

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the
American Society of Primatologists
will be held September 18-21, 2009,
in San Diego, California

With over 230 abstracts and 300 registered participants, ASP 2009 is shaping up to be one of the Society's biggest and best meetings ever, so don't miss out! For those of you who have yet to register, please do so right away, on line at www.asp.org. Regular registration rates last through August 30; after that, only on-site registration will be available.

Program Highlights:

All sessions and social events will be held at the beautiful Bahia Resort at the water's edge in Mission Bay (www.bahiaresort.com). Standing and ad hoc committees will meet on Friday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM, and the opening reception will take place that evening (6:00 PM). The regular scientific sessions will begin at 7:30 on Saturday, September 19, and the conference will end with the traditional closing evening banquet on Monday, September 21.

New this year, are two very special evening sessions, one each night after the poster sessions. On the first night, Joe Erwin and colleagues will lead a multimedia discussion of large spindle-shaped Von Economo neurons (VENs), cells that are found among primates only in the humans and great apes, and which are apparently critical to some higher-order cognitive processes. On the second night, Duane Rumbaugh and Don Lindburg will reflect on zoos as a location for scientific research and more specifically on the work done at the San Diego Zoo in the 1960s.

The full conference program is now available online at <http://www.asp.org/asp2009/showconfschedule.cfm>

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Last date to register
online for 2009 meeting
is August 30th!

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The program also includes:

- Preconference Workshops on Teaching Primatology and Conservation Education
- Invited speakers:
 - **Keynote Address:** Social Contexts of Primate Conservation: Population, Poverty and Globalization. **Alejandro Estrada**, Ph.D, Estación de Biología Tropical Los Tuxtlas, Instituto de Biología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
 - **Past President's Address:** Applied Behavioral Management and Other Paths in Primatology: Still Working. **Dr. Steve Schapiro**, Associate Professor, Veterinary Sciences, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
 - **Distinguished Primatologist Address:** Moonlit Walks: A Serendipitous Journey from Baboons and Chimpanzees to Nocturnal Primates. **Dr. Leanne Nash**, Professor of Anthropology, School of Human Evolution & Social Change, Arizona State University
 - **Featured Speaker:** Ancestral Memories: The Affective Side of Basic Brain Emotional Systems with a Focus on Separation Distress (Sadness) and Playfulness (Social Joy). **Dr. Jaak Panksepp**, Baily Endowed Chair of Animal Well-Being Science, Veterinary Comparative Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University
- The featured speaker address is combined with a meeting-wide interdisciplinary science symposium: Understanding Emotion in Primates: In Honor of Darwin's 200th Birthday.
- Our third annual "Statistics for Primatologists" workshop, this year on meta-analyses
- Symposia and special sessions:
 - Field Primatology of Today: Navigating the Ethical Landscape
 - Primate Populations: The Ends of the Spectrum. A Tribute to Charles Southwick: Celebrating 50+ Years of Primate Fieldwork
 - Field Experiments: The Challenges and Benefits of Using Experimental Methods in Field Research
 - Status of Chimpanzees in Biomedical Research: Uses, Welfare, Ethical Considerations, and Future Strategies
 - Learning from Michael: What Studies of Brain and Behavior Teach Us about the Mind of a Gorilla
 - Zoos as Venues for Scientific Inquiry: San Diego Zoo and SDSC 1958-1969
- A second annual student luncheon workshop with more "versed" members of the society: Writing and Getting Grants: Lessons about Surviving after Graduate School

Accommodations: The Bahia Resort has offered us extremely low rates for this popular waterfront vacation spot at a great time of year: \$159 per night for a standard single or double, \$179 for three adults, \$199 for four adults in a standard room. However, rooms are booking out fast so make your reservations as soon as possible. The Bahia has set up a special webpage for ASP information and reservations: https://shop.evanshotels.com/am_0918b9.html. Or call them toll free at **1-800-576-4229**. The Bahia offers free parking and high-speed internet access in all rooms. Please visit their website for more information about location, services, and amenities. If the rooms are gone by the time you call, please note that the Bahia's sister hotel, the Catamaran, has rooms available for the same terrific \$159-a-night rate. The Catamaran is a lovely hotel, just a 1.5-mile waterfront walk from the Bahia, so it is a very attractive alternative (though that there is no shuttle service between the two).

