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A Note from Shirley

Dear Supporter,

I have some exciting news for our readers. In April this year IPPL became the owner of 8.2 acres of woodland adjacent to the rear of our back field. It will block greedy developers from causing further ruin to our neighborhood! It will also protect deer, hawks, owls, and all the wildlife of the woods. It will bring our total acreage to 45. In the center reside our 35 amazing gibbons.

The closing was held on 10 April. The owner of the land was Mr. John Lee Fashion. It turned out he was 96 years old at the time, but he looked much younger! His birthday would come up in June and he would be 97. So I wrote to tell my friend Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the exciting news. The Prince was born on 10 June 1921, and was due to turn 96 in June. But Mr. Fashion was due to turn 97 in June. So Mr. Fashion was one year older than the Prince!

What a coincidence! I immediately wrote to tell Prince Philip, who wrote back in a letter dated 17 May,

"I am delighted to know that you have managed to create a "buffer" zone around the gibbons. I have to say that Mr. John Lee Fashion looks in far better shape than me!"

He added, "I am delighted to know that you are continuing to look after the Gibbons and go after wildlife criminals. 'Good on you', as they say in Australia, but it is going to be an uphill struggle as long as the human population continues to grow, and technology continues to develop. All in all, I'm glad I am as old as I am!"

I hope all our readers are enjoying their summer. It has been really hot and humid here and we can't wait for cooler days.

Best wishes,

Shirley McGreal
Founder and Executive Director

John Lee Fashion and me!



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Yoda is talapoin monkey, the smallest of the Old World monkeys. They live in groups of 70-100, but Yoda never got that chance. This tiny infant was found in a village being sold as a pet. Ape Action Africa was contacted and explained to the shopkeeper that the tiny monkey would die without proper care. Thankfully, they agreed, and Yoda was released to the sanctuary. Photo is by Robin Huffman. (see page 16)

IPPL: Who We Are

IPPL is an international grassroots wildlife protection organization. It was founded in 1973 by Dr. Shirley McGreal. Our mission is to promote the conservation and protection of *all* nonhuman primates, great and small.

IPPL has been operating a sanctuary in Summerville, South Carolina, since 1977. There, 35 gibbons (the smallest of the apes) live in happy retirement.

IPPL also helps support a number of other wildlife groups and primate rescue centers in countries where monkeys and apes are native.

IPPL News is published three times a year.

Success in Sumak Allpa - The Land of No Pain

Hector Vargas, Project Director

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Sumak Allpa Environmental Interpretation and Biodiversity Management Center is a primate rehabilitation program nestled in the Ecuadorian Amazon on a 115-hectare island along the Napo River in between Puerto Francisco de Orellana and Yasuni National Park. Sumak Allpa is Kichwa for “Land of No Pain”, and that is exactly what our project aims to create. Our project is determined to both breed primates successfully and to translocate the species back into parts of the forest where they have disappeared.

As many know, the Ecuadorian Amazon is one of the most biodiverse places on Earth, but that biodiversity is at risk. Oil companies specifically add to the risks. Oil companies come in, create huge platforms and access roads.

This not only causes the destruction of habitat and the deaths of many animal species, but it also results in their relocation, mainly due to the stress that the loud noises generate.

Out of this dire threat sprouted our organization, which serves as a counteractive action against these invasive oil companies, as well as the intense trafficking from the Yasuni National Park, one of the largest national parks in the area.

Near the entrance of the park, in a town called Pompeya, we have eye witnessed, year after year, tons of wild bush meat and animals being sold as pets to an increasingly growing market. Unfortunately, most of the specimens

offered in the market are woolly monkeys, squirrel monkeys, capuchin monkeys, tamarins, and the like. Where did these monkeys end up? Some of them left the country and others were confiscated and shipped to rescue centers or zoos.

In Ecuador, most rescue centers do not have the capacity to complete a proper rehabilitation program where animals could be released or translocated to their natural habitats. This is something we are trying to improve; our island has the perfect set up that allows the primates of the illegal trade to roam freely through

translocating one of our troops of squirrel monkeys, and this effort marks the initiation of our translocation program. The excitement in the success we have experienced is indescribable.

