

IPS Officer Reports and IJP Editor Report, 2016-18

Pre-Congress Council Meeting

I. President (K. Strier)

- 1) I attended the pre-congress Council meeting as an observer and Chaired the post-congress Council meeting in Chicago; all items below pertain to activities subsequent to the 2016 IPS meetings, in my capacity as IPS President.
- 2) Soon after Chicago, with fellow officers, I interacted with GRASP representatives, and ultimately wrote a statement regarding LGBTQI inclusiveness in Nairobi. This led to officer discussion about possible criteria for inclusiveness for future congress host countries.
- 3) With the IPS officers, in consultation with representatives from the affiliated primatological societies that comprise the IPS Council, we collectively reviewed the IPS standing committees with the goal of reinforcing the diversity and expertise of the committees' membership. We also established two new *ad hoc* committees, one on Diversity and one on Safe Capture Techniques (both being led by VP Jo Setchell), and we are in the process of redefining a former *ad hoc* committee on Primates in the Media (co-led by VPs Cat Hobaiter and Pat Izar).
- 4) We are striving to develop the IPS website into the "go-to" place for news and information about the activities of IPS and our affiliate societies, and about the achievements of our members; VP for Communication Cat Hobaiter has done a tremendous job with this!
- 5) I coordinated with Croeni Foundation for NGO conservation awards; volunteer reviewers were solicited from IPS members, but no IPS generated proposals were submitted. The Croeni Foundation is reviewing their guidelines and we hope to have another call for proposals soon.
- 6) In consultation and with approval from other officers, I sent letters on a number of issues including to the US National Football league opposing use of primates in entertainment and correcting a misleading show on Netflix showing howler monkeys as dangerous. All such IPS letters can be found under the News site of the IPS website.
- 7) In consultation with other officers, I established the Awards Committee, as Chair. Committee members were: Jeanne Altmann, John Capitanio, Frands Carlsen, Liliana Cortez-Ortega, Takeshi Furiuchi, Cat Hobaiter (VP for communications and committee vice chair), Anthony Rylands, Karen Strier (President and committee chair).
 - a. Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA):
 - i. Process: Call for nominations was made in November with a December 15th deadline. We received a total of nine nominations; the committee agreed in advance to consider only complete nominations (i.e., with at least one nominator and co-nominator). The committee also agreed that each member would send me their rankings, which I then tallied and distributed. We took two votes, with the Chair not voting. Committee members self-identified their COIs, and these did not affect the outcome of either vote. IPS officers endorsed our recommendations, and the winners and the nominators of both successful and unsuccessful nominations were notified before the news was publicized.
 - ii. Winners: 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award: Cliff Jolly; Special Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award: Colin Groves; and

