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RESULTS ABS ELECTION

A total of 293 validated ballots were cast in the 2009 – 2010 election. Encouragingly, this is 17% of the ABS membership, 4% more than the proportion that voted in last year's elections. A big THANK YOU to those who voted, and to Shan Duncan and Lori Pierce for their help in the Central Office.

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ABS Newsletter and general correspondence concerning the Society should be sent to Regina H. Macedo, rhfmacedo@unb.br. Deadlines are the 15th of the month preceding each Newsletter. The next deadline is **15 April 2010**. Articles submitted by members of the Society and judged by the Secretary to be appropriate are occasionally published in the ABS newsletter. The publication of such material does not imply ABS endorsement of the opinions expressed by contributors.

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2010 WARDER CLYDE ALLEE COMPETITION

The 2010 Warder Clyde Allee Competition for Best Student Paper will take place July 25 to 29 at the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia. All eligible students are encouraged to participate. The following rules govern the Allee Award for best student paper presented in the Warder Clyde Allee session at the annual meeting:

Eligibility requirements: Any independent graduate student research (including, but not limited to, the doctoral dissertation) is eligible. The work presented may be part of a larger collaborative effort, but the student should have the principal responsibility for the conceptualization and design of the research, the collection and analysis of the data, and the interpretation of the results. The entrant cannot have been awarded the Ph.D. Degree before the preceding ABS annual meeting (for the 2010 competition, this date is June 22, 2009). An individual can enter the session only once per lifetime.

To enter: Students must indicate their desire to be considered for the competition by checking the appropriate box on the abstract submittal form for the annual meeting; submit an electronic version of their paper, which includes their addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses; fill out a signed and dated form indicating that they meet all eligibility requirements (to be supplied to entrants after receipt of their papers); present a spoken version during the 2010 Annual Meeting; attend both the Allee welcoming dinner on the evening before the competition day and the banquet during the Annual Meeting. The spoken portion of the competition is limited by the number of papers that can

be presented on the day assigned for the competition. Applications for the 2010 competition, including the written paper, will be due one month before the meeting abstract submission date, which will be posted at the meeting website (once determined). This will enable the Allee judges to evaluate the written papers and determine further eligibility. Applicants will be informed of status prior to the abstract submission due date for the meeting. The manuscript must be submitted in electronic PDF format, of no more than seven double-spaced, line-numbered, text pages, and no more than a total of four tables and/or figures (this limit does not include abstract, references, or acknowledgments), must be received by ABS 2nd President-Elect Joan E. Strassmann, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Rice University, MS 170, 6100 Main St., Houston TX 77005 USA (strassm@rice.edu). Electronic submission is required.

If you do not receive acknowledgement of receipt within 7 days, please send a follow-up query. Papers MUST be formatted using the instruction for authors for a research paper in the journal *Animal Behaviour* to insure eligibility. Check instructions at the site:

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/622782/authorinstructions. If significant new results arise after submission, students may submit a one-page addendum to their papers up to 30 days before the first day of the Annual Meeting. Questions should be addressed to Joan E. Strassmann, strassm@rice.edu.



From left to right: Daniel Rubenstein, Troy Murphy and Richard Dawkins do a little birdwatching and chat during the 2009 ABS meeting in Pirenópolis, Brazil (photo contributed by Bruce Lyon).

2010 GENESIS AWARD POSTER COMPETITION

Undergraduates who submit posters for presentation at the annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society are automatically entered in the Genesis Award poster

competition unless they indicate they do not want to be included in the competition when they submit their abstract. Judging criteria include significance of the research topic, research methods, research results, and presentation. Presentation encompasses the student's oral discussion with the judges and the poster itself, including clear statements of the questions and results, demonstration that there has been appropriate literature review, good organization and visual appeal. Students should be prepared to demonstrate a mastery of their subject material. A complete set of judging criteria can be requested from the Education Committee Chair, Jennifer Mather, mather@uleth.ca.