The *lagothrix poeppigii*, also known as the woolly monkey, is listed as an endangered species in Ecuador, and the species is continuing to decline. The woolly monkeys, which are one of the largest species in the area, make up almost 40 percent of all trafficked animals in the Amazon. With the illegal hunting, trafficking, and habitat destruction, the



Pygmy marmoset

woolly monkeys are unable to repopulate fast enough to offset the number of monkeys that are dying.

On Feb. 10, 2017, we welcomed our first-generation birth of a woolly monkey, Baby Saba. Five months later, our first male offspring Victor Javier was born. And as we were writing this article, we greeted our third woolly baby into the

the forest. The monkeys on our island have a proper diet, habitat, freedom to roam, and they are challenged by their predators. Here they can live exactly as they would in the wild.

We currently have eight different species of monkeys on our island, including: squirrel monkeys; golden-mantled tamarins; Napo tamarins; Saki monkeys; capuchin monkeys; pygmy marmosets; night monkeys; and woolly monkeys. Sumak Allpa is experiencing successful reproduction with our woolly monkeys, manifested with the recent birth of two babies, Saba and Victor Javier. We are also working towards

Sumak Allpa canopy forest. Seeing the extraordinary social behaviors between these babies and their mothers has touched our hearts and serve as a perfect reminder of why we do what we do. But here we stand, watching them flourish.

Sumak Allpa is also taking steps to begin a translocation program for our squirrel monkeys. This will stand as the first translocation program in Ecuador. We take pride in offering one of the least stressful ways to relocate species. The entire project has been established. We are now only waiting for the “go” from the Environmental Ministry.

The location to which we have chosen

to translocate the monkeys is a protected area inside of Yasuni National Park. Here the Indillama Kichwa Community lies. The populations that once were hunted here have moved away from the area, and now the community has joined efforts to protect these animals. They

have built a project to help educate visitors on the forest, so translocating the monkeys here will not only help the species but also the community.

We are reaching the reproductive capacity for the island, as far as squirrel monkeys are concerned. Currently, the species is not threatened in Ecuador. For these reasons, we have chosen this species as the first to translocate. This translocation will also help the forest immensely. The primates help contribute to seed dispersal, plant fertilization, and insect control.

This initiative will give us the opportunity to study the adaptation of the monkeys to a new location, and the

effects of translocation on the species. We are using telemetry, which will be used to track the monkeys so we can accurately study survival and changes. In 2018-2019, we also plan to begin translocating the woolly monkeys. The lessons provided from the squirrel monkey initiative will further help us to effectively translocate the woollies.

To date, Sumak Allpa has introduced our project to over 10,000 people who have walked through the island. The environmental education Sumak Allpa has supplied has caused a change within the hearts of visitors. These people gain a new understanding of the ongoing issues in the Ecuadorian Amazon, and

they are able to carry that understanding to help influence global change. This is a very special time for us, and we hope to provide additional primate programs in the future. Setting up rehabilitation that mimics a wild habitat has been extremely successful and it is something

that we hope to see from other programs.

The three new woolly babies born this year have given us strength to continue and a refreshed sense of purpose in what we do. More than ever, we feel proud to be a part of a global family working for primate welfare.

Achieving our goals of reproduction and translocation could not have been possible without the immense support of the International Primate Protection League. We would like to extend a special thanks to Shirley McGreal. Thank you, also, to the untiring interns who have worked through mud, mosquitos, and sweat to provide the important and necessary information we need.



Squirrel monkey



Woolly monkey and baby "Lena"



Saki monkey

History of IPPL Meetings 1990–2016

Shirley McGreal, IPPL Founder and Executive Director

IPPL worked out of its original Summerville residence from 1977-1990. It was not till 1981 that we hired our first employee, Kathy Crawford. In 1988 we purchased five extra acres of land from a neighbor. At last we could fulfil our dream and build an office. Fortunately we received a generous gift from the Helen Vorhees Brach Foundation and the project was under way! The spacious new building took two years to complete. So we decided to hold a meeting for our supporters to show off our new home and have them meet our staff, each other, and the gibbons. By then we had 17 gibbons.

