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Upcoming Meetings

The transmittal form for the Human Ethology/Sociobiology portion of the Animal Behavior Society meeting, to be held in Boulder, Colorado, appeared in H.E.N. No. 11. Please note that the abstracts submitted will be photographed and printed by an offset method. The style to be followed is shown in H.E.N. No. 11 and must fit into a 3x7 inch space!

If you have comments and/or would like to participate in a workshop session on evolutionary theory as applicable to human ethological research please write to one of the editors of the newsletter so that we can begin to organize this session.

Future Meetings

As evidenced at the last SRCD (Child Development) and AAA (Anthropology) meetings the trend seems to be toward (1) a critical review of papers, (2) limits on the number of papers accepted, and (3) the acceptance of symposia rather than individual papers. Also, there is often too little time between one year's meeting and when the next year's set of papers have to be submitted. Consequently, we thought it might be helpful if early requests for participants in potential symposia appeared in the newsletter. If you hope to organize a symposium on a particular topic at a future meeting please drop us a note and we will print it.

Past Meetings

A number of papers of interest to human ethologists/sociobiologists were given at the December 1975 American Anthropology Assoc. meeting.

Some of these were:

- (1) Symposium: Studies in Biogenetic Structuralism: Neurognosis.
Organizers: C.D. Laughlin and E.G. D'Aquili.
Papers by:
Robert D. Rubinstein (SUNY Binghamton) Bridging levels of systemic organization.
Charles D. Laughlin (SUNY C. Oswego) The nature of neurognosis.
Eugene G. D'Aquili (Pennsylvania) Structural transformations: a biogenetic structural analysis.
John H. McManus (N. Central Philadelphia CMH/MRC) Psychopathology: errors in cognitive adaptation.
Ralph L. Holloway (Columbia) Is culture fun? Notes toward a hedonic neurognosis.
- (2) Symposium: Studies in Biogenetic Structuralism: Neurobiology in Anthropology.
Organizers: C.D. Laughlin and E.G. D'Aquili.
Papers by:
Solomon H. Katz (Pennsylvania) Right and left cerebral hemispherical asymmetries and crosscultural universals.
Barbara W. Lex (McLean Hosp.) Rites of reversal: the neurobiological impact of social and cultural forms.

Donald S. Sade (Caribbean Primate Research Ctr.) On the relation between aggression, territoriality and the individual's self-reference in the social network.

Ivan A. Brady (SUNY C. Oswego) The structural nexus of kinship: mud and blood reexamined.

(3) Symposium: Biosocial Anthropology.

Organizers: J.H. Barkow and E. Vaitl.

Papers by:

Glenn E. King (Monmouth) Band organization and the evolution of human sociality.

Elizabeth Vaitl (UCLA) Primate studies and the evolution of human behavior.

Jerome H. Barkow (Dalhousie) Children's tales and information transmission in Homo sapiens.

Donald R. Omark (Illinois-Urbana) Ethological perspectives on social and cognitive development.

Roger R. Larsen (Dalhousie) Some sex differences in nonverbal communication.

(4) A few additional papers were: Sherwood L. Washburn, Elizabeth McCown (UC-Berkeley) Man: a product of the evolutionary process.

Robert Bigelow (Canterbury-New Zealand) The instinct problem.

John P. Scott (Bowling Green) The evolution of agonistic behavior.

Notes from the Sheffield, England meeting (1975)

Additional authors on Mario v. Cranach's paper were: B. Gugler, K. Indermühle, U. Kalbermatten, K. Kühne, and H. Müller.

A paper that we failed to list was given by Gail Zivin (Univ. of Pennsylvania, School of Communications, Philadelphia, PA 19174) titled "Preschoolers Facial-Postural Status Messages".

New Organizations

On July 30, 1975 the first North American Semiotics Colloquium was held at Tampa, Florida. The participants decided to organize a society and provisional officers were elected. If you are interested in joining please write to: Semiotic Society of America, Research Center for Language and Semiotic Studies, P.O. Box 1214, Bloomington, IN 47401. Membership fee is \$2.00 (for 1976 only) and should accompany your letter.

Journal - New Section

Man-Environment Systems (editor: A.H. Esser) will soon include a section devoted to Nonverbal Communication. Articles on Human Ethology and Social Biology will be accepted. Articles should be sent to the editor of this section:

Dr. Robert D. Deutsch

Editor, Nonverbal Communications Section

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Additional Publications

For those interested in human evolution a publication recently seen at the AAA meeting may prove to be of value. It contains abstracts selected from the

literature of paleontology, primatology, anatomy, human biology, physical anthropology, population genetics, cytogenetics, molecular biology and evolutionary theory. For further details write to: Abstracts in Human Evolution, P.O. Box 24799, Westwood, California 90024.

What's in a Name?

A great deal of comment was generated at the recent Anthropology (AAA) meeting over the use of the term "Human Ethology." Suggestions were made that a 'proper' term should reflect the social and cultural as well as the biological aspects of man (e.g. see the symposia titles listed above). Alternatively, suggestions were made at the Animal Behavior meetings that 'Human' should not be emphasized since it is the evolutionary aspects which are more important (e.g. Ethology of Man, as in Ethology of Wolves, Eth. of Bees, etc.). Right now there may be no solution to this problem short of a phrase like "Human Ethology and Social Biology" because different terms will always have different meanings to various individuals. Perhaps a new term entirely would be most appropriate.

Human Ethology Roster

Additions to the roster are attached. If you did not receive the first set would you please drop a note (and a 25¢ stamp if in the U.S.) to Donald Omark. If you wish to be included in the next roster please send us a short note including: (1) name, (2) current address, (3) current interests, (4) recent articles -- especially those that reference other articles.

Job Positions

If you know of any positions that are open and of interest to Human Ethologists/Sociobiologists please send them to the newsletter.

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