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The Institute for Scientific Film (IWF) in Göttingen, FRG, is engaged in advancing the use of audiovisual media in research and teaching at university level. It is funded by the state. Biology has long been a main field in the programme of the IWF. A government grant is now enabling us to focus on primate behaviour and ecology from January 1994 on for a period of 3 years.

The IWF produces, publishes and distributes educational films and videos, and it offers the possibility of utilizing film methods for purposes of research, with regard to the collection and analysis of data, and to the recording of behaviour.

A variety of special cinematographic techniques are available, some of which have been developed by our staff. The film projects are realized in close cooperation with scientistists. They are the authors of scientific audiovisual publications. For their distribution abroad the films are often produced in several languages. To make suggestions, please contact:

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Bonobo Species Survival Plan

The Bonobo Species Survival Plan (SSP) is designed to be an active component of a holistic approach to conservation of *Pan paniscus*, the bonobo or pygmy chimpanzee. The SSP operates under the auspices of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA). The SSP's mission is to manage the captive population of bonobos held in North American institutions in a way that creates a self-sustaining population for many generations and which preserves the natural integrity of the species while in captivity to the fullest extent possible. Because of the critically small size of

the world captive population, it is necessary to understand and utilize all information gained from ongoing research which may be in progress but is as yet unpublished. Therefore, we are requesting information from researchers who are working in various fields related to the bonobo. In order to facilitate this process, the following people are acting as contacts to receive and distribute information in certain areas:

- (1) For publications related to *P. paniscus*, researchers are encouraged to provide information on, or a copy of, their new publications. Contact:

Ms. Gay Reinartz
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10005 West Bluemound Road
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- (2) For tissues requested for study and/or available for distribution, contact:

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- (3) For behavioral information and projects, contact:

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- (4) For proposed scientific projects (field/laboratory) which will use *P. paniscus* subjects, contact:

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Extract from the Constitution of the European Federation for Primatology

Art. II. Purposes

The purpose of the society shall be:

- to coordinate actions related to primatology between the different European societies. Such coordination will include: circulation of information between the different national primatological societies and groups of primatologists; meetings of the different national societies, specialist groups and other workshops; scientific activities, research and educational projects relevant to primatology.
- to promote rational management of captive primates and to make primate subjects and study sites available to a maximum of students and researchers.
- to provide the Council of Europe and other institutions with experts on all issues related to primatology.
- to participate, through the Council of Europe, in decisions relevant to primate trade and primate captive breeding.
- to promote the establishment of national societies of primatologists, national groups and European specialist groups of primatologists.

Art. V. Membership

The Federation groups European national societies of primatology and official groups of primatologists.

The Federation shall consist of affiliated primatological societies and groups along with associated groups, such as specialist groups.

The members of these societies and groups, affiliated to the Federation are, *ex officio*, members of the Federation, provided that they are in good standing in their societies.

Application for affiliation of a society or a group to the Federation should be addressed to the current President of the Federation by an appointed representative of that society or group. Applications will be examined by the executive council of the Federation.

European specialist groups may apply for association to the Federation using the same procedure as a national society or group.

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**International Conference and
Workshop on the Biology and
Conservation of Prosimians at the
North of England Zoological Society**

Chester, September 14–16, 1995

Co-sponsored by the University of Liverpool, the European Federation for Primatology, the Primate Society of Great Britain and the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust.

Prosimians under Threat

Prosimians are a diverse and biologically fascinating group of primates. Within this group are at least 52 species, both nocturnal and diurnal, in 22 genera and 8 families. They are distributed throughout the Old World, with the lemurs, such as the spectacular sifakas and the enigmatic aye-aye on Madagascar, the bushbabies, pottos and lorises in Africa and Asia and the tarsiers on the South-East Asian islands. All these primates are forest-living creatures and consequently are threatened as the world's forests are decimated by man's activities. For example, in the brief time humans have inhabited Madagascar, the island has lost at least 14 of its larger lemur species, and all but the smallest of its remaining species are listed as threatened by the IUCN. Other prosimian species listed in the Red Data Book are 3 tarsiers, 3 bushbabies, the golden potto and the pygmy loris. However, our knowledge of these small, nocturnal species is very limited with little known of their distribution and biology, and it may well be that some disappear before they are even discovered.