In early 1990 we announced the dates of the meeting, 23-25 March 1990, with no clue as to whether any members would show up! We had a lovely surprise! Over 50 supporters came to Summerville from several countries and many states. Some made presentations and others came to listen to our speakers.

IPPL-1990

Among our speakers was the late Leonie Vejjajiva, gibbon rescuer from Thailand; Peter Van de Bunt, a primate activist from Germany; and the late Tess Lemmon, who had worked in The Gambia with chimpanzees and had hand-raised a baby baboon named Polly. Tess had also written several books and many articles for wildlife magazines. Orangutan rescuer Gary Shapiro was here. Ann Koros told us about her weekly Public Access television program in Austin, Texas.

The topic of one fascinating session was intimidation lawsuits. It was led by attorney Laura Mattera. Speakers were Cathy Blight, who had endured a ten-year lawsuit from a Michigan dog dealer and Shirley McGreal of IPPL, who had been involved in a just-ended lengthy lawsuit filed against her and others by the Austrian pharmaceutical company Immuno. Immuno's efforts to set up a big chimp lab in Sierra Leone were brought to public attention by IPPL – and foiled.



From Left: Peter Van de Bunt, Shirley, Ignaas Spruit, Tess Lemmon, and Leonie Vejjajiva

IPPL-1992

This meeting took place in Summerville from 27-29 March 1992.

The gibbons were a great hit, of course, and our gibbon caregivers Ginny and Donetta were pelted with questions.

British actress Michele Winstanley came to tell us about her work on the Spanish beach chimp campaign. Baby chimps stolen from the bodies of their dead mothers were paraded on beaches and in bars and carried around by photo-touts to be photographed with tourists.



From Left: Yana Supriatna with Shirley and South Carolina naturalist Rudy Mancke

In February 1990 six baby orangutans were confiscated at Bangkok Airport. The animals had been stuffed into bird crates, and flown from Singapore to Bangkok. They were waiting to be loaded on a Belgrade-bound plane when some of the drugged babies woke up and started crying. Thai authorities thought the cries emanated from human babies and x-rayed the crates. The profiles of six baby orangutans and two gibbons were found.

The animals were seized by the late Thai wildlife chief Boonlert Angsirijinda, a great friend of IPPL, and placed at the home of Leonie Vejjajiva, founder of the Wildlife Rescue Foundation of Thailand (WRF). Dianne Taylor-Snow flew to Thailand to help with their care. IPPL began a successful investigation to uncover the identities of the smuggling gang involved.

The late Bonnie Brown talked about communicating with one's congressional representatives. Later Bonnie joined IPPL's Board. Shirley discussed her experiences representing IPPL at the February 1992 Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) held in Kyoto, Japan. A highlight was being called over for a chat by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, a long-time friend of IPPL and pen-pal of Shirley's. Shirley was quietly standing to one side when she suddenly heard a loud voice calling out, "Shirley, did you get my last letter?" Everyone in the room turned to see what the commotion was all about! The "big shots" did not seem at all

happy that Shirley had received the royal summons! IPPL has been represented at every CITES conference since 1979.

IPPL-1994

IPPL-1994 was held from 25-27 March 1994. Our star speaker was the exotic Dr. Iqbal Malik from India, who made a presentation about her work with the wild rhesus macaques living free around Tughlakabad Fort, India. Following the capture of some of her study monkeys, gutsy Iqbal did a “sit-in” at the Delhi

Iqbal Malik with Sebastien Great Pyrenees



Town Hall and vowed to stay there till every single monkey was released. She succeeded and became known as the “Monkey Mother” in India.

Another presentation about rhesus monkeys was made by Dr. Linda Wolfe, who for many years campaigned to save the wild rhesus monkeys residing in Florida.

Tim Redford flew in from Thailand to talk about his work with the Wildlife Rescue Foundation of Thailand. He showed photos of gibbons and monkeys rescued from beach and bar photographers who charged tourists to hold them.

