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Additional nominations may be made by letter to the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee Chair, Molly Morris, Department of Biological Science, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701, USA. Phone: (740) 593-0337, E-mail: morrism@ohio.edu. Nominations must be signed by five or more ABS members in good standing (ABS Constitution, Article 8, Section 2) and must be received by 1 October, 2009. *Note: Information on the candidates will be posted with the ballot in the November newsletter (posted first on the website at <http://www.animalbehavior.org/> under the News and Announcements link on the left menu).*

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society at Pirenópolis, Brazil, 22-26 June, was very successful, with over 500 attendees from 24 countries. As local host, I would like to thank my "orange army" of student volunteers, Shan and Ann Duncan, Lori Pierce, Weider Lemes and Dalton Craveiro, who helped execute an excellent meeting. The countries represented at the meeting include: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Portugal,

South Africa, Scotland, Sweden, Taiwan, United States and Uruguay. The meeting will be featured throughout this and the November newsletters.



Pirenópolis, as seen from the venue, Pousada dos Pireneus

FEATURED LECTURES AT THE 2009 ABS MEETING



Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Lecture:
Richard Dawkins, Oxford University: *The Four Whos*



President's Choice Keynote Lecture: Daniel Rubenstein, Princeton University: *Zebra Societies and Conservation: Different Types for Different Stripes*



Fellows Lecture: Marlene Zuk, University of California-Riverside: *Sexual Signals, Behavior, and the Rate of Evolution*

Did you know?

Purchases via the Amazon.com link on our main Web page, <http://www.animalbehavior.org>, contribute 5% of the total to ABS. If you have books to order and would like to contribute to the society's efforts at the same time, use the link.

2009 AWARDS

ABS awards are presented at the banquet on the final night of the annual meeting. This years' awards are as follows.

ALLEE: BEST STUDENT PAPER 2009

Students participating in the Warder Clyde Allee Competition again met a very high standard in their research and presentation. The excellent presentations again posed a difficult task for the judges. The 2009 Winner was **Daizaburo Shizuka**, University of California, Santa Barbara, for his paper entitled: "Coots reduce costs of learning errors and reject brood parasite nestlings". The runners-up, in alphabetical order were **Alexander Baugh**, from the University of Texas, Austin, for his paper entitled "The process of mate choice: dynamic reproductive decision making in tungara frogs", and **Aimee Dunlap**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor for her paper entitled "Changes and reliability in the evolution of learning, non-learning and prepared learning". Eleven manuscripts were submitted and all were presented. Book awards were provided by Cambridge University Press, Chicago University Press, W.W. Norton, Princeton University Press, and Sinauer Press. Competition judges were: Susan Foster, John Byers, Lynette Hart, Kevin McGraw and Joan Strassmann.



Allee Competition Winner, **Daizaburo Shizuka**, with Susan Foster



Allee Competition runners-up **Aimee Dunlap** and **Alexander Baugh** at the Banquet awards ceremony



Diana Hews, one of the Founders' Award winners, and **Mike Ryan** at the Banquet awards ceremony

FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL POSTER AWARD

Each year a poster competition, named for a founder of the Animal Behavior Society is held at the annual meeting. ("A founder is defined as a person active in the period prior to 1966 who held at least two administrative positions, elected or appointed, in ABS or the ESA Section on Animal Behavior and Sociobiology or the ASZ Division of Animal Behavior as recorded by the ABS Historian."). The three judges of the Founders' Award for best poster were Michael Ryan (University of Texas), Jordan Karubian (UCLA) and Molly Cummings (University of Texas). Eleven posters were entered into the competition. The judges were all unanimous in their top two choices. Thus, they decided to give two awards: **Paula M. Omena**, Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil for her poster "A jumping spider that uses visual cues of microhabitat traits to find home"; and **Diana Hews**, Indiana State University, for her poster "Fluctuating asymmetry in endocrine-mediated signaling traits in male *Sceloporus undulatus* lizards".

NOTICE!

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The pictures in this issue were contributed by David Cho, Jonas Maravalhas, Natalia Emlen and John Byers. Thank you!!

GENESIS AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE POSTER PRESENTATION

Nineteen undergraduate students submitted posters for the Genesis Undergraduate Poster Competition, and the standard was high. The winner was **Becky O'Neill** from Idaho State University with her poster "Physical properties of soil affect prey capture efficiency of ant lions, *Myrmelion immaculatus*". There were two runners-up. One was **Melissa Graham** of Canisius College, with a poster entitled "The acoustic signature of aggression in killer whales (*Orcinus orca*)". The other was **Romina Scardamaglia** of Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina with her poster "Sexual selection in mantis (*Parastagmatoptera tessellata*): Decision making mechanisms underlying male mate choice." Judges were Jennifer Mather, Sue Margulis, Jim Ha and Rafael Maia.

