

A Message from the President...



Dear Friends
& Colleagues...

It seems just a short while ago that I took over the presidency of ASP from Randy Kyes at the meeting in Louisville last June, but in fact it has been more than four months. Much

has happened, and much is planned. Before writing about activities, though, I want to write about people. First I want to thank the many individuals and committees that worked selflessly to put on the excellent meeting in Louisville and to carry out the business of the Society at the meeting and beforehand. The other members of the 2008-2010 Board of Directors (Randy Kyes, Suzette Tardif, Karen Bales, and Tara Stoinski) kept the ASP "ship of state" on a smooth course, and the committee chairs accomplished prodigious work, the results of which are described elsewhere in this bulletin in the reports from the respective committees. Many, many thanks to the Chairs of the Standing Committees from 2008-2010: Karen Bales, Membership and Finance; Jeff French, Publications; Charlie Menzel, Research and Development; Kim Phillips, Conservation; Cory Ross, Education; Matt Novak, Program; Russ Tuttle, Awards & Recognition; John Capitanio, Media & Information (Ad Hoc); and Gabe Lubach, History & Records (Ad Hoc). Many thanks also to Steve Schapiro, for unending care for the Society as our Meeting Coordinator Liaison. Nancy Capitanio is not on any committee but she does yeoman's work for the Society in digital form, as our extraordinary "web guru". Thanks also to the efficient local hosts, Brent White and his team, and our local sponsors in Louisville, Centre College and Bellarmine University. The meeting was a pleasure for all who attended. I hope that the Primate Promenade will be held again next year, and the next time I will study the map a little harder before setting out so as to stay

on course In a more scholarly vein, the Distinguished Primatologist address by Steve Suomi and the Interdisciplinary Symposium, with Charles Nunn as the Featured Speaker, were two highlights of the meeting for me. The workshop to discuss the goals of a Care Committee was extremely productive, and the Board subsequently adopted the proposal developed at the workshop, presented by Melinda Novak and Mollie Bloomsmith, to establish an Ad Hoc Care Committee.

The new members of the Board of Directors that took office with me (Kim Phillips, Treasurer; Karen Bales, President Elect, and Carolyn Ehardt, Secretary) have all stepped in immediately to take up their responsibilities, as have the new Chairs of the standing committees, Dee Higley (Publications), Allyson Bennett (Media & Information), Sue Howell (Program), Erin Riley (Conservation), Suzette Tardif (History), Peter Judge (Awards & Recognitions), Kai McCormack and Erin Kinnally (Research & Development), and Katie Hinde (Education). Kim Phillips stepped from the Conservation Committee to the Membership and Finance Committee, in accord with her new post as Treasurer. Each of these new chairs (or team of chairs, in the case of Erin and Kai) have assembled a cadre of ASP members to help them carry out their respective duties – you know who you are; please accept my sincere thanks for your efforts, now and to come. (For those of you who don't know, check the committee rosters on the society website to be updated soon). Also, a big thanks to Jeff French for chairing the Blue Ribbon Committee, an ad hoc committee that established the framework for the Legacy Fellowship program that we are beginning to grow. Read more about this project later in the bulletin. To build the Legacy Fund, so that we can award these Fellowships, I have established an ad hoc committee to undertake fund-raising outside as well as inside the society. We are getting underway and I hope to have news to report on our activities in the next bulletin.

And now the news – I can only mention a few things, or this message will run to many pages. First, the ASP now has a 21st

Century website! If you have not visited our new website yet, I can recommend the experience. It is visually beautiful, highlighting images provided by the membership, many of whom, it seems, could be professional photographers. Thanks to John and Nancy Capitanio for their team work to make this update a reality. Second, another online event, ASP now has a facebook page!! Thanks to Allyson Bennett and Brian Kelly for getting this underway. See details later in this bulletin about it.

Third, the society participated in the First Annual National Science and Engineering Festival, held on the National Mall and surrounding public spaces in Washington, DC in later October. This was an amazing experience – there were more than a thousand booths representing societies for every scientific discipline, many schools, and many federal agencies. The mall was full of families for the entire period of the festival. Two perfectly beautiful fall days helped the attendance. The ASP booth was a complete success, with hundreds of children and a large number of parents participating in fun and remarkably simple activities (sorting skittles while wearing a red lens, simulating color vision in male and many female New World monkeys; moving a skittle through a puzzle feeder, and "fishing" for "termites" with a long wand. Cory Ross and Katie Hinde were the prime movers in getting the tasks organized, and Randy Kyes arrived with banner, T shirts, and a variety of supplies. Read Katie's report about this wonderful event elsewhere in the bulletin. If the organizers plan a Second Annual Festival, I hope and expect that ASP will participate again. This was an effective way to reach a large number of interested young people, from preschool to college undergraduates.

Speaking of reaching young people, I am happy to announce that the Maderas Rain Forest Conservancy, which runs field schools in primatology in Costa Rica and Nicaragua for undergraduate and graduate students, has partnered with ASP to provide two scholarships per year to their field schools. These scholarships provide an opportunity to deserving students to complete a several-weeks

course with all expenses paid. The Awards committee is finalizing the application documents now and the scholarship materials should be available online shortly through the Grants link on the webpage.

Another happy announcement: Karen Streier has been awarded the Distinguished Primatologist Award for 2010. Karen has made significant scientific contributions in primatology for many years, while strongly supporting conservation and training the next generation of primatologists. More details about her award are given later in the bulletin.

I have one very sad news item to report. After decades of service to the Primatological community, Current Primate Literature will stop its indexing service as of November 30 of this year. I cannot remember a time when we did not have Primate Lit available. It has been an extremely important resource for me my entire professional career, and I think it is safe to say that this is the case for virtually all of us. We have had a wonderful and unique resource. This resource was funded by the National Institutes of Health; they have apparently decided to put their funds elsewhere. The decision is inexplicable to me but there seems to be no way to appeal it. The database will remain accessible, but there will be no new entries. The remainder of the Primate Info Net will be maintained; the closure applies only to Primate Lit.

To lift our spirits after that bleak announcement, let me propose a Hat Contest for the next ASP meeting (Austin, Texas, September 16 – 19, 2011). I will provide two prizes (to be determined; they might be edible), one each for the best Man's Hat, and best Woman's Hat. As those of you who attended the last meeting may recall, I tried out a special Primate Hat there, but I was the only person who did so So as not to feel lonely in my millinery splendor next year, I want to encourage more people to bring their finest Primate-themed hats (especially the kind they make themselves) to Austin. I will ask you to submit your name to me beforehand as a participant in the contest (so I know to look for you) and to wear your hat at an appropriate time (the business meeting?). Winners will be announced and prizes delivered at the Banquet. I think the location of the meeting affords many possible themes for hats The judging criteria will include: Fashion worthiness, Stability/wearability, and Primate interest. If someone wants to help me judge hats, let me know. Let's hope we have many to judge!