STUDENT FUNDS FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS

LATIN AMERICAN TRAVEL AWARD

The Latin American Travel Awards are intended to encourage greater participation of Latin American researchers in ABS meetings, by helping to defray the costs of international travel, housing, and/or meals at meetings. These awards are restricted to Latin American graduate students enrolled in programs in Latin American institutions, who will be presenting a talk/poster at the ABS meeting. Priority will be given to Ph.D. students who are attending an ABS meeting for the first time and who have not received a Latin American Travel Award in previous years. Award values vary according to funds available. The deadline for applying is **15 APRIL 2010**.

You may apply for a Latin American Travel Award once you have successfully submitted an abstract for a talk or poster, via the 2010 meeting web page. To apply for a Latin American Travel Award, please submit by email *a single electronic file* (.pdf is preferred) that contains the following materials, to Member at Large, Dr. Jeff Podos (jpodos@bio.umass.edu): (1) a copy of the abstract of your talk or poster; (2) a short CV (two pages maximum); (3) a brief statement (one page maximum) explaining how the meeting will enhance the applicant's career development; and (4) an itemized budget estimating travel costs, the amount of funds available or requested from other sources, and the amount requested from ABS.

DIVERSITY FUND STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE AWARD

The Diversity Fund Student Registration Fee Awards are intended to encourage participation and defray costs of attending the annual Animal Behavior Meetings by covering registration fees for graduate students and, in some cases (see below), established professionals, of under-represented minorities. Awards will be made by

lottery of all valid applications received before the deadline, which is **31 MARCH 2010**. Applications should be emailed to ABS Treasurer, Dr. Philip Stoddard (stoddard@fiu.edu). Please include in the subject line "ABS Diversity" followed by your name. Preference is given to individuals presenting research results.

Eligibility: Applicants from North America must be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application and must be members of under-represented minorities who are of African, Asian, or Latin American descent or of Native American heritage. Citizens (graduate students or established professionals) of Latin American countries and non-white citizens of African countries are also encouraged to apply.

CALL FOR ABS MEETING INVITATIONS

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

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2010 CAREER AWARDS

The Animal Behavior Society has a series of Career Awards which include the following: **Distinguished Animal Behaviorist** - outstanding lifetime achievement in animal behavior; **Exemplar Award** - major long-term contribution to animal behavior; **Outstanding New Investigator** - outstanding contribution by a new investigator; **Quest Award** - outstanding seminal contribution; **Exceptional Service Award** - sustained service contributions to the Animal Behavior Society; and **Distinguished Teaching Award** - distinguished contributions in teaching animal behavior to undergraduates.

All members of the society are encouraged to prepare and submit nominations for these awards. To aid the Selection Committee and to help codify the procedures involved, the following items must be submitted for a nomination: (1) a letter of nomination indicating the award for which the nominee is being proposed. It should provide details on the reasons the nominee should be considered for that award; (2) a curriculum vitae of the nominee; and (3) additional supporting letters from colleagues solicited by the nominator. These materials (except for the Distinguished Teaching Award; see below) should be sent to ABS Past

President, Molly R. Morris, Department of Biological Sciences, Ohio University, Athens Ohio 45701, USA. E-mail: morrism@ohio.edu. **Deadline this year was 1 February 2010.**

Recipients of last year's Exceptional Service Award and this year's Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Award, Exemplar Award, Quest Award and Exceptional Service Award will be announced and honored at the banquet during the 2010 annual meeting at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg VA.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

PLEASE NOTE THE CRITERIA HAVE BEEN BROADENED IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE A GREATER RANGE OF TALENTED MEMBERS. The recipient of this award receives recognition, a plaque from the Society, and the opportunity to organize an education-related event at the following annual meeting. It is easy to know about our colleagues' research by reading publications; it is much more difficult to know about their teaching excellence. We rely on nominations. PLEASE NOMINATE QUALIFIED COLLEAGUES FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. Selection of the award recipient will be made by the Animal Behavior Society Education Committee and approved by the Executive Council. The award recipient will be announced at the annual meeting of the Society.

Deadline: Nominating letters (or the form at the end of the Newsletter) should be submitted by **31 March 2010** to Penny Bernstein, pbernste@kent.edu. Questions can also be directed to Jennifer Mather, mather@uleth.ca.

