

cussions we had everyday on chimpanzees. I was very curious about understanding differences in the behaviour between the two populations and we spent hours together passionately discussing leaf-grooming, tool use, social ranks and hunting strategies. Two passionate people discussing their passion through the long nightly hours!

Tribute

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Professor Toshisada Nishida's research on the chimpanzees of the Mahale Mountains, Tanzania, first came to my attention in *The Great Apes* (1979) volume based on a Wenner-Gren Conference held in 1974. The quality and depth of his chapter included his ground-breaking insight into the social organization of *Pan troglodytes*. At that time I did not imagine that I would be so fortunate as to work with him on its sequel, *Great Ape Societies* (1996), based on another Wenner-Gren Conference held in 1994 and organized by Professor Nishida and Professor William McGrew. In the 20 years between those conferences and in the ensuing 17 years, Toshi produced a body of work that will stand as testimony to a consummate fieldworker.

In the last few years of his life, he had to cope with prolonged periods of illness but he persevered and completed his forthcoming book, *Chimpanzees of the Lakeshore: Natural History and Culture at Mahale*, Cambridge University Press, which will appear later this year. I had the privilege of reading several chapters of this book and in one of our e-mail exchanges I commented —

"Toshi, I had such pleasure in reading this chapter and many times I felt I was standing in Mahale watching 'your' chimpanzees as they live their remarkable lives. I especially enjoyed your stories of families, and sometimes I laughed out loud to read how perfectly you captured what it is like to be in a chimpanzee family."

On February 23rd 2011, he replied and said "...your words are very encouraging". He was racing against time to finish his book. I will miss Toshi, yet he will be with us, in this his final effort to share a lifetime of knowledge and love of the chimpanzees of the Mahale Mountains.

In the accompanying photo Toshi is with two of his favorite fellow 'alpha-males'—Frans de Waal and Bill McGrew! This was on the occasion of an International

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Tribute

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In 1980, Toshisada Nishida was visiting Bill McGrew at Stirling when there was a *Scottish Primate Research Group* event in St Andrews: so naturally both were invited, and the supper afterwards happened to be hosted at my house. I was excited to meet Dr Nishida, but a little disappointed that after being introduced he did not converse. (I knew nothing then about traditional Japanese etiquette.) At the next international conference we both attended, I was therefore slightly amazed when Dr Nishida enthusiastically greeted me with a sheaf of papers he had brought specially for my interest, thanking me for the wonderful hospitality in St Andrews! In the subsequent conversation, I asked very hesitantly whether it might ever be possible just to visit his chimpanzee field site ... and partly misunderstanding my words, Toshi gave me permission to carry out a research study at Mahale! By now, I was totally thrown, but very pleased: I had never even seen a wild ape at that point, and only studied one monkey species. Of course, I worked diligently in the next two years to come up with some ideas, and my wife Jen and I were able to work at Mahale in 1984 on chimpanzee vocalization. It may not have been the most successful project, but led to my subsequent career studying great apes: for which I am profoundly grateful. I never knew whether Toshi realised his early slip, but we remained good friends, meeting often at conferences. His death is a sad loss.

Memories of Toshisada Nishida

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"Here, let me fix this." Toshi eyed me suspiciously and quite warily as I began to dismantle the Honda generator at Kanyana camp. I had used the same kind of generator for many years in Borneo and knew how to repair them. I cleaned and fixed it quickly. Only later did Miya Hamai tell me that Toshi was more worried than I could have ever imagined. Apparently, there were old stories about how Itani sensei became upset over broken generators at Kabogo Point, the legendary site of his and Imanishi sensei's first effort to study wild chimpanzees along the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

Perhaps it was my ability to fix that generator during my first trip to Mahale that endeared me to Toshi. But I like to think there were other reasons. We both had an abiding passion for fieldwork, and came to respect each other for that. And while he came to trust me, I too trusted him unconditionally. In retrospect, some of that trust may have been misplaced. Like the time he convinced me to eat raw chicken in the field. He assured me that it