Announcing the Recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Primatologist Award:

Karen B. Strier
Irven DeVore Professor of Anthropology
University of Wisconsin-Madison



*"Dr. Karen Strier has been selected as recipient of the Distinguished Primatologist Award for 2010 in recognition of her extensive contributions to many aspects of Primatology, including her outstanding research with the Muriqui (*Brachyteles arachnoides*) of Brazil. Her long-term field studies of these animals have given her insight into the lives of tropical rain forest primates and the problems that they face as human expansion encroaches on their habitats and as human exploitation of animals for myriad purposes increases. Karen has shared her knowledge through multiple regular publications and her writing skill makes this knowledge readily accessible to all. In her efforts to fully understand the Muriqui, she has expanded her interest to all aspects of their biology and behavior, and to the ecology that has shaped their lives and evolution. In this comprehensive approach, Karen truly has become a Primatologist. Her book *Primate Behavioral Ecology* has no peers and is an outstanding textbook in our field. While introducing first year students to the concepts of our discipline, it also contains the most advanced information available, making it an informative and pleasurable read for even the 'old-timers' among us who consider themselves fully knowledgeable in our field. I look forward to continuing to follow her work and to the enjoyment of her writing for many years to come. She is the kind of person that most of us aspire to become and hope all of our students will be."*

-- Irwin S. Bernstein
ASP Awards & Recognition Committee



Randy Kyes, Karen Hambricht & Jim Weed



President Dorothy Fragaszy & Derby hat extraordinaire



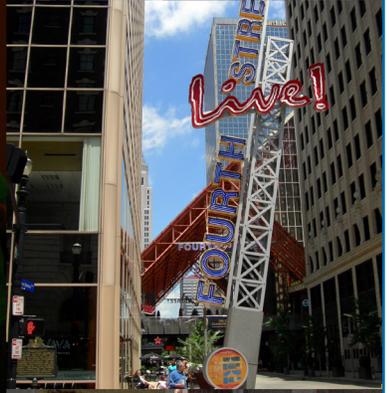
Justin McNulty, Karen Bales & Matt Hoffman



Kim Phillips



Justin McNulty, Allyson Bennet



Valerie Gilbert, Michael Reid & Andrea DiGiorgio



Irwin Bernstein, Carolyn Ehardt & Larry Williams



Peter Judge Charlie Menzel & Doree



John Capitanio & Brian Kelly



Memories courtesy of Kim Phillips, photographer...

**The 34th Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists:
Austin, Texas
16 - 19 September 2011**

Preliminary abstracts for symposia and workshops should be submitted to Sue Howell, Program Committee Chair, by January 15, 2011 (showell@hamanranch.org).

The deadline for final abstracts for symposia, workshops, oral presentations, and poster presentations will be March 12, 2011.

See <http://www.asp.org/meetings/index.html> for details...

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE
34th MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGISTS
September 16 - 19, 2011
Austin, TX**

The 2011 meeting of the American Society of Primatologists will be held at the *Hilton Austin* (www.hilton.com), located in downtown Austin, Texas, September 16-19, 2011. We encourage proposals for symposia and abstracts for paper and poster sessions; deadlines provided below.

In addition to the usual schedule of special lectures, research papers, and other professional events, Austin offers countless entertainment and historical activities. The Hilton Austin is one block from Austin's famous Sixth Street nightlife (www.6street.com) and walking distance to entertainment, shopping and dining in the Warehouse Entertainment and 2nd Street Districts (www.2ndstreetdistrict.com). Additionally, take a stroll to the famous Congress Ave. Bridge at dusk to witness 1.5 million Mexican free-tail bats emerge from under the bridge and fill the evening sky. Additional area highlights include the Capitol Building, the Bob Bullock Texas Historical Museum and the LBJ Presidential Library.

The Hilton Austin is offering special rates to participants in the meeting that apply for three days before and after the scheduled dates of September 16-19, 2011. Rooms with single or double beds are available for \$139/night with a \$20 charge for each additional person, plus taxes. *We encourage meeting attendees to stay at the conference hotel to ensure that ASP benefits maximally from the services provided.* Please make your hotel reservations soon. All conference sessions and social events will be held at the Hilton Austin.

Deadlines for Abstract Submission

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Transportation

The Hilton Austin is conveniently located only seven miles from Austin Bergstrom International Airport (www.ci.austin.tx.us/austinairport/).

Featured speakers will include:

2010 Distinguished Primatologist
Karen B Strier
Department of Anthropology
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Suzette D. Tardif
Past President's Address
University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio

The Scientific Program Committee appreciates your support in making this a successful meeting. Please feel free to send suggestions for speakers, sessions and activities to Sue Howell, Program Committee Chair (showell@hamanranch.org). We look forward to receiving your abstract submissions and proposals for symposia and workshops. If you would like to join the Scientific Program Committee, please contact Sue Howell; our success depends on the Society's membership. ***See you in Austin!***

MINUTES OF THE 2010 ASP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, Louisville, KY

President Randy Kyes called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 6:15 pm, June 17, 2010. Attending: Randy Kyes, Gabe Lubach, Karen Bales, Jeff French, Charlie Menzel, Tara Stoinski, Cory Ross, Kim Phillips, Russ Tuttle, Suzette Tardif, Matt Novak, John Capitanio, Doree Fragaszy.

Randy opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their commitment to ASP.

The Chairs gave the following reports:

Membership and Finance Committee, Karen Bales, Chair:

The committee reported that total revenue for 2009-2010 fiscal year was \$155,692 and total expenses were \$154,407. 2009 membership numbers were 730: 349 full member, 272 students/retired, 109 habitat country. This is a 21% overall increase from the previous year and a 10% increase in paying members. For 2010, 517 members have rejoined and the committee estimates that the society will reach 2008 membership levels by the end of the year.

The current balances for designated funds are: Watts Fund, \$3,700; Legacy Fund, \$5,100.

Action items from the committee meeting included contacting members that did not renew and asking credit card companies to reduce their charged percentage, as we are only regaining 25% of credit card costs via voluntary contributions.

Publication Committee, Jeff French, Chair:

Paul Garber reported to the committee that AJP manuscript submissions are up by 35%. The journal currently has an impact factor of 1.57. Distribution of topics for the year: 40% lab or captive animals, 41% field, 10% both field and captive; 5% research review. The average times to first decision and acceptance are 38 days and 85 days, respectively. Once accepted, articles are available in early view in 4-6 weeks and published in 6 months.

The committee also received a report on website hits, and stated that conference abstracts is one of most popular pages.

Research and Development Committee, Charlie Menzel, Chair:

The committee received 50 full applications for the research small grant and is recommending 9 projects receive funding (\$12,999).

Conservation Committee, Kim Phillips, Chair:

The committee reported that 39 conservation grants were received and 9 were funded, for a total of \$10,000.

The group recommended putting out a request for proposals for owl monkey conservation (funded through a donation by Roger Brumback in 2000).

The committee received 3 subscription award applications and is recommending 2 (Paul Hadisiswoyo, Dr. Jerry Lwanga). There was one nomination for the Conservation Award and this individual is being recommended by the committee (Bernardo Urbani).

Education Committee, Cory Ross, Chair:

The committee held a teacher workshop prior to the ASP meeting where a half day was spent with 30 7-9 year olds discussing primate adaptations. The rest of the day involved training 45 docents on a primate curriculum.

The committee's activities during the conference included the student poster/presentation competition (32 submissions), and a student luncheon to discuss finding an academic job.

Several committee members will be taking part in the inaugural national science conference to be held in Washington, DC in October, with an expected 500,000 to 1 million attendees.

Program Committee, Matt Novak, Chair:

Abstract submissions for the 2010 conference were low (150). The group discussed the pros and cons of not having an abstract book available prior to the conference, as was the case this year, which enables the submission deadline to be extended. A suggestion was made to include the distinguished primatologist and keynote talks as abstracts.

A total of 4 student travel awards were made for the 2010 conference (Watts Fellowship: 1 application and 1 award

made; Ruppenthal: 11 applications, with 4 awards made, but only 3 accepted).

It was suggested to have the interdisciplinary program for 2011 be focused on genetics and evolution.

Awards and Recognition Committee, Russ Tuttle, Chair:

No meeting was held. The committee recommends Karen Strier as recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Primatologist Award.

Media and Information Committee, John Capitanio, Chair:

The committee reported that the AJP featured article promotional summaries have been successful in increasing hits to the website.