Although e-mail copies are acceptable by the deadline, hard copies of letters of nomination with signatures are required before final considerations can be made.

Criteria and Procedures

1. Nominees must be current members of the Animal Behavior Society. (Note: current officers and committee chairs are not eligible for nomination.)
2. Nominees must have demonstrated highly effective and innovative teaching in the classroom or in an informal education setting (e.g., zoos, aquaria, museums, 4-H programs, research labs and field stations, and environment centers). They should have a reputation among peers and students for excellence in educating people about animal behavior.
3. Persons wishing to nominate an individual for the award should submit a one-page nomination letter providing evidence to support the nomination. The letter should also include names of at least two additional peer reviewers, and two current or former students or program participants. If students are under 18 years old, the student/participant references should be accompanied by,

or attached to, a letter from the appropriate teacher or youth program coordinator. (Note: Department chairs, directors, supervisors, or colleagues may be helpful sources for this information if you are not at the same institution as the person you are nominating.)

4. The Education Committee will solicit appropriate supporting materials, including those indicated in nominating letters (e.g., documentation of other teaching awards, peer and student evaluations, additional references, evidence of innovation in curriculum development, development of educational tools, programs, or multimedia products, or other appropriate indicators of superior educating).

5. If you would like to **renominate** an individual for the award, please submit a letter indicating that you are doing so and provide any additional information you feel might be helpful to the committee. Please also include the date of the original nomination. Names of additional peer or student reviewers may also be provided.

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

2011 ABS MEETING Organizing Symposia and Paper Sessions

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 are helpful when drafting the pre-proposal. 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, and 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 meeting are due before the annual meeting in Williamsburg in 2010 and will be circulated to the Executive Committee (EC) prior to

the Annual Meeting and then discussed at the EC meeting.

The 2011 meeting is scheduled for 25-30 July. The JPO encourages potential organizers to begin discussions about proposals for that conference. Further information can be found on the ABS website or by contacting the ABS Program Officers: Dario Maestriperi, Evolutionary Biology and Neurobiology, The University of Chicago, 5730 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, Phone: (773) 834-4104, Email: dario@uchicago.edu; and Maydianne Andrade, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough, 1265 Military Trail, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1C 1A4. Phone (416) 287-7425, E-mail: mandrade@utsc.utoronto.ca

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 2011. Anyone interested in organizing a symposium for the meeting please contact Maydianne Andrade, E-mail: mandrade@utsc.utoronto.ca.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions that deal with timely and substantive political or social issues that members wish to submit for the consideration of the ABS membership should be submitted by **20 April, 2010**. Submitted resolutions should provide direction to the ABS President to facilitate prompt action and will be evaluated by the Public Affairs Committee for appropriateness. Resolutions will be voted on at the annual business meeting in Williamsburg. Approved resolutions reflect the views of the Animal Behavior Society membership and are sent to the appropriate external agencies, organizations, or to the general public. Send resolution proposals to Caitlin Gabor, Department of Biology, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666, USA, or electronically to gabor@txstate.edu.

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John Byers snaps photos during the banquet at the ABS 2009 meeting in Pirenópolis, Brazil.

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, Public Affairs, Education, Latin American Affairs, Conservation, Animal Care, Film and others. Contact ABS President Michael 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.



Marina Anciães and Kevin McGraw, organizers of the Color Visual Signals symposium, pose for a special photo at the 2009 ABS meeting in Pirenópolis, Brazil.

ARTICLES

CAREER WORKSHOP ON POSTDOCTORAL OPPORTUNITIES

By Jennifer Mather

A Career Workshop, organized by Dr. Jennifer Mather, was held at the 2009 ABS meeting in Pirenópolis to inform students and faculty about the ways to find and then organize a Postdoctoral Fellowship. Jennifer presented an outline of advice and then three panelists talked about their experiences. Dr. Jordan Karubian discussed the postdoctoral fellow's point of view, Dr. Jim Ha gave us the perspective of the professor supervising the postdoc, and Dr. Tatiana Leite talked of the experience from a South American point of view.