ABS 2008 CAREER AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED ANIMAL BEHAVIORIST – **Richard Dawkins** was recognized for his outstanding lifetime achievement and for his strong advocacy of evolutionary theory, his ideas of selection based upon the effects of genes, and the evolution of behavior.

EXEMPLAR AWARD – **John Wingfield** was awarded the Exemplar Award for his long-term and significant contributions to animal behavior, including his findings about the avian endocrinological system and its links with behavior, reproduction, migration, and molting.

QUEST AWARD – **Hubert Schwabl** received the Quest Award for his outstanding influential work on the neuroendocrine control of avian female reproduction, and how maternal hormones affect offspring development.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD – Jeff Galef was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for sustained contribution to ABS as President, member of various committees through the years, and efforts toward improving the financial sustainability of ABS.

YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARD – Molly Cummings received the award for her outstanding contribution toward the understanding of how the social and physical environments shape animal communication.



Richard Dawkins receives his Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Award from ABS President Molly Morris



Hugh Drummond, Marlene Zuk and John Rotenberry at the opening reception



John Wingfield says a few words after receiving the Exemplar Award at the Banquet

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY DIVERSITY GRANT

Each year, the Animal Behavior Society offers a limited number of awards from the Diversity Fund to cover registration fees for graduate students attending the annual ABS Meeting, with the goal of broadening the minority and ethnic representation. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application and must be members of under-represented minorities, including those living in North America who are African American, Native American, Asian American, and Hispanic American, or are citizens of Central or South America. We are pleased to announce this year's recipients: **Rhainer Guillermo** (Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil), **Yamile Molina** (University of Washington), **Maria Thaker** (Indiana State University), **Rebecca Calisi-Rodriguez** (University of California at Berkeley), **Mariana Freitas Nery** (Universidad Austral de Chile), **Denise Nogueira Monnerat** (Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil), **Emily Whattam**, (Carleton University, Canada), **Debora Boccacino** (RioZOO, Brazil), **Abi Vanak** (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa), **Marcos Lima** (Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil), **Ceres Belchior** (Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, Brazil), **Carolina Facchinetti** (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina), and **Diego T. Tuero** (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina).



Molly Cummings receives the Young Investigators Award from ABS President **Molly Morris**



Local Host, Regina Macedo, with group of Brazilian student volunteers who helped run the meeting. Thank you!! Left to right (back row): Roberto Lacava, David Cho, Rafael Maia, Leonardo Castilho, Raphael Igor, Alexandre Dias, João V. Caetano; (front row): Yonara Lobo, Soha Chabrawi, Regina Macedo, Mariana Silveira, Luiza Brasileiro, Wanner Medeiros, Natasha Macedo, Lilian Manica; (kneeling) Henrique Veloso

2009 ABS FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS

The ABS Film Festival in Pirenópolis was very well attended (132 total). Participants engaged in spirited discussions about the film entries specifically, and about the techniques used to depict animal behavior on film more generally. Enthusiasm was expressed for the role of film in our discipline. In addition, a new idea for an “informal film-clip event” was successfully piloted

and was very well received. The winner for the Jack Ward competition for non-commercial films was "The Carrizo Plain", produced by Vince Franke and Daniel Rosenberg. No award was granted this year in the commercial category.

SECOND ANNUAL ABS 5K FUN RUN

By **Molly R. Morris**

The 2nd annual ABS 5k was held this year at the meetings in Pirenópolis, Brazil. While the number of contestants was down from last year in Snowbird, the competition was just as fierce, the outcome just as unpredictable, and the participants just as dazed in the end. There were a few questions: Where exactly are we going? Why exactly are we running at noon? How can I get one of those buttons without running?? But in the end, it was a bonding experience for all those who endured. In addition, the runners raised \$180 for the student research fund. Thanks to all who participated!!! Overall male winner was **Samuel Diaz Munoz**, and the overall female winner was **Caitlin Gabor**. Other finishers (in alphabetical order) were Dan Rubenstein, Donelle Robinson, Eduardo Bessa, Elise Ferree, Elizabeth Tourville, Jenny Gumm, Jerry Wilkinson, Joseph Leese, Kaci Thompson, Mathew Toomey, Molly Morris, Oscar Rios-Cardenas, Peter Scott, Raoul Mulder, Sue Margulis and Travis Boyd.