IPPL-1996

IPPL-1996 was held at IPPL Headquarters from 29-31 March 1996. Approximately 100 supporters attended.

Leona McDermid from Scotland made a presentation about her primate rescue work in Nigeria. Her strong Scottish accent enchanted everyone!

Peter Van de Bunt talked about the case of the “Manila Gorilla,” who was confiscated from smugglers in the Philippines. Two drills confiscated with the gorilla were returned to the Drill Ranch in Nigeria, but sadly little Gorio Gorilla did not survive,

Leona McDermid, our Scottish lass!



despite all efforts to save him.

Lou Griffin and Tracy Wyman discussed the problems faced by the Japanese macaques they cared for in Texas, who were being threatened by hunters.

IPPL introduced a new tradition at this conference. We hired a singing group called the Johns Island Senior Lights to come and sing traditional Southern gospel songs to us after our Saturday dinner. Among the favorites were “Amazing Grace,” “Swing Low Sweet Chariot,” and “Down by the Riverside.”

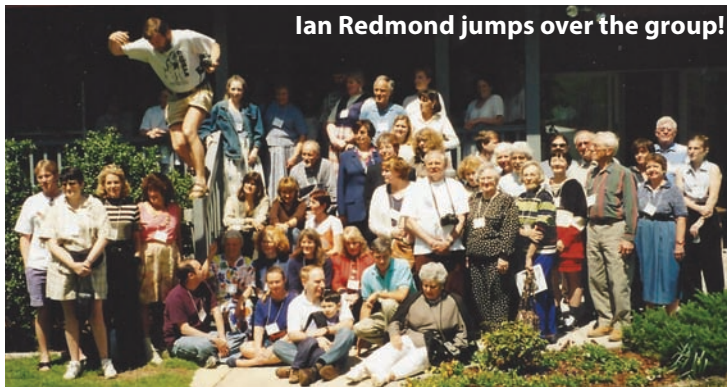
IPPL-1998

Over 120 members and speakers attended our meeting at Headquarters from 3-5 April 1998. It was IPPL’s 25th anniversary and a very special occasion. Messages poured in from all over the world, including one from our friend Prince Philip.

Our friends at Stichting AAP in the Netherlands donated thousands of Frequent Flier miles which allowed us to bring in several overseas speakers.

Paula Kahumbu from Kenya talked about her work building bridges across the Diani Beach Highway to help bring an end to

Ian Redmond jumps over the group!





My identical twin Jean (left) and her husband Peter

the deaths of colobus and other monkeys crossing the road. IPPL helps support this project. The original name of the organization was the Wakuluzu Colobus Trust. Paula was a pioneer in this work and has gone on to great things with elephants. The group is now known as Colobus Conservation.

Dr. Sheri Speede discussed her efforts to rescue chimpanzees in Cameroon and Lee McGlashan his efforts caring for gibbons at the Krabook Koo Sanctuary in Thailand.

Rosalind Hanson-Alp talked about the problems caused to the new Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary by the then-ongoing



Paula Kahumbu came from Kenya to tell us about her work with colobus monkeys

civil war in Sierra Leone. It was tough to get food to the rescued chimps because staff had to cross between two warring factions.

IPPL-2000

IPPL-2000 was held in Summerville from 24-26 March. Prior to the meeting, a team of energetic volunteers from the UK led by Stephen Brend worked on adding extra swings and ropes to some of the gibbon cages.

Two representatives came from Indonesia to speak to us: Rosek Nursahid and Yana Qomariana. They spoke about primate problems in Indonesia such as the notorious “bird markets” found

all over the country. IPPL has helped support PROFAUNA since it was founded as “KSBK.” We have provided many grants to this outstanding organization.

The late Stella Brewer Marsden told about her work rehabilitating chimpanzees in The Gambia. Stella wrote a book about her pioneering work, which was published as *The Forest*



TV anchor Mike Trouche interviews Yana

Dwellers in the UK and *The Chimps of Mount Asserik* in the United States.