Important Information for Presenters: For those of you planning oral presentations for the conference, please note that only PC's will be available and we discourage presenters from using their own laptops. Mac users should be certain that their presentations are in the appropriate format to play on a PC. Please bring your talk on a disk or flash drive, and plan to arrive at your session a few minutes early to load the file onto the desktop for easy access. There will also be PC's available for on-site presentation check and revision. For those planning poster presentations, the space available for each poster is 45" x 45" (114 cm x 114 cm). Please ensure that your poster will fit into this space. Please note that internet access will not be available in the conference rooms.

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Miscellaneous:

- As always, the ASP's will hold a silent auction, all proceeds going to the ASP's Conservation Fund. Please bring along (or mail to the Bahia in advance) your primate-related items to donate to the auction. The closing night banquet will also feature the popular Conservation Jukebox - contact Kim Phillips for further details (Kimberley.Phillips@Trinity.edu).
- There is an electronic message board available in the Members Only area of the ASP website. Use this space to coordinate travel, accommodations, and other activities with other conference participants.
- The ASP 2009 logo and special conference artwork will be proudly displayed on various items, such as T-shirts, caps, and coffee mugs. You can order T-shirts in advance on the registration form, and all items will be available for purchase on site.
- Exhibitor tables will be prominently displayed alongside the Conservation Silent Auction and the scientific posters. Please contact Steve Schapiro (sschapir@mdanderson.org) for further information.
- Many thanks to our conference sponsors: The San Diego Zoo, MiraCosta College (Oceanside), Conservation International, The North County Higher Education Alliance (NCHEA), Friday Monkey Wines, Legoland California, Wiley-Liss, A.P.E.S., Bio-Serv, Britz & Co., Centaur Inc., Charles River Laboratories, Gibbon Conservation Center, Karger Publishers, La Suerte and Ometepe Biological Field Stations, Lomir Biomedical Inc., Noldus Information Technology, Purina LabDiet, Primate Conservation Inc., Springer Publishers, Taylor & Francis Publishers, University of Chicago Press, Wisconsin National Primate Research Center, Wisconsin National Primate Research Center Library, Zoologix Inc.
- Please contact Lynne Miller, local conference organizer, with questions (LMiller@miracosta.edu).

Things to do in San Diego:

San Diego is one of America's most popular tourist destinations. Bordered by the Pacific Ocean, the Anza-Borrego Desert, the Laguna Mountains, and Mexico, San Diego offers many options for both sight seeing and leisure time. The county boasts nearly a hundred golf courses, excellent shopping, world-class restaurants, and busy nightlife. Popular destinations include historic Old Town and Balboa Park with numerous museums and galleries; Sea World and Legoland; and, of course, the world famous San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park. Take a look at www.sandiego.org for helpful guides, coupons, and ideas for fun. Bring your families and have a vacation!

September offers some of the best weather in San Diego – “local summer,” we often call it. The average daytime highs are about 75, but Santa Ana wind conditions often bring dry, hot days of up to 90. Check the weather report right before you come and plan to bring summer wear. Nights are around 65 so a light jacket is a good thing to bring along for evening strolls on the beach or bay. Dress for the conference will be casual, and this suits San Diego for all but the most formal restaurants.

Many thanks to our major conference sponsor, the San Diego Zoo. They are generously offering **free admission to the Zoo and Wild Animal Park** to all conference attendees (with official nametag) during the conference (Sept 17-22). Furthermore, during the opening evening reception, we will be auctioning off six tickets for an exclusive rooftop gorilla feeding experience (scheduled for Monday afternoon, Sept 21). We will also be auctioning several tickets to various local museums. (All auction proceeds go to the ASP Conservation Fund). All conference attendees will also receive two-for-one tickets for nearby Legoland, a great spot for kids. Please make your travel plans so that you can take advantage of these opportunities, along with everything else that San Diego has to offer.

Our best to all of you!

Lynne Miller, Local Host

Matthew Novak, Program Committee Chair

Details now available on 2010 meeting in Louisville, KY at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel

Hosts: Centre College and the Louisville Zoo

Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee: Brent White, Professor Emeritus at Centre College

Dates: Meeting will begin on the afternoon of June 16, with standing committee meetings. The meeting will end on the evening of June 19 with the traditional banquet.

More information to come in the next bulletin!

COMMITTEE UPDATES



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ASP Media/Information Committee

The Media and Information Committee has been working with Paul Garber, Editor of the Society's journal, the American Journal of Primatology, and the folks at Wiley-Blackwell to develop a strategy to promote papers that appear in the Journal. The ultimate goal of these activities is to increase readership and impact of the journal. This promotion will occur in two ways.

