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International Conference on Behavioural Diversity in Chimpanzees and Bonobos.

The conference entitled "Behavioural diversity in chimpanzees and bonobos" was held from 12th to 17th June, 2000 organized by Drs. Christophe Boesch and Gottfried Hohmann of the Max-Planck-Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. Department of Primatology. It was held at Seeon, a small town in Germany, about one and a half hours drive from Munich. The conference center Seeon was formerly a monastery that was built by the beautiful lake of Seeon in the late 10th century. Twenty-nine field workers from the various countries who are studying wild chimpanzees and bilias (bonobos) in various sites of Africa were invited. Dr. Linda Marchant, who had been staying in Germany at that time, also joined the meeting. Major aims of the conference were three fold; 1) Update and extend dimensions of intra-specific behavioural diversity of both Pan species; 2) Explore possible determinants of variation between population; 3) Re-evaluate inter-specific differences between chimpanzees and bonobos.

Detailed contents of the conference are going to be published in a book with the editors being C. Boesch, G. Hohman and L. Marchant. The following are the program of the conference:

12th June 2000
Workshop of comparative study of self medication.
by Michael HUFFMAN
Workshop on compilation of demographic data. by C. BOESCH
Workshop on conservation. by Richard WRANGHAM, Tetsuro MATSUZAWA, and C. BOESCH

13th June 2000
Morning session chaired by R. WRANGHAM
• Food sharing among bonobos: reciprocity or mutualism. by Barbara FRUTH
• Hunting and food sharing by chimpanzees at Ngogo, Kibale National Park, Uganda. by David WATTS
• Opportunistic hunting of the chimpanzees at Mahale and its impact on mammalian prey populations. by Shigeo UEHARA
• Tool use in Tongo chimpanzees. by Annette LANJOUW

Afternoon session chaired by Toshisada NISHIDA
• A comparative approach to the study of chimpanzees foraging and social behavior: is
subspecific and specific variation explain on the basis of ecological, morphological and/or phylogenetic affinities? by Diane DORAN

The chimpanzees of Assirik revisited: behavioral reflections of a Savanna habitat. by William McGREW

Some preliminary observations of a dry-habitat chimpanzee community at the Semeliki-Toro Wildlife Reserve, Uganda. by Kevin HUNT

Comparative bonobo foraging strategies: are bonobos more like chimpanzees? by Jo THOMPSON

14th June 2000

Morning session chaired by L. MARCHANT

Female transfer and settlement patterns. by Anne PUSEY

Scramble competition and contest competition in female chimpanzees. by Jennifer WILLIAMS

Development of tool use in chimpanzees at Bossou, Guinea. by T. MATSUZAWA

Demography and life history of chimpanzees at Bossou, Guinea. by Yukimaru SUGIYAMA

Afternoon session chaired by M. A. HUFFMAN

Developmental retardation in early infancy of pygmy chimpanzees in Wamba. by Suehisa KURODA

Social organization of the Sonso community of chimpanzees in the Budongo Forest Reserve, Uganda. by Vernon REYNOLDS

Ecological and social correlates of prey size and gregariousness. by John MITANI

Patterns of spatial association in bonobos. by G. HOHMANN

Another bonobo? The ecology of female sociality in the Bossou chimpanzees. by Gen YAMAKOSHI

15th June 2000

Morning session chaired by B. FRUTH

Seasonal aspects of sociosexual behaviour in two chimpanzee populations: a comparison of Gombe (Tanzania) and Budongo (Uganda). by Janette WALLIS

Costs and benefits of female sexual attractiveness among chimpanzees and bonobos. by R. WRANGHAM

Why bonobo females are not eager to copulate? by Takeshi FURUICHI

Chimpanzee female-male friendships and female-female competitions as reproductive strategy. by Akiko MATSUMOTO

Demography and reproductive profiles of the Mahale chimpanzees revisited. by T. NISHIDA
Workshop on further conservation actions by C. BOESCH and others

16th June 2000

Morning session chaired by A. Pusey

- The role of aggression in maintaining intracommunity dominance relationships. by Martin MULLER
- Conflict management in wild chimpanzees. by Roman WITTIG
- Sex differences in grooming relationships among adult bilia at Wamba in the central Congo forest. by Takayoshi KANO
- Social grooming amongst male chimpanzees: the decision to groom. by Nicholas NEWTON-FISHER
- Grooming-hand-clasp in Mahale M group chimpanzees: comparison with branch-clasp grooming. by Michio NAKAMURA

Editorial meeting. Chaired by C. BOESCH, G. HOHMAN & L. MARCHANT

Discussion on future research on behavioural diversity in chimpanzees and bonobos. Chaired by C. BOESCH

(Reported by Michio Nakamura)