The committee discussed having an ASP facebook page to allow bidirectional communication between ASP members. It was recommended that this proceed in two phases: phase one would be for ASP members only, and phase two would create an external page.

History and Records Committee, Gabe Lubach, Chair:

The two items presented by the committee chair were: 1) enhancing archiving of ASP documents (digitized and searchable) by either bringing on a library student or paying someone; 2) professionally videotaping sessions. The committee will submit a proposal to determine costs associated with having a student take on this project.

Other business:

The group again recommended that a full proposal be submitted to create a Captive Care Committee. Given that Media and Information will be renewed as an ad hoc committee, both can then be submitted together to become full committees, as this will require constitutional change.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**Submitted by: Tara Stoinski,
ASP Executive Secretary,
2008-2010**

MINUTES OF THE 2010 ASP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Louisville, KY

President Randy Kyes called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order on June 18, 2010, at 5:23 pm. In attendance were Dorothy Fragaszy, Karen Bales, Suzette Tardif, Randy Kyes.

The following recommendations were made:

Recommendation: The Media and Information ad hoc committee recommended spending \$4,000 to \$6,000 for website redesign. **Action:** Approved with cap at \$6,000.

Recommendation: The Research and Development Committee recommended funding 9 projects totaling \$12,999. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: The Conservation Committee recommended approving two subscription awards (Paul Hadisiswoyo from Indonesia, and Dr. Jerry Lwanga from Uganda). **Action:** Approved and recommended that the Conservation Committee review the status of previous awardees.

Recommendation: The Conservation Committee recommended that the Conservation Award be given to Bernardo Urbani from Venezuela. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: The Awards and Recognition Committee nominated Dr. Karen Strier for the Distinguished Primatologist Award. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: The Media and Information ad hoc committee recommended that ASP pursue establishing an ASP Facebook page for bidirectional communication between ASP members, with Allyson Bennett and Brian Kelly as organizers. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: The History and Records Committee recommended requesting a proposal from Ryan Engel for costs associated with a library student working on archiving. **Action:** Approved.

Other Business:

The Board discussed melding of the Media and Information ad hoc committee and the History and Records Committee. This would enable more information on previous ASP activities to be disseminated.

The Board discussed future standings of existing ad hoc committees. The proposed captive care committee is still in development and will be asked to submit a formal proposal to become an ASP committee. Suzette Tardif will investigate melding of the Media and Information ad hoc committee and the History and Records Committee.

The Board discussed Joe Erwin's report on the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

It was decided to announce to the membership the Second Annual Biological Sciences District Visit Event, which occurs in August, 2010. AIBS facilitates meeting with elected officials and prepares participants through webinars.

The Board discussed ASP's participation in the USA Science and Engineering Festival in October, 2010, and approved \$1,150 for travel expenses associated with Cory Ross and Randy Kyes attending the event, plus \$2,000 maximum for supplies/shipping. Cory Ross is to submit a budget to the Board.

A Legacy Fund Blue Ribbon Committee has been formed and will be announced at the business meeting and banquet. Committee members include Jeff French (chair) Nancy Caine, Joe Erwin, and Irwin Bernstein. The goal of the committee is to raise additional funds for the Legacy Fund. Jeff French presented the Board with the Legacy Committee's ideas for the use of funds by the recipient. General discussion followed. It was recommended that eligible applicants be Full Members of ASP and 2-10 years beyond receipt of their appropriate terminal degree (MS, MA, PhD, DVM). Funds will likely be in

the form of a support stipend for the recipient (travel, living costs, supplies), with the host institution providing the necessary infrastructure. The proposed activity should focus on career altering opportunities and not be limited to science, but also include areas such as legislation or journalism. Discussion of the content of applications included at least 4 elements: CV, statement of activities and how training will change the applicant's career, a letter from the host institution, and a reference letter. Discussion of post-award activities included provision of a written summary within one year of receiving the award (to be published in the ASP Bulletin),

and a Legacy Presentation at ASP within 5 years of award receipt. Additional funds will be solicited from ASP past presidents, vendors, and challenge grants. An award will not be made until fund reaches \$10,000.

The 2012 meeting may be hosted by University of California, Davis (September 2012).

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

**Submitted by: Tara Stoinski,
ASP Executive Secretary,
2008-2010**



Photo: Bonobo
Pan paniscus
- V Woods
Conservation Status: Endangered

ASP Treasurer's Report

The 2010 Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY was a financial success for the Society, earning a profit of just under \$9,000. Suzette Tardif made a \$1,000 Legacy Fund challenge to the attendees at the closing banquet; the challenge was met as members generously made over \$1,000 in contributions. The Lagothrix Lope made a profit of \$779, which will be split between student travel awards and the Conservation Committee. The annual Silent Auction generated almost \$1,800 to the Conservation Committee. **Thank you to everyone who supported these initiatives of ASP!**

Don't forget to renew your membership in ASP for 2011 – you'll enjoy uninterrupted access to AJP and enjoy discounted registration for ASP 2011 in Austin, TX. ASP dues and the cost of the AJP subscription included with membership have remained the same. Therefore, full members with an electronic only subscription can renew for \$80 (\$40 dues, \$40 AJP), or can renew for \$105 to receive both hard copy and electronic access to AJP (\$40 dues, \$65 AJP). Student members can renew with an electronic only subscription for \$50 (\$20 dues, \$30 AJP), or can renew for \$70 to receive both hard copy and electronic access to AJP (\$20 dues, \$50 AJP). Retired members can renew for \$20 (no journal access included).

Canadian members will pay an additional 5% VAT added to the cost of AJP subscription; members outside of North America who want print copies of AJP will pay an additional \$45.50 to cover postage and handling.

Log on to the **Members Only section of www.asp.org** to renew.

Searching for a great holiday gift? Don't forget books from the ASP Book Series. Profits from the sale of these books go to the Conservation Fund and the Education Committee's Minority Initiative.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Membership and Finance committee members, for their assistance and ideas in ensuring the financial stability of ASP.

– Kimberley Phillips, ASP Treasurer

Update on the Legacy Fund and the Legacy Fellowship

As was announced last spring, the Society has established a new fund, the Legacy Fund, with the mandate to create a new initiative in service to the society and to primatology. The Board of Directors decided to establish a fellowship program to facilitate interdisciplinary training for an 'early-career' professional in primatology. The Blue Ribbon Committee, chaired by Jeff French, with members Irwin Bernstein, Jo Erwin, and Nancy Caine, drafted guidelines for the fellowship award. The intent of the award is to provide for a period of training in a discipline or skill-set that is outside the recipient's area of expertise, but will add to the ability of the recipient to make unique contributions to primate research or to the agencies and organizations that affect primate research. Examples include (but are certainly not limited to) a field primatologist receiving training in molecular biology or endocrinology, a laboratory primatologist acquiring skills in field primatology, or a primatologist serving as a staffer for a Congressional committee, doing training with USDA, or interning in journalism and science writing.

Of course, awarding a fellowship requires a suitably large fund. To date we have funds from generous donors within the society, but we are committed to fund-raising outside the society as well, with the immediate goal of supporting this initiative, and in the long run, the society more generally. **President Doree Fragaszy established an ad hoc Legacy Fundraising Committee, with Ken Sayers, Ryne Palombit, Marina Cords and Leanne Nash as members.** To date the committee has begun planning a public fund-raising event that will take place during our annual meeting next year, and we are discussing other avenues for fund-raising. Among these is producing and marketing a calendar with irresistible photos of primates, inspired in part by our visually exciting new website. We are looking now into the viability of this scheme and a few others. You may be getting a call from us in the near future to provide some primate pin-ups for the calendar **If you have an entrepreneurial idea that you think could be adopted by our society, please pass it on to any member of the committee.**

To sum up, we have a growing fund, and a plan for how to spend it, but not yet a large enough balance in the fund to offer a fellowship. We hope to raise enough money this year to offer our first fellowship next year, and we hope to establish a means to grow the fund for the future. So stay tuned, and pass along those good ideas as they occur to you.