Seeking a postdoctoral fellowship can be a decision point in one's career, an opportunity to choose whether to take the academic research-oriented career route or not. Supervisors are often found by personal contact: going to conferences, presenting graduate research, talking about ideas of mutual interest. Financial support may be from the supervisor him/herself, and such positions may be advertised. Granting agencies, general ones such as NIH, NSF, NSERC in Canada, CAPES in Brazil, or special ones like the Smithsonian or the Royal Society in the UK, will be good sources of financial support. Web sites including ABS, Ecolog, Evoldir and SICB provide clues about people, places and support.

When in a postdoctoral position, it is important for scholars to continue much as they did as graduate students: work hard, be organized. First, they need to publish the doctoral work, begin to detach themselves from this small area and find their own research direction, collaborate with others and keep going to conferences. Postdocs might also learn new techniques or approaches, teach a course or two (unless they already have several), particularly a standard like Introduction to Animal Behaviour, Ecology or Comparative Psychology. They might get involved with mentoring or directing the research of undergraduate students. While a postdoc, fellows should position themselves and apply for academic jobs. This involves getting work done and gathering it in a presentable format, practicing job talks, possibly starting a teaching dossier or philosophy. It can be lonely as a postdoc, as they are a miscellaneous kind of person, neither student nor professor, and often without a formal benefits package. Still, the experience can be exhilarating, a chance to do one's own work, develop new things yet be involved in a research group, while building a research future.

Jim Ha emphasized that you could get your own funding for a post-doc (NIH is a good source) and that not every

job involved teaching. Tatiana Leite pointed out that postdocs should have projects ready, so that when an institute calls for proposals, they can just submit one very quickly, and that they also should keep checking back with funding agencies. Jordan told us more about different funding sources for post-docs. Jim reminded us that postdocs need to have their own research direction but also balance this by maintaining a good working relationship with their supervisor. Tatiana pointed out for Latin American postdocs that they need to improve their English skills, going to international conferences, giving oral presentations, and publishing with international researchers.

A Career Workshop is proposed for the ABS Annual Meeting in Williamsburg in 2010, entitled *Thriving as a Beginning Assistant Professor*. It will look at finding a balance in your work and personal life, building a research career, teaching strategies and a couple of specific areas, jobs with mainly a teaching focus and Latin American experiences.

NOTICE TO DEVELOPING NATION SCIENTISTS PLANNING TO ATTEND ABS 2010

The Latin American Affairs Committee and/or Diversity Committee can provide letters of invitation to help scientists (faculty or students) from developing countries obtain travel funding from their universities in order to attend the ABS meeting in 2010. If such a letter would be useful in helping you to obtain funding, please contact Zuleyma Tang-Martinez: zuleyma@umsl.edu to request an invitation. Please provide your name and address, as well as the title or topic of the paper you will be presenting at the conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIELD STUDIES OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

This 10-day field course in Animal Behavior is being offered at the Southwestern Research Station of The American Museum of Natural History, located in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Arizona. **The dates are July 10 - 20, 2010.**

According to Conservation International, the sky islands of southern Arizona (which include the Chiricahua Mountains) contain some of the richest reservoirs of plant and animal life on earth. It is this outstanding biodiversity that attracts scientists (and their students) from all over the world. During this intensive field course, we will focus on the behavior of

a variety of invertebrate and vertebrate species. Our studies will include:

1. The Adaptability of Behavior - color and odor preferences in the selection of nectar sources by hummingbirds.
2. Population Dynamics - the size of territory in harvester ants as a function of colony density and food supply.
3. Communication - the evolution of visual displays in iguanid lizards.
4. Chemical orientation in lizards and role of the Jacobson organ.
5. Social Behavior - orientation and communication in slave-making ants.
6. Mating Behavior - The role of auditory signals in mating behavior of spadefoot toads.

The course includes daily multimedia lectures, and participation in projects being conducted by scientists at the Research Station. Emphasis will be placed on research design and hypothesis testing. Projects may vary, to take advantage of weather conditions, species availability, and visiting scientists.