Travis Boyd, Dan Rubenstein and First Place Female **Caitlin Gabor** at race start.

CALL FOR ABS MEETING INVITATIONS

ABS is seeking proposals for future meeting venues. Sites can be a resort or hotel, on a university campus or a mixture of the two. For information contact Molly Morris, Department of Biological Science, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701, USA. Phone: (740) 593-0337, E-mail: morrism@ohio.edu.



Group of runners that took on the challenge of 5 km of hilly roads in Pirenópolis.



Samuel Diaz Munoz, First Place Male

You can start training now for the 3rd annual ABS 5k which will be held at the College of William and Mary next year (2010), will include a 1600 m walk, and will be organized by Caitlin Gabor (gabor@txstate.edu).

**CALL FOR SYMPOSIA
FOR THE 2010 AAAS MEETING**

ABS is striving to expand awareness of its excellent science via symposia for the annual AAAS meeting. The target date for the next symposium is 2010. Anyone interested in organizing a symposium for the meeting please contact Dario Maestripieri, dario@uchicago.edu

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETINGS

2010: 25-31 July, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

2011: 25-30 July, Animal Behavior Meeting – International Ethological Conference joint meeting at Indiana University, IN

OTHER US MEETINGS

2010: SICB Annual Meeting, 3-7 January, Seattle, Washington. Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Washington State Convention and Trade Center.

2010: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 18-22 February, San Diego, California.

2011: SICB Annual Meeting, January, Salt Lake City, Utah.

2011: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 17-21 February, Washington, DC.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

2009: 31st International Ethological Conference, 19-24 August, Rennes, Brittany, France. See meeting details at <http://iec2009.univ-rennes1.fr/>.

2009: 12th European Society for Evolutionary Biology Congress, 20-25 August, Torino, Italy. See details at www.eseb.org.

2009: 7th Conference of the European Ornithologists' Union, 21-26 August, Zurich, Switzerland. Check: www.eou2009.ch

2009: 7th International Conference on Behaviour, Physiology and Genetics of Wildlife, 21-24 September, Berlin, Germany. Check for details at: <http://www.izw-berlin.de/>

2010: 25th International Ornithological Congress, 22-28 August, Campos do Jordão, Brazil. Early registration and abstract submission: 15 Oct. 2009. Additional details at <http://www.ib.usp.br/25ioc>.

2010: 13th International Behavioral Ecology Congress, 26 September-1 October, Perth, Australia. For meeting details, check the conference website: www.isbperth2010.com.

JOIN AN ABS COMMITTEE!

Would you like to volunteer for one of the Society's active committees? This is an important and rewarding way to participate in the business of the Society, and we need your help! Committees include Membership, Policy, Animal Care, Public Affairs, Education, Film, Conservation, Latin American Affairs, and others. Contact ABS President Mike Ryan, Section of Integrative Biology C0930, 1 University Station, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712, USA. Phone (512) 471-5078, E-mail: mryan@mail.utexas.edu

**CALL for SYMPOSIA, INVITED
SESSIONS and WORKSHOP
PROPOSALS
2011 and 2012 ABS MEETINGS**

To organize a symposium, an invited paper session, or a workshop for the ABS Annual Meeting, you should contact the Senior or Junior Program Officers to discuss your ideas. We will first make sure that there are no potential conflicts with the topic that you are considering. Then we will ask you to prepare a pre-proposal and submit it to the Junior Program Officer. Organizers often find that consultations with the Program Officers when drafting the pre-proposal are helpful. The pre-proposal should be a page or two summarizing your intent for the session, and suggesting potential participants.

A symposium should be a profound and stimulating review of an important subject area that currently is a major focus of research. It should be a thorough treatment of past work and current research advances. A symposium should be of general interest to the majority of ABS members.

An invited paper session is a special grouping of papers that focus upon empirical results relating to a particular topic. Usually there is no all-encompassing historical-theoretical perspective, although the organizer(s) may wish to summarize the individual papers or arrange them according to some theme.

Pre-proposals for the 2011 are due before the annual meeting in Williamsburg in 2010 and will be circulated to the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Meeting and then discussed at the EC meeting.

The 2011 meeting is scheduled for July 25-30th. The JPO encourages potential organizers to begin discussions about proposals for that conference.

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Eleonore Setz, Richard Dawkins and Jane Brockmann during a morning plenary session in Pirenópolis, Brazil.