– Doree Fragaszy, ASP President

ASP GENERAL SMALL GRANT AWARDS FOR 2010

- **Fernando Campos**, University of Calgary - "Dynamics of population growth by white-faced capuchins, *Cebus capucinus*, in a regenerating landscape" - \$1500
- **Lisa Danish**, Rutgers - "Alternative mating strategies of male olive baboons, *Papio hamadryas anubis*" - \$1449
- **Ipek Kulahci**, Princeton University - "Information acquisition and spread across social networks of ring-tailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*)" - \$1500
- **Krista Milich**, University of Illinois - "Forest degradation and reproductive function in the female red colobus monkey (*Procolobus rufomitratus*) of Kibale National Park, Uganda" - \$1480
- **Guillaume Pages**, University of Texas at San Antonio - "A nutritional and mechanical analysis of fallback foods in the diet of the Sanje mangabey (*Cercocebus sanjei*) in a seasonal environment, Udzungwa Mountains National Park, Tanzania" - \$1450
- **Benjamin Ragen**, University of California at Davis - "Opioid modulation of social attachment and the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis in a monogamous primate (*Callicebus cupreus*)" - \$1500
- **Vivek Venkataraman**, Stony Brook University - "Mixed species associations between gelada baboons (*Theropithecus gelada*) and Ethiopian wolves (*Canis simensis*) on the Guassa Plateau, northern Ethiopia" - \$1200
- **Jessica Walz**, Ohio State University - "Assessing female mate choice according to male quality and conception probability in olive baboons (*Papio anubis*)" - \$1420
- **Anna Weyher**, Washington University in St. Louis - "Behavior and friendship in the little-known Kinda baboon" - \$1500



Photo: Sanje Mangabey
Cercocebus sanjei
- CL Ehardt
Conservation Status: Endangered

Due Date for 2011 Competition Proposals:

15 June 2011

See: <https://www.asp.org/grants/research/index.cfm>

Questions to: Kai McCormack and Erin Kinnally, co-chairs of the ASP Research and Development Committee for 2010 - 2012...

ASP CONSERVATION SMALL GRANT AWARDS FOR 2010

- **Ilaria Agostini** – “Assessment of the population status for the brown howler monkey after yellow fever epidemics in Northeastern Argentina” – \$1000
- **Mbunya Nkemnyi** – “Reconciling communities’ livelihoods and conservation strategies: A case study of the proposed Bechati gorilla sanctuary, Southwest Cameroon” - \$1450
- **Abigail Ross** - “The influence of habitat edges on maternal care and infant development in *Propithecus coquereli* in northwestern Madagascar” - \$1000
- **Camile Coudrat** – “Ecology and conservation of the douc monkeys in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam: a comparative study” - \$1123
- **Cecilia Juarez** – “Effects of a naturally fragmented habitat on the population biology of owl monkeys in the humid Chaco of Argentina” - \$750
- **Jean-Baptiste Leca** – “Census, socioecology, and population genetics of ebony leaf monkeys in Bali: implications for species conservation status in Indonesia” - \$750
- **Michael Reid** – “A serologic survey of tuberculosis in semi-captive orangutans: implications for orangutan conservation medicine” - \$1500
- **Eric Neilson** – “Effects of disturbance on pileated gibbon occupancy, density, and viability” - \$1000
- **Cheryl Knott** – “Creating a green school for Gunung Palung National Park” - \$1000

Due Date for 2011 Competition Proposals: 31 January 2011

See: <https://www.asp.org/grants/conservation/index.cfm>

Applications will only be accepted through the ASP online grant submission system that will be made available beginning January 1st, 2011.

Contact **Erin Riley**, chair of the Conservation Committee, with any questions...



Photo: Zanzibar red colobus
Procolobus kirkii
- CL Ehardt
Conservation Status: Endangered

Presentation of the 2009 ASP Senior Research Award to Ms. Nenny Babo



Pictured (L to R): Randy Kyes, Nenny Babo, and Dr. Entang Iskandar, Research Scientist at the Primate Research Center-IPB (and recipient of the 2006 ASP Conservation Award)

During a recent trip to Indonesia, I had the privilege of presenting the 2009 ASP Senior Research Award to Ms. Nenny Babo. This award honors outstanding individuals without a post-graduate degree who, because of their dedication to their profession and their productivity, have made significant contributions to research activities supporting or enhancing knowledge relevant to primatology. Nenny received the ASP Senior Research Award in recognition of her enduring contributions to the understanding and conservation of Sulawesi primates. For the past 25 years, Nenny has assisted many primatologists and other scientists with communication and logistics in their field research in Sulawesi and elsewhere in Indonesia. Her devotion to primatology and primate conservation and her many achievements in the field are recognized with this award. The presentation ceremony was held on 14 August 2010 at the Primate Research Center on the campus of Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) in Bogor, Indonesia.

— Randy Kyes

“Are YOU Smarter than a Monkey?” ***-- Submitted by Katie Hinde --***



Randy Kyes, Matt Novak, Katie Hinde, Cory Ross, Doree Fragaszy, Leelu Novak, Rachel Kyes, and Brody Ross working the ASP booth at the USA Festival of Science and Engineering in DC

On October 23rd and 24th of 2010, ASP hosted a booth at the Grand Finale Expo of the Inaugural USA Science and Engineering Festival on the Washington Mall in DC. This was a nation-wide effort to reinvigorate the public's interest and support for science, and to inspire youth to perceive science as fun and exciting. ASP's booth was amongst 1500 exhibits providing hands-on activities for an estimated 500,000 attendees over the two days of the Expo. From controlling robots, to playing soccer, building a catapult, and foraging like a monkey, the festival was non-stop fun!

At our booth, kids - and even a number of adults - solved foraging puzzles, practiced "termite" fishing, and sorted candy without the aid of their color vision. The booth was decorated with gorgeous vinyl posters that featured images of primate taxa and listed the unique attributes of prosimians, Neotropical and Old World monkeys, and apes. We also had a projector that looped footage of primate social and foraging behavior. We were able to have stations where two kids could do the activities side-by-side as a race. Our booth was definitely characterized by a lot of energy and laughter - from the kids, their parents, and us. Kids would wait, often stacked four deep, for their turn at the activity stations. At times, our booth took on the air of a carnival, complete with an obnoxiously loud "barker" (don't be shocked- it was me).

Randy Kyes ensured over a year ago that ASP was one of the "first fifty partners" committed to participate at the Expo. This meant that ASP's booth was free, had a prime location, and was prominently featured on festival materials. Randy and Cory Ross, as per usual, went above and beyond the call of duty in preparing the posters and activities for the festival. Additionally, this would not have been possible if not for a number of ASP members, and friends of the society, who volunteered their time and travel expenses to staff the booth. A great big thank you to ASP President Doree Fragaszy, Kathy West, Matt Novak, Ilaria Turrio, Annika Paulkner, and Tara Chestnut for supervising the activities and talking about primates, their

research, and careers in primatology. Our student helpers were also spectacular - Rachel Kyes (age 14), Brody Ross (age 10), and Leeloo Novak (age 4) - who were right there with the rest of us for 10+ hour days. Whenever I felt I needed a nap or was on the verge of a tantrum, Cory would shame me with "look how well they're behaving!"