- Special Presidential Award: Milton Thiago de Melo, for contributions to the development, promotion and advancement of Latin American primatology
- iii. Additional discussion: In addition to these special presidential awards, the Awards committee members also agreed that the following changes be implemented for the next LAA competition:
1. *LAA guidelines need to be clarified so that nomination letters are more comparable in terms of length, and that a short (3-5 page) CV should be included with the nomination. A subcommittee will be working to clarify these guidelines in advance of the next round of awards*
 2. *That the growth of our field merits the creation of a second permanent award emphasizing mentoring and capacity building; guidelines for this second award will also be developed with the goal of presenting it at our 2020 meeting along with the LAA. The new award might be tentatively called the "Outstanding Achievement Award" which, if approved by Council and membership votes for the future, would be selected on the basis of nominations and given in parallel to the established "Lifetime Achievement Award."*
- b. In a separate exercise, the Awards Committee agreed to my recommendation of making three separate Service Awards to the outgoing officers who have held their offices for more than the (now) maximum 2-term limit. These include Steve Schapiro (Treasurer and VP for membership for 16 years; Janette Wallis (VP for conservation) and Nancy Caine (Secretary General), both for 12 years. Jo Setchell (VP for research) was also recognized for outstanding officer service during her 2-year term, and additionally for her service as IJP editor.
- 8) In consultation with other officers, I established the Election Committee and chaired it. Committee members were: Ramesh Boonratana, Inza Kone, Stella de la Torre, Melinda Novak, Toni Ziegler, Catarina Casanova, Catherine Hobaiter (VP for Communications and committee vice-chair), and Karen Strier (President of IPS and committee chair)
- a. Process: Call for nominations was made in October and the nominating committee began ranking nominations in November to allow time to contact top ranked candidates. We received 47 nominations for the positions of Secretary General, Treasurer and VP for Membership, VP for Conservation, and VP for Research. Committee members ranked the candidates and I contacted them, beginning with the first ranked, until we had a slate of two candidates for each position. Briefly, people sent nominations to me, sometimes also cc'ing Cat and/or other committee members. I collated all nominations, and then checked membership status with Steve Schapiro. I provided the committee with an excel file listing nominee, nominator, membership status (member, nonmember but probably an oversight because ordinarily active, nonmember; 41 of the 47 were either members or active nonmembers), and key comments especially if there was information directly related to the person's suitability for the position (e.g., past involvement on the committee they would chair if elected, etc). Committee members sent me their ranks, which I tallied to show the top candidates for each office based on whether they fell in the top 5 ranks of each committee member. I sent a draft of the tallies (raw scores shown as well as totals and averages) plus my cover message to Committee Vice Chair, Cat Hobaiter, for screening—to be sure it was intelligible and transparent. Once she okayed it, I sent to the rest of the committee. One person had initially ranked by tiers and wanted to re-rank sequentially, so I re-tallied with those revised ranks—this led to minor changes to only one of the positions (moving 2-4th ranks around a bit). Everyone then approved the ranks and

the process, as outlined above. We agreed that if I needed to move below the 3-4 people ranked with high consensus (i.e., if we lacked two willing to serve), we would reconvene as a committee and either do another ranking of remaining nominees or solicit additional nominations. This was not necessary.

- b. Once the slate was established, candidates were provided an example of statements from past years. Candidate statements were organized, the on-line elections opened in February, and winners were announced early March. I contacted winners and losers personally and then the outcome with voting numbers was sent by email to all IPS members. Voting completed on schedule (and despite problems with website being hacked) but no more than 226 members voted. This is even fewer than in 2016 election.
We need to discuss ways to encourage more members to vote!

- 9) A number of consultations were made with fellow officers and especially the Congress Program Chair, Janette Wallis, and Treasurer Steve Schapiro, related to Congress details (although all of the heavy lifting was done by them and others).
- 10) I gave invited plenary talks in my capacity as IPS President for the Brazilian Primatological Society in Brazil in August 2017, and for the Society of Latin American Primatology in Mexico in October 2017.
- 11) In July 2018, in collaboration with the other officers, I issued a letter terminating the IPS membership of someone found to have engaged in misconduct by his home institution in response to sexual harassment allegations. Our decision was dictated by IPS Bylaws Article 2, Section 3c, and posted on the IPS website and social media venues. *In collaboration with other officers we are organizing a special roundtable at the Nairobi meetings to discuss the development of a Code of Conduct for IPS.*

II. Secretary General (N. Caine)

In accordance with the duties of the Secretary General, spelled out in the IPS Bylaws, I took minutes at the pre- and post-Congress council meetings, as well as the General Assembly, at the 2016 meeting in Chicago. These were compiled into one document and published in the *International Journal of Primatology*, 2016, 37(6), 628–637.

I communicated with IPS members and conference organizers about the location of future IPS Congresses, leading to the submission of two bids (from Malaysia and China) to host the 2022 congress.

A critical duty of the Secretary General is to maintain an up-to-date list of IPS affiliated societies and encourage new affiliations. The list of affiliates has grown from 16 in 2010 to 23 in 2018. Contact information for each of the affiliates is current as of the 2018 Congress.