Peter Jenkins and Liza Gadsby talked about their sanctuary work in Nigeria (Drill Ranch) and Cameroon (Limbe Wildlife Center).

The late Linda Howard called for more compassion for monkeys. Great apes get most of the attention, which Linda rightly thought unfair to monkeys. Her subsequent death was a tremendous loss for IPPL.

We were very happy when 12 associates and volunteers of the Fauna Foundation in Canada emerged from a huge van where they slept, ate, and bathed!

IPPL-2002

Over 100 IPPL members attended our seventh conference, which was held in Summerville from 22-24 March. The ages of attendees ranged from 14 years old to a sprightly lady well over 90 years old!

Prior to the meeting, our speaker Dr. Govindaswamy Agoramoorthy drew Shirley aside and showed her photos and documents pertaining to a shipment of four young gorillas who



African vet Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka works to save gorillas but also loves gibbons.

had been smuggled from Ibadan Zoo, Nigeria, to the Taiping Zoo in Malaysia. IPPL immediately began an investigation and Malaysia cancelled import permits for five more gorillas.

Chimpanzee experts Roger and Debbie Fouts held an interactive session with attendees.

Zena Tooze and Jennifer Schell had problems getting here! They flew to Charlotte and rented a car. Jen drove as she had a US drivers' license. Then she developed a bad case of malaria, and called HQ. All we could recommend was for Zena to drive – slowly.



Roger and Debbie Fouts with Shirley

They arrived here safely and gave excellent presentations about their work.

Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka told us about her work as vet for the Uganda Wildlife Department; Gladys has cared for many sick or injured mountain gorillas. She loved our blind gibbon Beanie.

Other speakers included US investigator Matt Rossell, who



Dr. Ohlandt receives award for his great work with our gibbons!

showed photos of his undercover work at a lab in Oregon, USA. David Van Gennep of Stichting AAP introduced us to the work of the AAP Sanctuary in the Netherlands and described his organization's plans to set up a new sanctuary in Spain.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of an award to Dr. John Ohlandt, who has been the IPPL gibbons' veterinarian since shortly after IPPL moved to Summerville in 1977. He is a wonderful man; always ready to handle an emergency. When Courtney Gibbon was injured by her mother at 12 days of age, Dr. Ohlandt saved her life with prompt surgery. His award was a framed drawing of Courtney by wildlife artist Alan Li.

IPPL-2004

IPPL-2004 was held from 26-28 March at Headquarters. As always, we had some wonderful overseas speakers.

Aurélien Brulé ("Chanee"), founder of the Kalaweit Sanctuary in Kalimantan (the Indonesian part of the island of Borneo), became interested in gibbons when he was just seven years old. At the age of 18, he left France for Asia where he set up Kalaweit. IPPL helped "Chanee" with essential financial assistance in his early days, later including him in our Arcus Foundation multi-sanctuary grant. The project set up a radio station to spread the message of conservation. In 2003 Kalaweit established another



Pauline Comanor, who created the character Betty Boop, brought her artistic talents to IPPL!

sanctuary; this one for gibbons and siamangs on the island of Sumatra.

Attendees were delighted to have a chance to meet with Bala Amarasekaran, who founded the Tacugama Sanctuary in Sierra Leone in 1995. Because of the civil war in Sierra Leone, Bala had seldom been able to leave the country. So we were thrilled that he finally made it to Summerville and could tell those present about his work rescuing chimpanzees.

For some years IPPL had been helping the Siglo XXI Primate Center in Peñaflor, Chile, so we were delighted when Elba Muñoz Lopez came to talk to our members about her rescue of South American primates. Chile has no wild primates, but primates were smuggled in from neighboring countries, mainly for use as pets, despite Chile's law banning the use of primates as pets. There was a primate lab at the Catholic University and some primates came in with circuses. Elba continues to fight against all exploitation of primates.



Young Plantation Singer!

During the previous two years IPPL had been working on the case of four gorillas smuggled to Taiping Zoo, Malaysia, from the Ibadan Zoo in Nigeria, on false captive-born papers (the animals certainly came from Cameroon). Several IPPL staff and members who had worked on the investigation of this case gave a panel presentation.