Sub-sampling of interaction frequencies (thanks, Tara Chesnut!) allowed us to estimate that we directly interacted with 1200-1500 kids over the two days. Add in their parents and other spectators and we can project that ASP's educational outreach was >2000 individuals. We plan to return in 2011 if the Expo becomes an annual event, taking what we learned this year to improve our booth, à la descent with modification...

Hope to see you on the Washington Mall!



Photos: Kathy West

Two New Funding Initiatives within ASP!

The Awards and Recognition Committee wishes to announce that the Maderas Rainforest Conservancy has offered to award two scholarships for education and training in field primatology to qualified undergraduate and graduate students...

The scholarships will provide research and career training in field courses taught at La Suerte Biological Research Station, Costa Rica, or Ometepe Biological Research Station, Nicaragua. The goals of the MRC are to advance research, education and conservation of primates and tropical forests. The annual awards will be selected through the American Society of Primatologists Awards and Recognition Committee and the application process will be conducted through the ASP web site.

ASP wishes to thank Dr. Andrew R. Halloran, Director of Operations at the Maderas Rainforest Conservancy, for providing these generous awards. An announcement for the award containing more details of the application process is now available on the ASP web site. On line submission will begin January 1, 2011 and the application deadline is March 1, 2011. For details and application information, see: <https://www.asp.org/grants/scholarship/index.cfm>.

-- Peter Judge, Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee



White-throated
Capuchin
Cebus capucinus
-- Paul Garber



Brumback's Owl Monkey
Aotus brumbacki
-- Roger Brumback
Conservation Status:
Vulnerable

The ASP Conservation Committee is pleased to announce a new grants competition, the Brumback Aotus Conservation Grant, to support conservation-related research on owl monkeys (Aotus)...

This opportunity has been made possible through the generosity of Dr. Roger Brumback, currently Professor of Pathology and Psychiatry at Creighton University School of Medicine, whose research in the 1970's contributed greatly to our knowledge of *Aotus* cytogenetics. In recognition of his important work, a species of *Aotus* was named after him: *Aotus brumbacki*.

ASP intends to make up to three awards of \$3000 - \$5000 each. The application deadline for the first round of awards was December 1st, 2010; seven applications were received. Decisions will be announced on Jan 31st, 2011.

-- Erin P. Riley, Chair, Conservation Committee



Guizhou Snub-Nosed Monkey
Rhinopithecus brelichi
 -- A. Ellwanger
 Conservation Status: Endangered

Conservation Small Grants Award Report:

Ecological and Cultural Interconnections Between the Guizhou Snub-Nosed Monkey (*Rhinopithecus brelichi*) and Local Communities at Fanjingshan National Nature Reserve, China.

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INTRODUCTION

The Guizhou snub-nosed monkey (GSNM), *Rhinopithecus brelichi*, is endemic to Fanjingshan National Nature Reserve (FNNR), China. The GSNM's habitat is montane, broadleaf, and deciduous forest between 1500 – 2200 m.a.s.l. (Bleisch et al. 1993). The population size is estimated at 750 individuals (IUCN 2009). According to the IUCN Redlist the monkey is "Endangered" and the main anthropogenic threat to their survival is fragmentation of forest habitat. As of 2004, 13,417 residents in 25 villages lived in and around FNNR, including 112 households located inside the core area (GEF 2004). Local people depend primarily on subsistence-based agriculture, but may obtain additional income through charcoal production, collection of non-timber forest products, and animal husbandry (Xiang et al. 2009). Some of the trees used by people to make charcoal are also important seasonal resources for the GSNM (Gong 2004).

Understanding how local people perceive and depend on the environment is key to implementing effective conservation policy that is supported by local human populations. A contribution of the field of ethnoprimateology, this study explores the environmental and cultural interconnections between local people and the GSNM through the examination of two questions: 1) do local communities and the GSNM overlap in resource use and 2) what are local people's perceptions of the GSNM?

METHODS

Data were collected in Lengjiaba village June – August 2009. All interviews were conducted with the help of a translator. Primary household resource collectors in 11 of the 13 sub-settlements in Lengjiaba were interviewed. Data collection was separated into three phases: 1) demographic questions and resource-focused freelist exercise; 2) a resource ranking exercise, semi-structured questions, and Likert scale statements; 3) focal informant follows with GPS resource mapping. Finally, GPS coordinates were collected opportunistically if we observed evidence of human activity (e.g., a felled tree).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Lengjiaba residents and the GSNM overlap minimally in terms of spatial use of FNNR and resource type. Previous research indicates the GSNM frequently uses elevations between 1500 – 1700 m.a.s.l. (Wu et al. 2004). No resource collection was observed to overlap with the range of the monkey. However, we observed evidence of human activity up to 1900 m.a.s.l., indicating that people collect resources from higher elevations at times. The extent of spatial overlap may be influenced by seasonal resource use by both villagers and the GSNM. Winter, the most intense season of human resource collection, is when respondents report making charcoal, an activity that occurs within the forest and involves the cutting of live timber. In winter the GSNM sometimes uses lower elevations (1300 – 1420 m.a.s.l.) due to limited food availability at preferred elevations (Wu et al. 2004). This seasonal period of overlap and habitat disturbance could be disruptive to the GSNM when food resources are scarcest. None of the most common resources collected by residents overlap with the known dietary resources that are used by the monkey (e.g., Bleisch and Xie 1998).

Respondents described living near FNNR as a trade-off between costs, like economic opportunity loss, and both utilitarian and intrinsic benefits (e.g., development and living in a clean environment). Interviews revealed that although respondents understand the rules of the park very clearly, they do not fully understand the reasons for the park's creation. Nearly every respondent knew the GSNM is protected but the majority of respondents did not know why protecting the monkey is important. Previous research shows that if respondents are unclear of the objectives and activities of a protected area, community members may develop negative attitudes towards the park (Méndez-Contreras et al. 2008). In the present study, the majority of respondents had positive attitudes towards the monkey and supported its conservation. Local people recognize a connection between humans and the GSNM, describing anthropomorphic qualities in the GSNM, which has curtailed hunting:

Grandpa hunted in the forest... Once there was a female and an infant golden monkey in a tree. [He] shot at the female and she was wounded. [She] fell on ground. Then the infant heard [the] voice [of] the female. [The] infant came to the female and drank the milk [from the female]. From then on, Grandpa did not allow [his] sons to hunt monkeys because they are too similar to humans. [The] monkeys are similar to man. (male, 50s)

The respondent's grandfather was so strongly affected by what he saw that he established a familial taboo on hunting *R. brelichi*.

CONCLUSIONS

In Lengjiaba, the minimal extent of resource overlap combined with positive local attitudes towards the monkey provides a solid foundation for the continued conservation of the GSNM. At present, the conservation of the GSNM depend more heavily upon factors intrinsic to the monkey's biology and behavioral ecology than on extrinsic factors like competition for resources with local human populations. Biologically, the life history characteristics of *R. brelichi* demonstrate a relatively slow capacity for population growth in comparison to other species of snub-nosed monkey (Yang et al. 2009). In terms of behavior and ecology, the monkey's occasional grouping into large, cohesive bands, which could account for more than half of the total population, leaves the GSNM particularly vulnerable to disease and natural disasters (Ren et al. 1997).

Informal institutions which govern behaviors, such as taboos and norms, may be more effective at conserving biodiversity than formal institutionalized rules (Jones et al. 2008). It is important to understand how Lengjiaba residents perceive and interact with their environment to better inform conservation. Behavioral and physical characteristics that link the GSNM with humans make local communities more willing to abide by the rules of the park and more tolerant of the snub-nosed monkey.