In supporting the other officers, the Secretary General needs to be very familiar with the IPS Constitution and Bylaws and must quickly reply to requests for assistance in carrying out IPS business. Much of my job these past two years, as was true throughout my tenure as Secretary General, has been to act in this capacity. It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve IPS as Secretary General since 2006, and I am confident that I am leaving the office in capable hands as Julio Cesar Bicca-Marques takes over at the end of this congress.

III. Treasurer and Vice President for Membership (S. Schapiro)

The financial and membership report will be in a separate document and forwarded to the Council prior to the meetings.

IV. Vice-President for Research (J. Setchell)

This is my last report as VP for Research. I am very grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve the society. I am handing over to Marina Cords and I am sure she will do a wonderful job.

Identifying the goals of the IPS Research grants

Following discussion of about the geographical diversity of applications and awards at IPS council at the Chicago conference, 2016, the Research Committee engaged in an extensive discussion of the goals of the research grants. We noted that in 2011-7, the number of applications varies 69-84, with 7-9 awards, and a success rate of 5-17%. The number of applications from range country primatologists varies 9-20, with 0-2 awards, and a success rate of 0-11%.

As a result of our discussion, the Research Committee submitted a proposal for actions to the IPS officers. The officers agreed that the issues we raised are important, and that lack of access to scientific training and resources hurts both primates and primatologists. To begin to address these concerns, we implemented the following actions:

1. Provide feedback on applications in advance of the grant deadline for primatologists from range countries.
2. Increase publicity for the grants programme (via the VP for Communications).
3. Provide examples of successful applications on the IPS website.
4. Provide workshops on funding applications at national and regional meetings.
5. To state that we encourage proposals from primatologists from range countries on the IPS website.
6. To include whether the applicant is from a primate range states and their career stage in our evaluation criteria.
7. To assign three, rather than two, reviewers to each application, and examine both raw scores and standardised scores when making decisions.

I gave a presentation on how to apply for funding at the inaugural African Primatological Society in Côte d'Ivoire in July 2017. I will participate in a workshop on "How to write a successful proposal for IPS grants" at IPS Nairobi, led by Patrícia Izar.

Research Grants competition

I am very grateful to the members of the IPS Research Committee for their help in reviewing the applications and providing constructive feedback which we sent to all applicants. Members for 2016-8 were: Federica Amici, Sarie van Belle, Judith Burkart, Fernando Campos, Anthony di Fiore, Eduardo Fernandez-Duque, James Higham, Lydia Hopper, Maren Huck, Ikki Matsuda, Amanda Melin, Patrick Onyango, Julia Ostner, and Onja

Razafindratsima.

The competition was very strong in 2017, with 84 applications from 24 countries. We awarded a total of US\$ 12,672 in nine grants, a success rate of 11%. Only one of the successful applicants included Community Conservation Initiatives in their applications.

In 2018, we received 59 applications (fewer than in the last few years) from 19 countries. 16 applications were from range-country applicants, 42 were from non-range countries. Two applicants sought and received pre-review of their application. We awarded a total of US\$ 13957 in 10 grants, a success rate of 17%. All awards were to students. Four are to applicants from a range-country, six are not. One had sought pre-review of their application. Two of the successful applicants included Community Conservation Initiatives in their applications.

Ad hoc committee on diversity

We held a roundtable discussion on diversity during the IPS/ ASP 2016 congress with the goal of identifying impediments to fully inclusive participation in primatology. Participants felt that the roundtable was the beginning of an important conversation. The IPS council agreed to the formation of an ad hoc committee to identify ways that we can enhance diversity in IPS and primatology in general.

