines, alternatives to laboratory animals, and facility management. Contact: Armed Forces Inst. of Pathology, Dept. of Education, Washington, DC 20306-0001; phone: (202)782-2637

**Biology of Animal Stress and the Implications for Animal Well-being** - The meeting will be held 16-19 August 1998 at the University of California, Davis and will focus on the biology of the stress response, impact of long-term stress on animals, cognitive and developmental aspects of animal stress and methods for alleviating animal stress. Contact: Center for Animal Welfare, Center for Special Programs, Meyer Hall University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616; phone: (530)752-5597; email: [anstress@agdean.ucdavis.edu](mailto:anstress@agdean.ucdavis.edu); web: [www.aes.ucdavis.edu/AnStress.html](http://www.aes.ucdavis.edu/AnStress.html)

**Measuring Behavior '98** - The Second International Conference on Methods and Techniques in Behavioral Research will be held at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, 18-21 August 1998. The conference program consists of oral presentations, poster sessions, demonstrations, scientific tours, technical training, user meetings and a social program, as well as an exhibition of scientific books, instruments and software. Special attention will be given to the measurement of behavioral characteristics combined with in vivo (non-invasive) recording of the dynamic changes in time of physiological parameters. Contact: Measuring Behavior '98, Conference Secretariat, P.O. Box 268, 6700 AG Wageningen, The Netherlands; phone: 31-317-497677; fax: 31-317-424496; email: [mb98@noldus.nl](mailto:mb98@noldus.nl); web: <http://www.noldus.com/events/mb98/mb98.htm>

**American Zoological Association Conference** - The conference will be held 13-17 September 1998 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Contact: AZA, Executive Office, 7970-D Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-2493; phone: (301)907-7777; fax: (301)907-2980; URL: <http://www.aza.org>

**Zoo & Wildlife Pathology Workshop** - The fifth Annual Zoo and Wildlife Pathology Workshop will be held in conjunction with the week-long joint conference of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians in Omaha, NE, 18 October 1998. Participants are asked to send 75 slides (70 stained, 5 unstained, all protected against breakage) plus description of peculiar marks, clinical history, and names of contributor(s) and contributing institution(s) by 18 September. Also include your diagnosis, a brief discussion of the case, and references, which will expedite compilation of diagnoses after the meeting. A registration fee of \$25 includes a slide set, written case histories, diagnoses, and refreshments. Make checks payable to UAREP, Inc. Contact: Registry of Comparative Pathology, Washington, DC 20306-001; phone: (202)782-2440; fax: (202)782-9150

**Fifth International Symposium on the Lion-Tailed Macaque (*Macaca silenus*)** - The symposium, being organized by the University of Mysore, Mysore, India, will be held 11-13 January 1999. Papers on any aspect of lion-tailed macaque biology, ecology, behavior and conservation may be presented. There will be a special emphasis on problem oriented collaborative research between research scientists working on captive and wild populations. The deadline for registration and abstract submission is 15 June 1998. Paper acceptance notification is 15 July 1998. 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@giasbga.vsnl.net.in](mailto:msingh@giasbga.vsnl.net.in)

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