Participants: The Animal Behavior Course is designed for teachers, undergraduate and graduate students, museum and zoo docents, environmental professionals, or anyone who enjoys observing and understanding the behavior of animals in their natural habitat. The course is limited to 15 participants.

Instructor: Dr. Howard Topoff, Professor Emeritus of Biopsychology at the City University of New York. Dr. Topoff has been conducting field research on insect social behavior at the Southwestern Research Station for over 40 years.

Cost: \$950 per person for 10 nights. This includes course tuition (\$350) as well as room and 3 meals each day at the Research Station (\$600).

The Web Address for the course is: <http://www.animalbehaviorcourse.com>

GEORGE W. BARLOW AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT RESEARCH PROPOSAL

An endowment fund has been established in memory of George W. Barlow for the purpose of encouraging excellence in graduate student research in the field of animal behavior. The **Barlow Award** will be awarded annually to one top-ranked proposal in the Student Research Grant cycle in accordance with the most recent ABS Student Research Grant competition rules. A cash award and a certificate will be given to the student selected. The amount of the **Barlow Award** will be the maximum amount allowed for a Student Grant Award as specified in the most recent ABS bylaws or policies,

regardless of the support amount requested in the proposal.

If you would like to make a US tax-deductible donation to this cause, please send your donation to: **Animal Behavior Society, 402 N Park Ave, Bloomington IN 47408-3828, USA** (with appropriate notation for this fund). We will recognize major donors in a future issue of the newsletter. Thanks to Dr. Judy Stamps for arranging for ABS to manage this endowment and for her generous seed donation.

LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERSHIPS

At the August 2005 ABS Executive Committee Meeting in Snowbird, Utah, a new initiative was approved to aid with recruitment of Latin American faculty and students. This endeavor involves contributions from ABS Members to a fund that will be maintained at the Central Office. Each year, the Membership Committee will fund a certain number (depending upon contributions) of new subscriptions from the fund. Student Developing Nations memberships are \$19 (for paper journals) or \$10 (for online access only). Faculty rates are \$24 (for paper journals and \$15 (for online access only). With the assistance of Regina Macedo, the Membership Committee has already compiled a list of 60+ students who would like to join the ABS. We ask that you consider making a contribution to the Latin American Membership Fund (checks made out to Animal Behavior Society with appropriate notation for this fund). Please send your contribution to the ABS Central Office, 402 N Park Ave, Bloomington, IN, 47408-3828, noting that your gift is for this program. THANKS in advance to all who contribute -- this sort of endeavor is exactly what we, as a society, have decided to make a high priority. If you have questions, please contact Kaci Thompson by e-mail at kaci@umd.edu.

ATTENTION AUTHORS

Are you an author or editor of a book related to animal behavior? If so, we would like to list it on the ABS Books by Members Web page

<http://animalbehaviorsociety.org/abs-media/abs-books/>.

Listing your book is quick and easy! And remember, if the book is still available, there is a direct link to Amazon.com from the web site for interested buyers (and ABS earns up to 5% from purchases made through this link). Send the following information to the Chair of Public Affairs Committee Caitlin Gabor, at gabor@txstate.edu: Author name(s), book title, publication year, publisher, number of pages, ISBN

number (specify whether for hardcover or paperback), and a *brief* abstract of the book.

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

2010: The Bowen Center for the Study of the Family: Impact of Relationships on Individual Variation, 17-18 April, Washington, DC. Check website: www.thebowncenter.org/pages/springconference.html
Contact person – jdavison@thebowncenter.org

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

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

2010: Australasian Society for Study of Animal Behaviour. 6-10 April, Narrabri, Australia. assab2010.eriophora.com.au.

2010: Association for the Study of Animal Behavior, Easter Meeting & Postgraduate Workshop. 7-9 April, Exeter, UK. asab.nottingham.ac.uk/meetings/asab.php

2010: Cooperation: an interdisciplinary dialogue. 18-20 April, Budapest, Hungary. www.incore.ich.ucl.ac.uk.