Conservation Science

In scientific sessions, the conference aims to promote in situ and ex situ conservation of prosimians through exchange of relevant research information on their general biology, ecology, behaviour, geographical distribution and conservation status in the wild. Conservation workshops will concentrate on applying this information to the developments of practical action plans, management projects, skills and strategies including programmes for breeding and re-introduction with attention to pre-release behavioural enrichment and genetic assessment.

First Call for Papers

Approximately 40 speakers, including keynote and invited speakers, will present papers in the scientific sessions, on: Systematics; Evolution and Palaeontology;

Ecology and Social Behaviour, and Conservation and Management. We also intend to bring together, in workshops, speakers representing the major habitat countries, with researchers from a variety of conservation and captive management agencies, to establish priorities for conservation, captive breeding and husbandry.

Papers

Papers in the Scientific Sessions will be of 20 min duration, with question time. The workshop will take the form of structured discussions of pre-circulated material presented by the invited participants. Both the scientific session papers and the results and conclusions of the workshop sessions will be published in a special issue of *Folia Primatologica* and will be subject to full peer review.

Speakers

We are currently circulating potential speakers but invite other potential participants – such as attendees at the last, very successful prosimian meeting at Duke University and 'Primate Talk' subscribers – to contact us for further information. In addition to expressions of interest, we are currently soliciting titles, together with 250-word abstracts of proffered papers for the scientific sessions and details of any proposed presentations relating to the Conservation Workshops.

Posters

Space will be provided in the conference hall for those planning to present papers in poster form. Authors are expected to be in attendance for a segment of time to be scheduled for discussion of their work. Abstracts for posters should be prepared as for presented papers and will be published in *Folia Primatologica* along with the presented papers.

Organisers

An international organising committee is being assembled. The interim (UK) organising committee includes Robin Crompton (University of Liverpool), Gordon Reid, Nick Ellerton, Caroline Harcourt (North of England Zoological Society) and Anna Feistner (Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust).

Social Activities, Meals and Accommodation

Chester Zoo, the conference host, is one of the largest and most-visited zoos in Europe. It has won many awards for breeding and conservation work. The Zoo features extensive gardens and has excellent conference and restaurant facilities. As 'icebreaker' party and buffet-style conference meal will be provided, and the

cost will be included in the registration fee. Hotel and bed and breakfast arrangements will be available through the Zoo, with a regular shuttle bus service into the City of Chester. Chester is an ancient walled city, dating from Roman times. In addition to the complete city walls, a Roman amphitheatre, forum and a cathedral first established 900 years ago, there are many

well-preserved Tudor houses, fine Victorian buildings and traditional English 'pubs'. The National Parks of Snowdonia, the Lake District and the Peak District are within one and a half hours' drive or rail travel from Chester. Visits can readily be arranged to the many stately homes, ancient buildings and other tourist attractions in the region.

Forthcoming Papers

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Taste Difference Thresholds for Sucrose in Squirrel Monkeys (*Saimiri sciureus*)

Laska, M. (Munich)

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Systematic Relationships among Cheirogaleidae (Primates, Strepsirhini) Determined from Analysis of Highly Repeated DNA

Rumpler, Y.; Crovella, S.; Montagnon, D. (Strasbourg)

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Distribution of Lemurs in Central Western Madagascar, with a Regional Distribution Hypothesis

Thalmann, U.; Rakotoarison, N. (Zurich/Antananarivo)

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Sympatric Mouse Lemurs (*Microcebus* spp.) in Western Madagascar

Schmid, J.; Kappeler, P.M. (Göttingen)