First, papers that are exceptional and likely to be of interest to the general public will be forwarded to the marketing staff at W-B, who will contact media outlets and issue press releases.

The second promotional activity will occur more "locally." One or two papers each month will be identified by the editors and reviewers as being particularly noteworthy and likely to be of general interest. The authors will write a 250-word promotional summary of their manuscripts, and these summaries will be featured on the ASP home page (www.asp.org) with links to the abstracts once they appear on the AJP EarlyView page on the Wiley InterScience website (abstracts are freely available to everyone). Individuals with subscriptions -- either from their institution, or from their membership in ASP -- can then access the full article in .pdf format. (Note, to access AJP using your ASP membership, go to the "Members Only" section of the ASP webpage, and click on the link "[Instructions for accessing AJP online](#)".) Once the summaries have been posted, email alerts will be sent out.

We hope you'll agree that these new promotional activities will increase the visibility of the journal and provide an added incentive for primatologists to send their best work to AJP for consideration.

Conservation Committee

Donate Auction Items for Silent Auction for Conservation at the Upcoming 32nd ASP Meeting

The ASP Conservation Committee would like to remind all members of the upcoming Silent Auction for Conservation at the 32nd Meeting in San Diego. Please consider donating to the auction - popular "primate" related memorabilia, interesting items collected in habitat countries, primate-related books, or artwork. The Silent Auction is the largest fundraiser for the ASP Conservation Fund. Your support allows us to fund deserving primate conservation projects throughout the world. Without the continued support, kindness and generosity of ASP Members at the Annual Silent Auction, these conservation efforts would not be possible.

Please bring your items for donation with you to San Diego and drop them off at the auction tables before the opening reception. If you do not have room in your luggage or are unable to attend but still have items to donate, they can be shipped to:

Dr. Lynne Miller
MiraCosta College
One Barnard Drive
Oceanside, CA 92056

Thank you for your continued support of the ASP Conservation Committee and Fund. We look forward to seeing you all bidding early and bidding often at the Silent Auction Tables in San Diego!

Back by popular demand - The Jukebox for Conservation

Where can you hear the Black Eyed Peas, The Tragically Hip, the Chicken Dance, Madonna, Belle & Sebastian, Son Volt, the Electric Slide, Jefferson Airplane, the Clash, all in the same place and help raise funds for conservation? At the ASP 2009 closing banquet Jukebox for Conservation, of course!

Hear your favorite song played for only a dollar! If you don't like a song have it stopped for only \$5! Be sure to request your favorites in advance, using the form available at <http://www.asp.org/membersonly/login/apps/ConfReg/requestsong.cfm>

In Memorandum

Alecia Lilly, Ph.D., vice president, Africa Programs for The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International and long-time ASP member, died in hospital in South Africa on May 29, after a sudden illness. She had been with the Fossey Fund for more than eight years, guiding and expanding all of the Fund's programs in Africa, and directing the activities of more than 400 employees in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Lilly attended Columbia College in South Carolina, where she graduated magna cum laude. She went on to complete her graduate education from Rutgers University where her doctoral thesis explored the relationships between stress, brain neurochemistry, and hormones in rhesus monkeys. She continued to research stress with more than eight species of monkeys from 1992 to 1998, publishing many scientific research articles, supported by awards from National Institutes of Health. She developed a center for emotionally and physically challenged monkeys and collaborated with human psychiatrists and neurologists to provide treatment and recovery interventions.

In 1998, she moved to the Mondika Research Center in the Central African Republic to carry out research on western lowland gorillas and assist in habituating them to human presence. While doing research on intestinal parasites in gorillas she became interested in the link with local people, leading her to develop a program she entitled Ecosystem Health. This program carried on her research about cross transmission of parasites between local people and gorillas, but also provided medical care and treatment for forest peoples.



Photo credit: DFGFI

In 2001, Dr. Lilly was hired by the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International and in 2006 became its vice president of Africa Programs. In this role, she expanded her ecosystem health approach to include basic health care, clean-water access programs, medical clinic rehabilitation, treatment and prevention of intestinal parasite infections in local communities, and protein access nutritional programs. These programs are now successfully helping hundreds of thousands of people in Rwanda and Congo.