2010. Canadian Society for Ecology & Evolution. 10-12 May, Université Laval, Canada. www.ecoevo.ca/en/meeting.htm

2010. 5th International Frugivory and Seed Dispersal Symposium & Workshop. 10-13 June, Montpellier, France. www.fsd2010.org.

2010. International Congress of Arachnology. 11-17 July, Siedlce, Poland. www.arachnologia.edu.pl/congress.html

2010. European Societies for Behavioural Biology (ECBB). 18-20 July, Ferrara, Italy asab.nottingham.ac.uk/meetings/asab.php

2010. 25th International Ornithological Congress. 22-28 August, Campos do Jordão, SP, Brazil. www.ib.usp.br/25ioc/

2010. 14th Evolutionary Biology Meeting. 21-24 September, Marseilles, France. sites.univ-provence.fr/evol-cgr/

2010. ISBE2010 - 13th Congress of the ISBE. 26 Sep-1 Oct, Perth, Australia. www.isbep Perth2010.com

2010. Association for the Study of Animal Behavior, Winter Meeting: Interspecific communication. 2-3 December, London, UK. asab.nottingham.ac.uk/meetings/asab.php

2011. 13th European Society for Evolutionary Biology Congress. August. Tübingen, Germany. www.eseb.org

2012. ISBE20 Congress of the ISBE. 11-17 August, Lund, Sweden

47th Annual Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society



College of William and Mary, 2010

25-29 July, 2010

Hosts: John Swaddle and Dan Cristol

(The meeting website will be up soon; please check the ABS site for updates!)

Founded in 1693, William and Mary is the second oldest university in the US and situated in scenic Williamsburg, Virginia (<http://www.wm.edu>). As a “public Ivy” William and Mary is consistently rated as one of the best public schools in the US. The City of Williamsburg was the colonial capital of the “New World” and sits nestled between two other historic sites: Jamestown (the first permanent British colony) and Yorktown (site of surrender of British in the US Revolutionary War). Colonial Williamsburg itself has been restored as a living history museum and lies adjacent to the William and Mary campus (<http://www.history.org>). For US history buffs, this is a veritable playground. There are also a lot of other tourist attractions, including a large water park (<http://www.watercountryusa.com>) and Busch Gardens Williamsburg (<http://www.buschgardens.com>), both of which offer wonderful entertainment for families. The area also has lots of natural attractions and parks that are great for nature hikes, canoeing, and birding.

Scientific Program Highlights

Featured Speakers:

Keynote speaker: **Ellen Ketterson**, Indiana University, *Lecture title TBA*.

Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Address: **Lee Drickamer**, Northern Arizona University, *Lecture title TBA*.

ABS Fellow Lecture: **Andy Sih**, University of California at Davis *Lecture title TBA*.

Symposia, Workshops, and Special Sessions:

ABS Presidential symposium: *Adaptive Variation in Female Mate Preferences*

Organizer: **Molly Morris**, Ohio University

Symposium: *Collective Animal Behavior: Decision-Making of Groups*

Organizers: **Noa Pinter-Wollman**, Stanford University; **Deborah M. Gordon**, Stanford University

Symposium: *Signaling in Multiple Modalities*

Organizer: **James Higham**, University of Chicago

Career Workshop: *Thriving as a Beginning Assistant Professor*

Organizer: **Jennifer Mather**, University of Lethbridge

Special Poster Session: *Applied Animal Behavior*, Monday July 26

Organizer: **John Wright**, Mercer University

Film Festival: The XXVI Annual Animal Behavior Society Film Festival, dates TBA.

Special Events:

- An **opening reception** will be held on Sunday July 25, 2010
- **Posters** will be on display in two sessions throughout the conference. The first set of posters will be on display from Monday July 26 to 27; the second set from Wednesday July 28 to 29.
- A **closing banquet** will be held on Thursday July 29
- Annual **5K fun run!** Contact Caitlin Gabor (gabor@txstate.edu) for details.
- A **Silent Auction** will be held once again. Please bring items to donate to the auction: (1) Books on animal behavior, biology, ecology, conservation, applied animal behavior, etc.; (2) autographed books from ABS authors; (3) items with animal themes (t-shirts, jewelry, calendars, greeting cards, posters, etc.); (4) software useful for members (statistics, data collection, etc.); (5) videotapes for teaching or entertainment with behavior themes; (6) memorabilia from past ABS meetings and members (vintage artifacts); (7) animal photography; (8) animal artwork; (9) statistical consulting; (10) behind-the-scenes tour of a zoo, etc. Donated items will be placed on tables next to bidding forms, or described, if the item is not present.