Dr Christopher Schmitt agreed to co-chair the committee. The committee is currently largely comprised of people who attended the workshop at IPS/ ASP and expressed interest in participating in the follow-up. We also requested nominations from IPS council members but received only a few. One of our tasks is to identify ways in which we can encourage our affiliated societies and members to participate in the committee. We welcome new members. We will host a further roundtable discussion on *Diversity and Inclusion in Primatology* at IPS 2018. Everyone is welcome to contribute. Patrícia Izar (VP for Education) has volunteered to chair the ad hoc committee from August 2018.

Ad hoc committee to promote sharing of experience and good practice to continue to make capture safer for non-human primates

We formed the ad hoc committee to promote sharing of experience and good practice to continue to make capture safer for non-human primates following a workshop at IPS/ ASP2016 on this topic. We seek to represent the major geographical regions and taxa on the committee and welcome new members.

I am very grateful to my co-chairs Dr Elena Cunningham and Dr Steve Unwin for their untiring work on this issue. We are collating such protocols by experts in the capture of specific taxa and IPS will act as a repository for this information. So far, we have capture protocols for *Aotus*, *Chlorocebus*, *Loris*, *Microcebus*, *Pan troglodytes*, and *Propithecus*. We are developing data collection forms to report primate capture events.

We will host a workshop at IPS 2018, led by Elena Cunningham and co-chaired by me, Steve Unwin, Mrinalini Erkenwick Watsa, and Annette Klein. Tanya Humle has volunteered to chair the ad hoc committee from August 2018.

V. Vice President for Conservation (J. Wallis)

During 2017, the IPS Conservation Committee received 36 applications for the IPS Conservation Grant competition by the deadline of March 1. We awarded seven of these for a total amount of \$9600. Of the grants awarded, six (86%) were to individuals in habitat countries. Four of the grants also included funds (up to \$500 each) for a Community Conservation Initiative.

Also in 2017, the Galante Family Winery Primate Conservation Scholarship competition received two applications. We selected one winner who received \$2500 to fund attendance at a Geographic Positioning Systems training course to aid in his work with chimpanzee conservation in Cameroon.

In 2018, the IPS Conservation Committee received 40 applications for the IPS Conservation Grant competition by the deadline of March 1. We awarded seven of these for a total amount of \$10,140. Of the grants awarded, 5 (71%) were to individuals in habitat countries. Four of the grants also included funds (\$500 each) for a supplemental Community Conservation Initiative.

In 2018, the Galante Family Winery Primate Conservation Scholarship competition received four applications by the March 1 deadline. None of these applicants were deemed suitable for the scholarship. Two requested the funds to be used as a travel grant to the IPS meeting in Kenya and Mr. Galante has specified that this is not a suitable use of the funds. The other two requests were also deemed to not qualify. Thus, we chose not to give a Galante Scholarship in 2018. However, Mr. Galante agreed to the idea of using the Galante fund to help support the 2018 Pre-Congress Training Program in Kenya.

Because 2018 will see another IPS Congress, and a Pre-Congress Training Program (PCTP), the Conservation Committee also handled the review process of applications. The deadline was November 19, 2017 and we received 75 applications. Of these, we selected four individuals from Asia, four from Africa, and four from Neotropical countries for our usual total of 12. Seven of these are female, five male.

The Pre-Congress Training Program will take place at Mpala Research Centre, about five hours' drive from Nairobi. Opening session is set for the evening of August 15. The PCTP runs all day and evening on Aug 16 through 18. On the morning of Aug 19, the group will move to Nairobi to attend the IPS Congress.

PCTP lecturers will include: Lynne Isbell, Mauricio Talebi, Ramesh (Zimbo) Boonratana, and Janette Wallis. We also expect a visitor from the Kenyan Wildlife Service give a demonstration and lecture.

Funding for the PCTP comes from a generous grant (\$20,000) from the Margot Marsh Biodiversity Fund, a small grant (\$3000) from Bristol Zoological Society, and the above-mentioned funds (\$2500) from the Galante Fund. The balance will be covered by the IPS Conservation Fund.