IPPL-2006

In March 2006, IPPL held its ninth biennial meeting.

For the first time Pharanee Deters of the Highland Farm Gibbon Sanctuary came to speak to us. Pharanee and her husband Bill Deters had set up a gibbon sanctuary in the mountains along the Thai-Burmese border. Then tragedy struck. An ex-employee came to the sanctuary one night in 2002 and murdered Bill and the entire animal care staff. Since that dreadful time IPPL had been helping the sanctuary survive. Pharanee told us about her work and brought along some wonderful handicrafts made by hill tribe people which were sold at our silent auction. Silent auctions are a part of every IPPL conference and all proceeds are donated to sanctuaries.



Baboon friends gather: Scott Kubisch, Cindra Malivhoho, and Rita Miljo.

Rita Miljo, founder of the C.A.R.E. Baboon Sanctuary located in Phalaborwa, South Africa, brought Cindra Malivhoho, a South African wildlife official, along as her guest. Rita told how baboons are heavily persecuted in South Africa under so-called "vermin laws." So she established her sanctuary and began to rescue hundreds of baboons, including many infants. Volunteers came from around the world to help.

"Chanee" from Kalaweit came back to tell us more about the progress of his Indonesian gibbon rescue work. Besides the rescue of individual gibbons, Kalaweit operates an FM radio station which mixes popular music with conservation messages



First silent auction

designed to appeal to 15-25 year olds. This has eliminated the sale of gibbons as pets in areas where the station reaches.

Dr. Uli Streicher came from the Endangered Primate Rescue Center in Vietnam to discuss the problems of the many endangered primate species which are depleted by hunting. Habitat loss is a problem and the defoliation practiced by the US military during the Vietnam War caused long-time damage to Vietnam's leaf-eating monkeys. Also introducing a Vietnamese primate was Catherine Workman, who was studying the spectacular Delacour's langurs.

Louis Ng, President of ACRES, a Singapore-based organization, described his campaigns in Singapore to fight the pet trade. ACRES is involved in a wide variety of public awareness campaigns and exhibitions.

Hélène and Carlos Palomino came to tell attendees about their 70 hectare primate sanctuary in the Peruvian Amazon, where monkeys are heavily hunted for their meat. At the time Ikamaperou was caring for woolly and spider monkeys. The organization has been receiving small grants from IPPL over many years.



My twin sister Jean

IPPL-2008

IPPL-2008 was held from 28-30 March. On Friday evening we had a special event organized by Ann Koros. It was called "ShirleyFest" and marked IPPL's 35th anniversary. Many members spoke, after which a huge package was brought in from the back of the room. It turned out to be a photo-montage of five different primate groups. Famous photographer Michael Turco had assembled this masterpiece, which is now displayed on a wall in the office (photo on page 10).

Among the speakers were IPPL co-founder, the late Dr. Ardith Eudey, who told about the birth of IPPL and her work with macaques and Dr. Karmele Llano Sanchez, who works for International Animal Rescue in various Indonesian locations



Michael Turco created this artwork to honor IPPL's 35th birthday



Silent auction items from Nepal brought high prices

and cares for lorises, macaques, orangutans and other primates.

Birgith Sloth came in from Denmark. She explained the workings of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered



Birgith Sloth of Denmark helps African speaker with computer problems

Species. Birgith had been a member of the Danish delegation to treaty conferences. She deplored the weak punishments administered to smugglers.

Jonathan Kang, Animal Husbandry Supervisor at Limbe Wildlife Center in Cameroon, told about the return of the four gorillas smuggled to Malaysia, and thanked IPPL for our recent \$60,000 donation.

IPPL-2010

IPPL's 2010 conference was held from 9-11 April.