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ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY**

ABSnet provides a fast electronic forum for animal behaviorists, and others interested in the study of animal behavior, in a digest or newsletter form. ABSnet provides job announcements, requests for information, computer related news (virus and bug alerts), appropriate software and hardware reviews, and news of Society activities and business. ABSnet is not an interactive, listserv-type discussion group, but rather a moderated forum for the exchange of information of interest to animal behaviorists. The digest or newsletter does not replace the official Society newsletter sent to all Society members via regular mail. Questions? To SUBSCRIBE to ABSnet, go to <http://www.animalbehavior.org> and click on the News and Announcements link on the left, then on the Subscribe/Unsubscribe link under ABSNet and fill out the Web-based form. Links to post an article or view the archives are also available.

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting, June 22, 2009 Pirenópolis, Brazil (as reported by Jeff Podos, substituting for Secretary)

Present : Jerry Wilkinson, Jim Ha, Mike Ryan, Shan Duncan, Diana Hews, Molly Morris, Sue Margulis, Susan Foster, Jeff Podos; Chairs of Committees joined for second half of meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by President Molly Morris. The minutes were approved from last meeting. She announced the newly appointed chairs of committees and representative to the International Ethological Conference.

Jerry Wilkinson presented the nominations for EC positions for approval. The motion to approve slate of EC candidates, with the ballots going out in November and due in January was approved.

The deadline for **Career Awards** nominations is currently March or later, and it was discussed that it would be best to vote and then give the award in the same year, which would require an earlier deadline. Motion: To change the deadline for Career award nominations up to January 15th, so that the vote can be taken by February 28th and the award can be presented at that summer's meeting. Vote: Unanimous approval.

It was suggested that the job of renewing **the central office insurance policy** be moved from 2nd President Elect to Treasurer. Motion: Treasurer shall be the designated insurance representative of the society. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Susan Foster led a discussion on the requirements for the **Allee Student Talk Competition**. Concerns raised included scheduling problems when there are too many contestants (21 candidates some years ago), the Allee no longer a graduate student competition, given that many people wait until after they earn their PhD, how to handle talks based on papers that are already published or papers published with co-authors, and the possibility of advancing the paper deadline by a month. It was decided that the Allee should be restricted to one day, with a total of 14 contestants on a day with no plenary, or 10 talks on a day with plenary. If more students apply, the papers will serve as the first part of the competition. Students can apply more than once, but may present in the Allee only once. Sue Margulis re-worded policy making three changes to prior policy: (1) two-phase process (first phase of judging papers, which can be a basis for restricting participation); (2) limiting Allee to a single day, as determined by program officer; (3) month prior deadline for submissions. Vote: Unanimous approval for changes.

Emilia Martins presented the latest proposal for the **IEC-ABS 2011 joint meeting at Indiana University**, to be held in late July. Meeting will be hosted through CISAB, which hosted the 2002 ABS meeting. Proposal is for a 5-day rather than typical 4-day conference. More details on this exciting meeting will become available shortly.

Jennifer Mather, interim chair of the **Education Committee** made the suggestion for career-oriented workshops for students at meetings, to be held regularly rather than sporadically, followed by discussion of strengthening institutional memory/ continuity of information from committee chair to committee chair, to preserve information.

Gabriel Francescolli, interim chair of the **Latin American Affairs Committee** reported on a meeting earlier this year in Uruguay, with 130 participants. It was suggested that it would be worth exploring support for participation for North Americans in Latin American conferences, as well as Latin Americans in North American conferences, reinforcing communication among meeting veterans and new participants, especially for people who don't speak the local language.

Kaci Thompson, chair of the **Membership Committee** informed the EC that 46 graduate students and 11 faculty membership/fee waivers were awarded this year, and that the visibility of this program needs to be increased. The impending membership decline is not just our problem, but a problem for many other societies and it appears to be linked to the increasing availability of online resources. We need to make people aware of the value-added benefits of membership in our society, such as the ability to apply for graduate student research grants, professional development support, as well as survey membership for their views of benefits. The increasing role of the website in these endeavors was discussed.

Susan Foster and Jim Ha will be providing feedback and interacting with Shan Duncan in web site design. President or delegate will take responsibility for oversight of priorities for Society Manager. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting, June 23, 2009 (as reported by Jeff Podos, substituting for Secretary)

Present: Molly Morris, Jim Ha, Susan Foster, Sue Margulis, Jerry Wilkinson, Michael Ryan, Jeff Podos, Diana Hews

President Molly Morris called the meeting to order at 12:26 pm

Treasurer Jim Ha reviewed the budget. He explained budget categories (08-09 and 09-10) in detail, for budget approval (see below in Business Meeting minutes).