VI. Vice President for Captive Care and Breeding (S. Ross)

In 2018, the Committee for Captive Care and Breeding reviewed 15 proposals submitted for IPS grant funding. We had 12 committee members review each of the proposals this year and they agreed upon three projects to receive funding.

Following the IPS Congress in Nairobi, the committee will be evaluating some potential initiatives in which to become involved. Previous discussions have raised how the committee can assist with the creation of care guidelines for understudied primate species, contribute to discussions of wild capture protocols, and further discussion of the impacts of managed breeding programs. The committee welcomes input from all IPS members to aid in prioritizing potential committee actions.

VII. Vice President for Communication (C. Hobaiter)

IPS News Bulletins

I compiled and distributed the IPS News Bulletins in January and August 2017, and January 2018. These summarised the latest updates from the officers as well as grant news and grantee reports.

IPS Website

I updated the format, look, and content of the current IPS website to improve its appearance and functionality. The front page of the site now highlights recent activities by grant recipients, and recent papers published in the society's journal, *IJP*. We now have a specific page for news and updates, on which current activities by the society and its members are posted (for example: actions or statements by IPS, awards to IPS members, new research initiatives, etc.). We also now have an affiliated members page on which links to members' own websites and social media are available.

I coordinated with the VP for Research, Jo Setchell, who has been working to widen access to IPS research grant support. Successful proposals are now available on the Research page. In addition, we now have an Awards and Grantee page, on which successful projects are highlighted with updates by the grantees.

However, the overall look of the website and integration with social media is still a little clunky. I am in the process developing an alternative build, which I hope to show the committee at the meeting in Nairobi.

IPS Social Media

I set up a dedicated IPS Facebook and Twitter page. These pages share IPS activities and news (for example grant deadlines, new initiatives or statements by the society, or recent updates by IPS grantees), and also share items that are of interest to the primate community (new research findings, jobs, news items, etc.). We have also successfully used our social media to promote new research by IPS members. For example, we have advertised surveys being carried out by primatologists, and we have had feedback that this was an effective way for researchers to increase their reach and sample size. The social media pages have provided a new way for people to contact

the society, both publicly on the shared pages, and privately through direct messages. Social media has also generated public support for IPS initiatives, such as the work being done to support the Caribbean Primate Research Center and the local community following Hurricane Maria. Likewise, social media brought attention to IPS statements on the use of primates in the media and a letter to Netflix that led to the removal of an episode that purported that howler monkeys transmit yellow fever to people (see Education Committee report, above).

In the past couple of months both sites have achieved a mid-size audience (twitter n=970; facebook n= 1829); but, more importantly, they are active communities in which people regularly engage with IPS (we now generate 1-2000 engagements per month; that is, people actively liking, sharing, and reading our posts). Our audience size is now around the threshold at which, according to current research, social media platforms start to become effective tools for sharing information outside of the immediate interest group, and engaging the wider public and policy makers. The next step in this process will be to generate more novel IPS content (rather than amplifying pre-existing content through shares and retweets etc.). To achieve this we may need to increase the number of people who contribute content to the accounts. I will discuss options for this with the Council at the next meeting.

Finally, I am coordinating with the GRASP local IPS meeting committee to coordinate a unified media strategy during the Nairobi Congress. While we don't currently use it, I have also reserved an IPS handle on instagram, which, with the Council's approval, I hope to initiate as an additional social media stream over the next year.

Vice-chair for Committees

I served as vice-chair for the Lifetime Achievement Award committee and the Elections Committee. See the President's report, above, for details about the actions of these committees.

VIII. Vice President for Education (P. Izar)

Each year the Education Committee of IPS awards Lawrence Jacobsen Education Development grants to support the development of primate conservation education programs. These grants are in amounts up to \$1500. In addition, we award the Charles Southwick Conservation Education Commitment Award, in the amount of \$2,000: \$1000 to the recipient and \$500 given in the recipient's name to a project of his/her choosing in his/her community. The deadline for applications/nominations for these funds is March 1.