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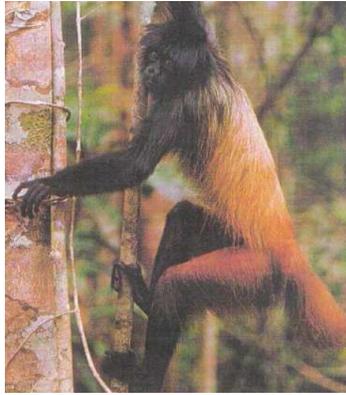
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View across the Fajingshan
National Nature Reserve
in Guizhou, China
-- Amanda Ellwanger



Lengjiaba, located inside the FNNR,
is a small-scale agricultural village
-- Amanda Ellwanger



Golden-Backed Uacari
Cacajao ouakary
-- A Barnett

Conservation Small Grants Award Report:

Diet, habitat use and conservation ecology of the golden-backed uacari, *Cacajao ouakary*, in Jaú National Park, Amazonian Brazil

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BACKGROUND

A firm understanding of a species diet, social ecology and habitat use is an essential prerequisite for any effective conservation planning (1). For the golden-backed uacari (*Cacajao ouakary*; see taxonomic footnote) this has been hampered by a lack of available long-term data (2). What little is known of the animal suggests it has a large daily range, plus specialized diet and habitat requirements (3). Such a combination has been identified as enhancing extinction-proneness in primates (1). Consequently, the current study was not designed *per se* to test hypotheses, but answer such broad questions as: what does *C. ouakary* eat?; what is/are its preferred habitat(s)?; what is the social structure; do these factors vary seasonally, and, if so, why?; are there any aspects of the species' biology indicating immediate threat?; do identifiable trends exist indicating threats indicating longer-term threat augmentability?

METHODS

The research was conducted in Jaú National Park, Amazonas State, Brazil, at a site between Cachoeira do Jaú (01° 53.21"S, 61° 40.43"W) and Patuá village (01° 53.16"S, 61° 44.31"W), identified by preliminary studies (1999, 2000, 2005) as uacari-rich. Primate fieldwork ran from Oct 2006 to Apr 2008. Phenological studies continued until Feb 2009. Studies focused on adjacent areas of seasonally-flooded (igapó) and non-flooded (terra firme) primary forest. In igapó, studies used paddled wooden canoes, in terra firme, pre-cut transects. Tree community composition was quantified with eight 125x20m quadrats.

Behaviors were classified as feeding-paused, feeding-moving, moving, resting, social behavior. Instantaneous scan sampling was conducted at 30 sec intervals for five minutes, with > three animals sampled in sequence. Such blocks were interpolated by 60 secs of *ad libitum* observations. Size and spread were recorded when a group was first encountered. Diet categories were: whole fruit (mature/immature), pulp, seed (mature/immature), leaves (mature/immature), flowers, pith, fungus, wood, animal. Diet plant growth form was noted (tree, vine etc.). Fruit size and weight, how processed, bite mark distribution on pericarp, hardness, color, latex and spines presence/absence were recorded. Collected uacari feces were analyzed.

RESULTS

Botany - Annual phenological data divided into three phases: Phase 1 (Nov–Feb), fruit abundant in terra firme but sparse in igapó. Phase 2 (Mar–June), flowers, then fruit, abundant in igapó, declining in terra firme. Phase 3 (July–Oct), fruit availability sparse in igapó and terra firme, but new leaves and shoots available in igapó (only).

Zoology - In 171 days of searching, uacaris were observed for 107 hrs 37 minutes, resulting in 3689 scans ≥ 90 seconds. Diet analysis used 11,902 plant-based, and 297 invertebrate-based feeding records, supplemented with fecal analysis and indirect data.

The diet comprised 189 items (leaves, fruits, flowers etc. counted separately), from 148 plant species from 87 genera in 44 families, 26 invertebrate taxa from 11 families in nine orders. Ten canopy and emergent tree species dominated the diet, contributing 57.2% of plant feeding records. Of these, six were eaten in all Phases, providing, variously, flowers, immature seeds, and leaves. The most important families (no. feeding records) were Sapotaceae (32.2%), Lecythidaceae (16.7%), Fabaceae (13.3%).

Annual diet comprised > 60% immature seeds. However, periods occurred when few seeds were eaten: in Phase 3 when fruit availability was low, young leaves, flowers and pith dominated the diet. Ivlev Ratios showed uacaris sequentially exploited species with greatest crop volume for whichever resource was currently being eaten (e.g. seeds, new leaves).

Habitat use seasonal changes appeared to track unripe seed availability. In Nov-Feb, uacaris primarily occupied terra firme, where fruit-bearing species exceeded igapó's. Uacaris were observed solely in igapó from Mar-Jun, when flooding stimulates abundant fruit production in ichthyoreous trees. In Jul-Oct, when fruit was nowhere abundant, uacaris remained in igapó, feeding on leaves, insects and pith. Uacaris entered igapó briefly in Nov-Feb, eating seeds germinating on then-unflooded igapó forest floor.

Cacajao ouakary's time budget varied seasonally. The annual mean allocation was 32.9% paused-feeding, 9.8% moving-feeding, 48.2% moving-travel, 5.1% rest, 4% social behavior, but uacaris spent more time travelling, less time feeding, in Phase 3 (when little seed- or fruit-based food was available), than in Phase 2, when these food types were abundant and present in large patches. Proportion of feeding-while-moving was also higher in Phase 3, when uacaris ate smaller and more dispersed items.

Group size varied between two and 51, and altered with season and habitat, being largest in terra firme, and smallest in igapó during the Phase 3 fruit dearth. In addition, *C. ouakary* exhibited very little aggression, or grooming. Adults were rarely closer than 5m, and >70% of observed canopy feeding bouts were of one adult-per-tree.

SIGNIFICANCE

This, the first long-term study of *Cacajao ouakary* diet and habitat use, confirms the species as a diet and habitat specialist. Though diet is taxonomically broad, and includes items such as pith and leaves not predicted from morphological studies (4), the prominence of ten species of slow-to-mature canopy and emergent trees is cause for concern, since it is uncertain how *C. ouakary* would respond if this relatively narrow resource base were anthropogenically reduced.

The high proportion of time spent moving, and low levels of resting and social interaction indicate that *C. ouakary* is probably challenged to meet its energetic needs in the occupied habitats, compounding concern over diet tree density reduction. Given the behavioral specializations required to locate and process unripe fruits (5), and the physiological adaptations needed to digest them (6), it is considered unlikely that *C. ouakary* could adapt to secondary forest. Annual *C. ouakary* movements require preservation of adjacent tracts of two very distinct habitats; this may be an additional Achilles heel. It is, therefore, cause for potential concern that of 42 most important Amazonian timber trees (7), eight are eaten by *C. ouakary*. Use of smaller igapó trees for construction scaffolding is an additional concern.

The current study has provided insights into *C. ouakary* ecology and potential vulnerabilities. Range-wide surveys to identify prime areas of igapó and uacari populations, and further assess the nature and variety of threats are needed.

Taxonomic note: Hershkovitz (8) recognized two black-faced uacari subspecies, *Cacajao melanocephalus ouakary*, and *C. m. melanocephalus*. Figuerero (9) elevated both to full species: *C. ouakary* and *C. melanocephalus*. I follow this, and Ferrari et al. (10)'s arrangement that rejects Boubli et al. (11)'s proposed taxonomic rearrangement of black-faced uacaris.