SRG categories include the Barlow and Conservation awards. Concern was expressed over the current guidelines that prohibit giving these awards on a regular basis due to the amount currently in the award pool. It was suggested that we make a change to the handbook. **Motion. Barlow award be given annually, starting 2009-10 from the aggregate pool of student research grant funds, to be given to the top ranked proposal. Vote: unanimous support.**

President Morris moved that the ABS budget be approved, and the motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

MINUTES

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING **JUNE 25, 2009** **Pirenópolis, Brazil**

President Molly Morris called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. She introduced members of the Executive Committee, the newly elected officers, Chairs of committees and made a call for volunteers to join one of the several standing committees of the society.

Jeff Podos (serving as Secretary) announced this year's nominations for the offices of President Elect, Parliamentarian and Member at Large. He also briefed the Society on the decisions made and overall business of the EC.

Jim Ha gave the Treasurer's report. All the information necessary is not yet available because we're not at the end of the fiscal year. One big unknown is how the current meeting (ABS Brazil) will fare financially. The largest income for the Society is the profit-share from journal. Last year we made about \$250,000. This year we budgeted for only \$220,000 because of one-time copy-editing costs to deal with the journal back-log. Actual profit-share was only \$168,000, \$52,000 less than we expected. Membership dues are normally about \$67,000, but fell to about \$58,000. Our investment dividend, normally about \$23,000, fell to \$18,000. Donations were down about \$4,000 this year. Overall, our income fell by about \$69,400. However, we spent less than budgeted in the Central Office and the Editor's Office.

Jim's best projection of our year-end balance (with many caveats in place) is an overall deficit of \$21,000, awaiting end-of-fiscal-year information for confirmation. We have a balanced budget to present to the membership, but without the extra \$33,000 with which we had planned to support the joint ABS-IEC meeting in 2011. These IEC support funds could come out of investment funds (we have put away more than our desired two-years of operating expenses). Priorities were worked out at the budget meeting earlier in the week.

Information concerning budget discussion from June 23rd. We need to make sure registrants of IEC-ABS joint meeting are ABS/ASAB members. Also it's been three years since we've had a membership drive. The new reminder schedule is now in place, with automated reminders. Profit-share from journal for this year assumed at \$220,000 or maybe \$200,000 (no extra copy-editing costs). For investment income, we can assume \$18,000. Income for some awards (Barlow, Cetacean) is lower than award monies distributed. We have \$20,000 in the budget for student awards; it's important to maintain these awards to encourage student participation and membership. We are also kicking in awards for Latin American Awards program. A balanced, but more restrained, budget was approved.

Sue Margulis, Parliamentarian presented the following Bylaw changes for Society vote, all of which were approved:

Article II, Duties of the Officers

c. Every fourth Second President Elect shall be responsible for the ABS insurance.

CHANGED TO:

Section 6. Duties of the Treasurer:

e. Serve as Insurance Representative for the Society.

Article IV. Duties of the Committees:

Insert as new section 1 prior to current Section 1:

Section 1. Committee Chairs.

a. Committee Chairs shall be appointed for three years, with reappoints possible.

Remove statement from Section 7. Historian:

a. shall be appointed for three years, with reappointments as possible.

Article IV. Duties of the Committees

Section 8. Research Grants Committee:

b. Shall annually award research grants of up to (U.S.) **\$1000**...

CHANGED TO:

b. Shall annually award research grants of up to (U.S.) **\$2000**...

Jim Ha gave a presentation for the local host John Swaddle on the ABS meeting to be held at the College of William and Mary in July 2010. His accent slipped a few times, but he gave us the distinct illusion that John was explaining the slides. The venue looks wonderful.

Molly Morris gave the Editor's Report for Mike Breed. Congratulations to the new Executive Editor Bill Searcy, and a big "Thank you!" to those editors completing their jobs this summer--Paul Moore, Dave Stephens and Dan Blumstein. The backlog was eliminated by publishing extra pages in 2008. Mean time from submission to decision is about 55 days. Time from submission to publication is now typically less than 6 months. Reminder that acceptance rate of 40% is mandated by our agreement with ASAB. Considerations for the future: Need to engage ASAB in a conversation about their views on ethics; Need to consider the need for a publication outlet in conservation behavior.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed at 11:45 AM.