Registration

Online registration and mail-in forms will be available in February via a link from the ABS website TBA. To present a paper or a poster at ABS 2010, you must register and submit abstracts by **May 14, 2010**. Only ABS (and ASAB) members are allowed to present research at ABS Meetings, which means participants should apply for membership or renew by **May 7, 2010**, in order to submit an abstract.

Be advised that there is a limit on the number of Contributed Talks that can be accepted. ABS bylaws require us to accept talk abstracts in the order received rather than the merits of the abstract or the presenter. You may still submit your most excellent abstract as a contributed poster, but not as a contributed talk, once this limit has been reached. The current limit is set at 200.

Registration fees for 2010, as approved by the Executive Committee, are listed below (all prices in U.S. Dollars):

Registration Fees (posted Dec. 10 2009)		
Category	Early (May 14 or before)	Late (After May 14)
Full member	\$180.00	\$250.00
Student Member	\$80.00	\$150.00
Full Non-Member	\$250.00	\$320.00
Student Non-Member	\$180.00	\$250.00
Guest/Spouse	\$80.00	\$150.00
Developing Country	\$70.00	\$70.00
(Children under 12, free with parent registration)		

Lodging

There is a nice hotel (Williamsburg Hospitality House, please check site: <http://www.williamsburghospouse.com>) within a couple of minute's walk of the conference venue, with discounted rooms (single or double occupancy) at \$109 per night. Attendees will need to contact the hotel independently to book rooms and mention the ABS conference to get the room discount rate. There are also a couple of budget hotels (Super8, Days Inn) an easy 5-10 minute walking distance from the conference. Additionally, there will be on-campus dorm housing at approximately \$35 per night for double occupancy and approximately \$50 per night for single occupancy. On campus housing can be booked through the same website as for online registration.

Food Options

As usual, there will be snacks at breaks during the conference. There will also be options to purchase on campus meal plans, and the conference center has a full cafeteria. There are also dozens of restaurant choices within easy walking distance of campus, ranging from cheap sandwich joints and bars to high end dining in Colonial Williamsburg.

Transportation

Williamsburg is an easy drive from many of the big East coast cities, and from the Carolinas. We have three nearby airports: Newport News/Williamsburg (PHF, 20 minutes away); Richmond International (RIC, 45 minutes away); and Norfolk International (ORF, 60 minutes away). Each of which have ride share services and taxis to Williamsburg. For people who drive to Williamsburg, there will be options to purchase on-campus parking passes through the registration website. The Williamsburg Hospitality House offers free parking to hotel guests.

Things to Do

Williamsburg enjoys the benefits of being a major tourist area and so there is no shortage of things to do in and around the City. From historic sites, to theme parks, natural areas, and extensive discount shopping, it's pretty easy to entertain yourself and your family for a week in Williamsburg. We'll be posting more specific information on the conference registration website, but for now you may want to look at the following site (www.visitwilliamsburg.com) to get an idea of how you may want to spend your downtime or extend your stay in the area. Here are some of the attractions that may be of interest:

- Colonial Williamsburg (<http://www.history.org>)
- Jamestown and Yorktown (<http://www.historyisfun.org>)
- Busch Gardens (<http://www.buschgardens.com>)
- Water Country USA [http://\(www.watercountryusa.com\)](http://www.watercountryusa.com)
- Great Wolf Lodge (<http://www.greatwolf.com/williamsburg/waterpark>)
- Virginia Living Museum ([vwww.thevlm.org](http://www.thevlm.org))
- Norfolk Zoo (<http://www.virginiazoo.org>)
- Nauticus (<http://www.nauticus.org>)
- Virginia Aquarium (<http://www.virginiaaquarium.com/Pages/default.aspx>)
- Children's Museum of Richmond (<http://www.c-mor.org>)
- Outlet Mall Shopping (<http://www.primeoutlets.com/locations/williamsburg.aspx>)
- York River State park (http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/yor.shtml)

Child Care

Although William and Mary cannot offer daycare specifically for conference attendees, we intend to put together a list of local daycare facilities that will take children on a short term basis. This will appear on the conference website at a later date.