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Flooded igapó interior
--A. Barnett



Capoeira: secondary forest, dense and rich in vines and palms
-- A. Barnett



*Note: 'Banasteriopsis' was later re-identified as *Securidaca* (Polygalaceae)

Uacari Daily Diet, Illustrating Diversity of Form and Species
-- A. Barnett

ASP COMMITTEE ROSTERS AND STATEMENTS

Awards and Recognition Committee:

Peter Judge, Chair
Irwin Bernstein
Nancy Caine
Marilyn Norconk

The Awards and Recognition Committee is pleased to announce that Karen Strier was awarded the ASP Distinguished Primatologist Award at the 2010 annual meeting in Louisville (see the accompany statement by Irwin Bernstein, Page 2 of this Bulletin). Karen is the Irven DeVore Professor of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Chair of the Biological Anthropology Section of the American Anthropological Association. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard University in 1986 and has worked at the PRNP Feliciano Miguel Abdala/Caratinga Biological Station in Caratinga, Minas Gerais, Brazil, for over 28 years. Karen expressed that she "was honored" when informed that she had received the award, and she "will be privileged to give the Distinguished Primatologist address" at the 2011 meeting in Austin, Texas.

The Committee also has been pleased to be able to announce that the Maderas Rainforest Conservancy (MRC) has offered to award two scholarships for education and training in field primatology to qualified undergraduate and graduate students (see announcement on Page 13 of this Bulletin). The scholarships will provide research and career training in field courses taught at La Suerte Biological Research Station, Costa Rica, or Ometepe Biological Research Station, Nicaragua. The goals of the MRC are to advance research, education and conservation of primates and tropical forests. The annual awards will be selected by our committee, and the application process will be conducted through the ASP website. ASP wishes to thank Dr. Andrew R. Halloran, Director of Operations at the Maderas Rainforest Conservancy, for providing these generous awards. An extended announcement for the award, containing full details of the application process, is now available on the ASP website. Online submission will begin January 1, 2011, and the application deadline is March 1, 2011. We encourage the membership to submit

nominations for the awards conferred by ASP (Distinguished Primatologist, Senior Research Award, Distinguished Service, President's Award, Special Recognition). Guidelines for submitting nominations can be found on the web under "Grants."

Captive Care Committee (*NEW ad hoc*):

Mollie Bloomsmith & Melinda Novak,
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Kris Coleman	Jim Weed
Sian Evans	Alesha West
Amy Fultz	Julie Worlein
Alison Grand	
Tina Koban	
Corrine Lutz	

ASP's newest committee is the "Primate Care" committee, co-chaired by Mollie Bloomsmith and Melinda Novak. During ASP's 2010 annual conference, there was a roundtable discussion on the need to form this committee. We gathered ideas about what such a committee could accomplish for ASP, developed a mission statement and initial objectives for the committee. Following the conference, we made a proposal to the ASP Board for the formation of this group as an ad hoc committee, which was approved. Our mission is to advocate for the appropriate care and welfare of nonhuman primates in all settings, to cooperate with other organizations regarding issues of appropriate primate care, to serve as a resource on research findings and methods relating to primate care, and to encourage scientific investigation of appropriate primate care. Some of the initial objectives of the committee are to assist ASP members in accessing information on the care and welfare of nonhuman primates, to inform the membership of pending federal legislation changes and other events relevant to primate care and welfare, to coordinate with other ASP committees to promote primate care, and to promote the publication and application of scientific findings related to primate care and welfare.

The members of this committee are listed above. This group of individuals has expertise in working with primates in laboratory, pharmaceutical, sanctuary and

zoo settings. We would like to add other members with expertise in veterinary medicine and field work with primates, so please contact Mollie (mabloom@emory.edu) or Melinda (mnovak@psych.umass.edu) if you are interested in joining this committee.

Conservation Committee:

Erin Riley, Chair
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Michele Petraca
Larissa Swedell

In September 2010, the Conservation Committee announced a new grants competition, the Brumback Aotus Conservation Grant, to support conservation-related research on owl monkeys. The committee is currently reviewing applications and plans to make a decision on January 31st, 2011. The committee is also gearing up for the 2011 ASP Small Conservation Grants Competition. There are two changes to this year's application: 1) Student projects must include a letter of support; 2) All applicants must address potential ethical issues associated with their projects. The application form is currently available for download on the ASP website. The online application system will begin accepting applications on January 1, 2011 and the final deadline is January 31, 2011.

Education Committee:

Katie Hinde, Chair	
Drew Birnie	Mike Reid
Amanda Dettmer	Adam Smith
Karen Hambright	Darlene Smucny
Annika Paukner	Elaine Videan
Jaine Perlman	

The education committee held an outreach workshop with day camp participants at the Louisville Zoo composed of kids ages 7-14 (N=30+). A second workshop involved outreach with the Louisville Zoo Volunteer Docents (N=40). The Education Committee organized and hosted the student

ASP COMMITTEE ROSTERS AND STATEMENTS (continued)

luncheon at ASP 2010- "The DOs and DON'Ts of the Academic Job Search" and sponsored the Statistics for Veterinarians, Colony Management and Research Workshop session, also at the 2010 meeting. The committee additionally oversees the student competition and recognized Drew Birnie and Ben Ragen for Outstanding Oral and Poster Presentation (respectively). For the 2011 meeting we will host a ASP student workshop on "The DOs and DON'Ts of the Non-Academic Job Search," host outreach activities local school groups in Austin, and organize a session on strategies for educational outreach in local and habitat communities.

Finance and Membership Committee:

Kimberley Phillips, Chair
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Justin McNulty
Joyce Parga
Steve Schapiro
Juan Carlos Serio Silva
Stephanie Willard

The Finance and Membership committee is engaging in several activities to increase membership and understand membership trends. We are initiating a membership drive on two fronts. First, we are contacting non-members who submitted manuscripts to AJP during 2007-2010 and inviting them to join our Society. Secondly, we have contacted individuals who were members in 2009 but did not rejoin for 2010, and invited them to rejoin ASP for 2011. The subcommittee on recruitment and retention (with Justin McNulty leading this group) is planning to contact a subset of individuals who have not renewed their membership in ASP, to gather data as to why they did not renew. We also are considering activities to more actively involve researchers and students from other North American countries, with the goal of developing a more interactive relationship with primatologists across the continent.

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No current statement.

Media and Information Committee:

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Brian Kelly
Corinna Ross
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The activities of the M&I Committee include alerting the membership to featured articles in the American Journal of Primatology, assisting the President in news and notes, and initiating a Facebook group to facilitate communications among members of the society. In the upcoming months the Committee's activities will include planning a workshop for the 2011 ASP meeting on science communication and public engagement, as well as exploring other social media venues to facilitate both ASP's educational and informational missions, as well as interaction among the membership.

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The Committee has been hard at work setting up keynote and featured speakers for ASP's 34th Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, 16-19 September 2010. Dr. Karin B. Strier, the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Primatologist Award, will be speaking, and we have confirmed that Dr. Suzette Tardiff will present her Past President's address. Additional speakers are in the works, and the Austin meeting should be an excellent one. Details and deadlines for submission of abstracts and symposia are provided on Page 4 of this bulletin in the full announcement for the meeting.

Publications Committee:

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Bill Hopkins **Steve Suomi**
Lynne Isbell

The Publications Committee is working to increase our readership and impact factor by soliciting high quality primary research papers and reviews. We hope that you will consider sending to the *American Journal of Primatology* your very best papers. When you are considering where to send your manuscripts, please talk to your students or mentor about sending your work to the journal. If you have high quality reviews of issues in the primate field, please consider sending these to the journal, as well.