In addition, it is the job of the Education Committee to manage the student poster and oral presentation competition at each Congress. Members of the committee are currently working to evaluate the student-authored abstracts submitted to IPS 2018. We will then pre-select the presentations that will be judged during the meeting.

The Lawrence Jacobsen Education Development Grant

In 2017 we received 17 applications from 13 countries across Africa, South and North America, Asia, and Europe (Benin, Brazil, Cameroon [2 applications], Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Nepal, South Africa, and USA

[4 applications]). We awarded US\$ 8,883 in five grants (three included Community Conservation Initiatives in their applications). In 2018 we received 9 applications from 7 countries across Africa, South and North America, and Asia, (Brazil, Cameroon [2 applications], Canada, India, Mexico, Paraguay, and USA [2 applications]). We awarded US\$ 7,325 in four grants (three included Community Conservation Initiatives in their applications). I am very grateful to Education Committee members who helped reviewing and judging the applications in both years: Anne Savage, Carlos Ruiz-Miranda, Francine Dolins, Inza Kone, Lynne Baker, Lynne Miller, Marc Myers, Renata G. Ferreira, Simplicious Gessa, Thomas Breuer, and Zarin Machanda. In 2018, the Education Committee had additional help from three more members: Susana Carvalho, Tatyana Humle, and Zhang Peng. Three reviewers read and scored each grant (maximum score was 35 points). I standardised the scores and ranked applications on their mean standardised score. In both years, reviewers were asked to provide comments that could help applicants improve their future applications. Most unsuccessful applicants considered this feedback very helpful.

The Education Committee has discussed ways to increase the number of applications for the Jacobsen grant. We intend to send announcements through social media at the end of the 2018, with the aid of the VP for Communication.

Charles Southwick Conservation Education Commitment Award

In 2017 we received four nominations and awarded US\$ 6,000 across three awards to Bishwanath Rijal, Primate Conservationist and Educator; secondary school biology teacher in Kathmandu, Nepal; Bruce Ainebyona, Education Officer for North Carolina Zoo's UNITE for the Environment program based in Uganda; and Mukesh Chalise, Associate Professor in the Central Dept. of Zoology at Tribhuvan University and President and Founder of the Nepal Biodiversity Research Society. I am grateful to the Education Committee members that helped evaluate the nominations: Lynne R. Baker, Marc Myers, Thomas Breuer, and Renata G. Ferreira. We were particularly happy to be able to reward two South Asian and one African primatologist for their commitment to conservation education. In 2018 we received three nominations and awarded US\$ 2,000 in one award to Liyong Emmanuel Sama, Coordinator of Centre for Indigenous Resources Management and Development (CIRMAD), Cameroon. I am grateful for the Education Committee members that helped evaluate these nominations: Inza Kone, Marc Myers, Tatyana Humle, and Zhang Peng.

Other actions

During the post-Congress Council meeting held in 2016, I committed myself to finding ways to improve the chances of students and professional primatologists from habitat countries to win IPS grants and competitions. To that end, there will be one roundtable ("How do we increase publications by range-country authors?") and one workshop ("How to write a successful proposal for IPS grants") during the 2018 Congress. Furthermore, I will assume leadership of the ad hoc committee on diversity once the current chair, Jo Setchell, retires from her position as VP for Research. In accordance with my commitment to diversity in IPS, I increased the geographical range of membership on the Education Committee.

Finally, letters were written on behalf of IPS to the CEOs of NFL Films and of Netflix, sharing the IPS position statement opposing the use of nonhuman primates in the media and asking that they not portray primates in a way that is misleading, false, or potentially harmful to the captive and wild primates and their habitat.

IX. International Journal of Primatology (J. Setchell, Editor)

We continue to be a multidisciplinary forum devoted to current research in fundamental primatology. We publish laboratory and field studies from diverse disciplines including anthropology, anatomy, ethology, paleontology, psychology, sociology, and zoology. We raise awareness by highlighting articles on endangered or threatened species. We publish one volume with 6 issues per year, containing original research articles, reviews, commentaries, and book reviews. We observe the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines (<http://publicationethics.org>). We strive to ensure that peer review is fair, unbiased, and timely.