For Further Information

Contact the conference hosts John Swaddle (jpswad@wm.edu) and Dan Cristol (dacris@wm.edu).

Online registration and mail-in forms will be available from a link at the ABS website TBA.

Distinguished Teaching Award Call for Nominations Form

To nominate a colleague for the ABS Distinguished Teaching Award (one of the career awards), answer as many of these questions as you can. Use the back if you need more space, and feel free to attach additional pages as required. Department chairs, directors, supervisors, or colleagues may be helpful sources for some of this information if you are not at the same institution as the person you are nominating. Please submit by March 31, 2010 to: Dr. Penny L. Bernstein, Assoc. Prof. Biological Sciences, Kent State University Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Avenue, N. Canton, OH 44720. The Education Committee will solicit supporting materials, including those indicated in nominating letters (e.g., a teaching CV, documentation of other teaching awards, peer and student evaluations, additional references, evidence of innovation in curriculum development, development of educational tools, programs, or multimedia products, or other appropriate indicators of superior educating).

Name of Nominee: _____

Do you know that the nominee is a current member of ABS? (NOTE: Nominees must be current members of ABS, and current officers and committee chairs are not eligible; we can check if you are unsure).

Yes No

Nominees must have demonstrated a sustained record of highly effective and innovative teaching in the classroom or in an informal education setting (e.g., zoos, aquaria, museums, 4-H programs, research labs and field stations, and environment centers).

In what setting does the nominee teach animal behavior, and what evidence can you provide that this teaching is highly effective and/or innovative?

Nominees should have a reputation among peers and students for sustained excellence in educating people about animal behavior. What evidence can you provide that this nominee has such a reputation?

If possible, please provide names of at least two additional peer reviewers:

If possible, please provide names of at least two current or former students or program participants.

If this is a re-nomination, what was the date of the original nomination?

Please also include any new information you feel might be helpful to the committee.

Name of Nominator: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Online renewal and information re. Required Member Info and Privacy Policies is available at <http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABSCentralOffice/> and upon request.

Required Information

Full Name (include titles):

Last (family) name, first name, titles

Affiliation:
(University, Company, Organization
with which you are currently
affiliated.)

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For further information go to: <http://animalbehaviorsociety.org>

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Membership Category	Dues online Journal only	Dues paper and online Journal	Amt Paid
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_ Student	\$18.00	\$40.00	
_ Developing Nation	\$15.00	\$24.00	
_ Developing Nation Student	\$10.00	\$19.00	
_ Science Writer	Contact office	\$27.00	
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Contributions

Research Award	Provides research grants of up to \$1,000 US to Graduate Students researching animal behavior.	
Conservation Award	Provides research grants to Graduate Students researching animal behavior with a Conservation focus.	
LA Membership Fund	A fund to aid recruitment of Latin American faculty and students.	
David Tuber Award	To promote excellence in research into Applied Animal Behavior.	
Genesis Award	Provides award for best Undergraduate Poster presented at annual ABS meeting.	
George W. Barlow Founder's Award	In honor of one of the founders of the Animal Behavior Society, It is awarded to the best poster at the annual meeting	
Cetacean Behavior Award	Provides awards of up to \$1,000 US to Students researching Cetacean Behavior and/or Conservation.	
Omega Award	Rewards Professional Presentation by Member assigned terminal slot at annual ABS meeting.	
Diversity Grant	Provides Registration Assistance to encourage culturally diverse participation at annual ABS meeting.	
Travel Award	Provides Travel/Housing Assistance to Latin American Members attending annual ABS meeting.	
Unrestricted Fund	General Donations to enable the society to respond effectively to emergencies and opportunities.	

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