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The Research and Development Committee is preparing for Austin in 2011! Online submission for ASP General Small Research Grants begins January 1, 2011, and closes June 15, 2011. Grant proposals are invited for general research projects, with preference given to training initiatives, start-up funds, supplementary funding for students, and innovations in animal care and research technology. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$1500, and will be for a period of one year. Approximately 5-10 grants are awarded each year. Please note that sponsorship is required for all applications. If you are an ASP full member, an ASP student member, or an ASP Emeritus member, you can act as your own sponsor. If you are a non-member, you must have either a full or Emeritus member as your sponsor. After you contact potential sponsors, all you need from them is their email address (to put in the online application system). The online application system will email the potential sponsor with instructions on how to endorse your application. Student members of ASP are particularly encouraged to submit their best ideas! Contact committee co-chairs Erin Kinnally (ek2500@columbia.edu) or Kai McCormack (KMccormack@spelman.edu) with questions.

ASP BOOK SALE!!!

Order from ASP's Special Topics in Primatology series before 15 January 2010 and take \$5 off the price of one volume, \$15 off the price of any two volumes.

Remember: One of the ways that ASP raises funds for its initiatives is through this book series. All profits from the sale of these books go into our conservation fund or the ASP Education Committee's Minority Initiative. This sale makes it even more possible to add these excellent volumes to your library, while contributing to the success of ASP's programs...

To read about each of the volumes, and to place your order, go to the ASP website:

<https://www.asp.org/conservation/>

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Photo: Yellow baboon
Papio cynocephalus
- CL Ehardt

ASP IS NOW ON FACEBOOK...

The Media and Information Committee recently launched an ASP Facebook group (“Members of the American Society of Primatologists”) and we welcome all members to join. The ASP Facebook group is a social network intended to provide members with a forum to interact, discuss primate-related news, media, and welfare issues; share information, ideas, and advice; post information on job opportunities; and develop collaborations. This site is open ONLY to members of ASP. **If you have a Facebook account and would like to join the group, please go to www.asp.org, log in and click on the link requesting group membership.**

For those members unfamiliar with Facebook, it is a social network site where you can create a profile and become “friends” with other peoples’ profiles, with their permission. Once “friends,” you can visit others’ profiles and post messages and respond to messages from them posted to your profile. Here is a website that provides more information about Facebook: <http://www.mahalo.com/how-to-use-facebook>.

The ASP Facebook group works similarly – once you are a member of the group, you can post messages that everyone can read, respond to specific postings from other people, view the entire membership list, and post pictures and videos. For those concerned with privacy, you can create a private Facebook profile that cannot be found in public searches (for example, through Google, and even within Facebook). The ASP Facebook group is a private group, meaning that only ASP members can join. If you create a private profile and someone sees your name in the membership list and clicks on it, they will not be able to see your picture or any information about you. Here are a few websites concerning facebook profile privacy: <http://www.allfacebook.com/facebook-privacy-2009-02> and <http://www.allfacebook.com/facebook-privacy-video-2009-12>. Facebook also lists ways to safeguard your profile: <http://www.facebook.com/help/?safety#!/help/?safety=general>.

The group is limited to ASP members for the purposes of professional communications; consequently, we suggest you avoid posting personal information or opinions about yourself or others. Please also remember to obtain permission from all those visible in the image prior to posting any photos or videos. The Society is not responsible for items posted or opinions expressed on the Facebook page, but reserves the right to remove any post, link, photo, video or other material that is considered inappropriate.

At a future time, the Media and Information Committee intends to create a second ASP Facebook group that is open to the public, as well as to ASP members. This public ASP Facebook group will provide a venue for interaction with the broader community and will allow us to take advantage of social media to share information about the society, primates, and primate research.

Currently, however, we encourage ASP members to join the “Members of the American Society of Primatologists” Facebook group and start communicating with one another. This group will allow members to meet and correspond with other primatologists throughout the year, instead of only during the annual ASP conference. While ASP has always had the ability to communicate with the membership via email (and will continue to do so), the Facebook group now allows members to easily find one another and initiate communication.

We hope to see you all at the ASP Facebook group!

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF CONCERN TO PRIMATOLOGISTS

SOCIETY FOR INTEGRATIVE AND COMPARATIVE BIOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING

Dates: January 3, 2011 - January 7, 2011

Sponsor: Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology

Location: Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown and Salt Lake City Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah Web Site: <http://www.sicb.org/meetings/2011/index.php>

AAAS ANNUAL MEETING

Dates: February 17, 2011 - February 21, 2011

Sponsor: AAAS

Location: Washington, D.C.

Web Site: <http://www.aaas.org/meetings/>

SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE CHICAGO CHAPTER 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Date: March 24, 2011

Sponsor: Society for Neuroscience Chicago Chapter

Location: DePaul University, Chicago, Lincoln Park Campus Student Center Web Site: <http://chicagosfn.org/events/detail/80/>

XX CONGRESSO NAZIONALE DELL'ASSOCIAZIONE PRIMATOLOGICA ITALIANA

Dates: April 10, 2011 - April 13, 2011

Sponsor: Italian Primatological Society

Location: Parco Natura Viva

Web Site: <http://www.parconaturaviva.it/Il-Parco/Dipartimenti/Ricerca/convegnoAPI2011>

20TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PALEOANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY

Dates: April 12, 2011 - April 13, 2011

Sponsor: Paleoanthropology Society

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

80TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS

Dates: April 12, 2011 - April 16, 2011

Sponsor: American Association of Physical Anthropologists

Location: Hilton Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota Web Site: <http://physanth.org/annual-meeting/2011>

16TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN SYMPOSIUM ON EMOTION

Dates: April 21, 2011 - April 22, 2011

Sponsor: HealthEmotions Research Institute, University of Wisconsin

Location: Ebling Auditorium, Madison, Wisconsin Web Site: <http://www.healthemotions.org/symposium/>

20TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY

Dates: May 24, 2011 - May 29, 2011

Sponsor: International Behavioral Neuroscience Society

Location: Sheraton Steamboat Resort, Steamboat Springs, Colorado Web Site: <http://www.ibnshomepage.org/annualmtg11.htm>

JOINT MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ETHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE (IEC) AND THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY (ABS)

Dates: July 25, 2011 - July 30, 2011

Sponsor: International Ethological Conference (IEC) and the Animal Behavior Society (ABS)

Location: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana Web Site: <http://www.indiana.edu/~behav11>

45TH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ETHOLOGY

Dates: July 31, 2011 - August 4, 2011

Sponsor: International Society for Applied Ethology

Location: Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN

34TH MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PRIMATOLOGISTS

Dates: September 16, 2011 - September 19, 2011

Sponsor: American Society of Primatologists

Location: Austin, Texas

Web Site: <https://www.asp.org/meetings/conference.cfm>

62ND AALAS NATIONAL MEETING

Dates: October 2, 2011 - October 6, 2011

Sponsor: AALAS

Location: San Diego, CA

Web Site: <http://nationalmeeting.aalas.org/>

29TH ANNUAL NONHUMAN PRIMATE MODELS FOR AIDS

Dates: October 25, 2011 - October 28, 2011

Sponsor: Washington National Primate Research Center

Location: Bell Harbor International Conference Center, Seattle, Washington Web Site: http://www.wanprc.org/wp-content/misc/nhp2011_flier.pdf

INTERNATIONAL PRIMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY XXIV CONGRESS

Dates: August 13, 2012 - August 17, 2012

Sponsor: International Primatological Society

Location: World Trade Center, Veracruz, Mexico Web Site: <http://www.citrouv.edu.mx/ips2012/>

Yucatán Black Howler Monkey *Alouatta pigra*
Conservation Status: Endangered

Sanje Mangabey *Cercocebus sanjei*
Conservation Status: Endangered