Dr. Lilly's family have asked that memorial gifts be sent to the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International, designated for the Ecosystem Health programs.

www.gorillafund.org

Volunteer for Research on Cross-Species Viral Transmission

Simian Foamy Virus (SFV) and **Simian retrovirus (SRV)** are enzootic primate-borne retroviruses. To date, research on primate-to-human transmission of these viruses has found evidence of infection with SFV in zoo and primate laboratory workers in Western countries, among people who live and work around free-ranging primates (mostly macaques) in South and Southeast Asia, as well as in hunters and consumers of bushmeat in Central Africa. Two instances of SRV infection have been detected.



People who come into contact with primates in academic and professional contexts constitute another important primate-exposed population, but infection with these viruses is unstudied in this group.

Help promote research on primate-to-human viral transmission*:

GIVE BLOOD

during the 2009 ASP meeting in San
Diego!



- ✓ Answer a quick, 5 minute questionnaire and informed consent (Univ of Washington Human Subjects Division approved protocol #23055)
- ✓ Give a few ccs blood for viral analysis, an oral cheek swab specimen and a nasal swab (to determine colonization with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*-MRSA)
- ✓ Results are confidential!

Eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Age over 18
- ✓ Previous physical contact with primates, primate body fluids, or tissue, or prolonged work/research in close proximity to primates
- ✓ Not pregnant

* Researchers: Lisa Jones-Engel, PhD jonesengel@wanprc.org and Gregory Engel, MD, MPH
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Popular Anthropology Magazine: Call for Papers

Popular Anthropology is a quarterly, interdisciplinary magazine. Published online and free to the general public, Popular Anthropology magazine is interested in providing knowledgeable articles on just about every subject available.

One of the biggest problems existing between academia and the public is not the lack of communication, but the inability to use a common language understood by all. Scholars will often use terminology that is particular to their field; language that scholars in other fields and the public might not use themselves. At Popular Anthropology we do not underestimate the public. However, we do expect authors to explain concepts and theories in a way that is plain and easy for everyone to understand.

The editorial board at Popular Anthropology looks forward to receiving articles and reviews from members of the academic community, including working professionals, professors, graduate students, and undergraduates from any discipline, as well as from freelance writers. Please see our Writer's Guidelines (PDF) for more details. Popular Anthropology is also interested in publishing artwork which includes, but is not limited to, pencil and ink drawings and photographs. The details on how to submit those items may be found in the Artist Guidelines (PDF). Contact Information: Dawn C. Stricklin Email: dstricklin@popanthro.com URL <http://www.popanthro.com>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

2009 ORANGUTAN SSP HUSBANDRY WORKSHOP

Dates: August 31 - September 2, 2009

Sponsor: Zoo Atlanta

Location: Zoo Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Web Site: <http://www.2009orangutanworkshop.org/>

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Dates: September 18 - 21, 2009

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Location: Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego, CA

Web Site: <http://www.asp.org/asp2009/index.htm>

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEHAVIOUR, PHYSIOLOGY AND GENETICS OF WILDLIFE

Dates: September 21 - 24, 2009

Sponsor: Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW) and the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA)

Location: Berlin, Germany

Web Sites: (English) <http://www.izw-berlin.de/de/flink/7thIZW-Conference>.

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html; (German) <http://www.izw-berlin.de/willkommen.html>

27TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON NONHUMAN PRIMATE MODELS FOR AIDS

Dates: October 28 - 31, 2009

Sponsor: New England Primate Research Center

Location: Hyatt Harborside Hotel in Boston, MA

Web Site: <http://nhp2009.hms.harvard.edu/>

2ND ANNUAL BCSF SYMPOSIUM: HOW CAN WE SAVE PRIMATES FROM EXTINCTION?

Date: October 29, 2009

Sponsor: Bristol Conservation and Science Foundation @ Bristol Zoo Gardens

Location: Bristol, UK

Web Site: <http://www.bristolzoo.org.uk/about/conservation/symposium2009>

37TH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIMATE VETERINARIANS (APV) WORKSHOP

Dates: November 5 - 7, 2009

Sponsor: Association of Primate Veterinarians

Location: Omni Interlocken Resort, Denver, Colorado

Web Site: <http://www.primatevets.org>

INTERNATIONAL PRIMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY XXIII CONGRESS

Dates: September 12 - 18, 2010

Sponsor: International Primatological Society

Location: Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

Web Site: <http://www.ips2010.jp/>



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