Editorial decisions to accept or reject a manuscript for publication are based on the advice received from reviewers and the editor's own reading of the manuscript. We provide detailed guidelines for reviewers. We have no targets for rejection and work with authors to make a manuscript acceptable, sometimes via multiple rounds of revision and feedback.

I am grateful to all the authors and reviewers, and to Janet Slobodien (senior editor at Springer New York), Edlyn Apolonio (Journal Editorial Assistant), Terry Kornak (copy-editor), and Leonora Panday (production editor) for their support. I thank the Associate Editors for their support, advice, and contributions to the journal. Since my last report, James Higham and Eduardo Fernandez-Duque have stood down as Associate Editors. Jessica M. Rothman and Oliver Schülke continue to serve as Associate Editors. We have appointed Onja H. Razafindratsima, Júlio César Bicca-Marques, and Amanda D. Melin as Associate Editors and Sharon Kessler as Book Review Editor.

We have revised the editorial board to better represent the diversity of primatology in terms of topical expertise, gender and geography. I am grateful to all members of the board, past and present. The members are listed on the journal website and now comprise 18 women and 19 men. North America (13) and Europe (10) dominate, followed by Asia and Australasia (7), Africa (5) and Latin America (5). This broadly reflects the affiliations of articles published. 11 members are from range countries, 26 are from non-range countries.

We encourage authors to share data but have not yet received any applications for badges for doing so. Most authors prefer to make data available on reasonable request.

We have published 1 Guest-Edited Special Issues since August 2016 and have 3 further Special Issues in preparation:

- Primates in Anthropogenic Habitats, eds. Noemi Spagnoletti, Kimberley Hockings, Matthew McLennan, April 2017
- Hybridization in Non-Human Primates, eds. Dietmar Zinner, Christian Roos, Liliana Cortes-Ortiz. In prep.
- Ethnoprimateology in the 21st century, eds. In prep

- Advances and frontiers in primate seed dispersal, eds. Hiroki Sato, Laurence Culot, Yamato Tsuji, Onja Razafindratsima. In prep

I welcome expressions of interest in Guest Editing a Special Issue.

Our Impact Factor for 2016 was 1.285; for 2017 it was 1.278. We have received 274 new submissions since my last report in August 2016. For first submissions, we accept 2% as is, request minor revisions for 16%, major revisions for 36% and reject 22% with the possibility of resubmission. We reject 22%. The mean time to first decision is 36 days. This reflects the time taken to identify reviewers who accept an invitation, time to complete the review, and time for the editor to take a decision based on their own reading of the manuscript and advice received from reviewers. From “accept” to Online First publication is 20 days, including copy-editing.

Based on information provided by the corresponding author, we have received submissions from 46 countries: United States (34), Brazil (27), United Kingdom (18), China (16), Indonesia (14), Madagascar (13), India (11), Japan (9), Malaysia (9), Colombia (8), Germany (8), Mexico (8), Kenya (6), France (5), Peru (5), Australia (4), Ecuador (4), Vietnam (4), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (3), Uganda (3), Bolivia (2), Cameroon (2), Costa Rica (2), Cote d'Ivoire (2), Ethiopia (2), Finland (2), Portugal (2), South Africa (2), Sri Lanka (2), Switzerland (2), Thailand (2), Argentina (1), Bhutan (1), Central African Republic (1), Czech Republic (1), Ghana (1), Guinea (1), Guinea-Bissau (1), Guyana (1), Morocco (1), Pakistan (1), Philippines (1), Puerto Rico (1), Rwanda (1), Saint Kitts and Nevis (1).

X. IUCN SSP Primate Specialist Group (A. Rylands, Deputy Chair)

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