Angela Maldonado with Bala Amaraskeran

Andrea Edwards introduced the Lwiro Sanctuary in the Democratic Republic of Congo, home to many chimpanzees. Lwiro had received funds from IPPL for housing construction. Liza Gadsby told of her work with the Pandrillus Foundation, which operates the Drill Ranch in Nigeria and the Limbe Wildlife Center in Cameroon. One job hazard in West Africa is malaria, Lisa reported having it about twice a year for the last 22 years! Such are the perils of primate field work.



Helen Thirlway with the Plantation Singers

Dr. Angela Maldonado from Fundación Entropika, a Colombia-based foundation, told of her struggle to save owl monkeys, also known as night monkeys, who are threatened by cross-border trade

from neighboring Brazil and Peru. Many of the monkeys end up in a research lab in Leticia, Colombia. Angela works with local people to develop alternative livelihoods and has sued the lab.

Edwin Wiek of the Wildlife Friends Foundation of Thailand (WFFT) was another first-timer to IPPL conferences. At the time he cared for 106 gibbons and hundreds of monkeys. Fearless Edwin had been arrested five times in the previous nine years and was out on bail at the time of our conference! IPPL has sponsored many of WFFT's primate projects.

Julia Gallucci of the Primate Patrol told about the use of primates in entertainment in the United States, including in movies, the pet trade, commercials, TV talk shows, and roadside zoos, and the misery this practice causes to the primates involved. Julia commented that the public is misled by such displays into believing that primates make good pets or performers.

Helen Thirlway and Keri Cairns came from England. Helen told about IPPL-UK's "Forgotten Ape" campaign on behalf of gibbons and about its small grant program. After the conference Helen and Keri got stranded in South Carolina for weeks due to the Icelandic volcano eruption. They spent a lot of their time building new climbing structures for the gibbons.

IPPL-2012

IPPL's 12th biennial meeting took place from 13-15 April. As usual, we had a wide variety of speakers from many countries, in large part because we had expanded our small grant program and had received a multi-sanctuary grant from the Arcus Foundation.

On Friday night we started off with our Plantation Singers'



Edwin Wiek with Ofir Drori

concert, which ended with everyone marching around our hall at the Summerville Senior Center in a conga line to the rousing music of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Among the highlights on Saturday were talks by Keri Cairns about his investigation of monkey trafficking in Cambodia, and



The food banquet

by Ofir Drori, an Israeli national living in Cameroon, who had set up a wildlife crime investigation unit (LAGA, the Last Great Ape Organization), which had already caught many smugglers.

Andrea Donaldson and Keith Thompson came from Kenya where they worked for the Colobus Trust. Among their many accomplishments, they had successfully hand-raised an abandoned baby colobus monkey named Betsy.

Another speaker was Franck Chantreau who, with his wife Roxane, runs the JACK Chimpanzee Sanctuary in the city of Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo. IPPL had already helped the sanctuary build its education center. Thanks to JACK's team, chimpanzee trafficking through Lubumbashi had ended.

Noga and Sam Shanee came from Peru to talk about their work in the foothills of the Northern Peruvian Andes where they had founded a group called Neotropical Primate Conservation. They told us about their work setting up nature reserves and establishing nature conservation programs.

On Saturday night Edwin Wiek updated us about the progress of the Wildlife Friends Foundation of Thailand. At the beginning of 2012, WFFT was caring for 450 animals of whom 70% were primates. Edwin is famous in Thailand for his bold rescues and open criticism of corrupt officials.

Following Edwin's presentation, IPPL presented an award for her work to his wife Noi. Another award went to Lynette Shanley, IPPL's Australian Representative and Founder of Primates for Primates, who has fought serious illness courageously, never getting deterred from her work.

Other speakers included wildlife photographer Sirajul Hossain from Bangladesh; Jasper Iepema from Malawi; animal behaviorist Debra Durham; Bob Ingersoll, then president of Mindy's Memory Macaque Sanctuary; and Lisa Kemmerer, author of the book *Primate People*, which tells the stories of "primate people" like Rita Miljo of C.A.R.E.; undercover lab investigator Matt Rossell; and IPPL's own Shirley McGreal.

IPPL-2014

The 13th biennial meeting was held from 11-13 April 2014. Sheri Speede founded the Sanaga Yong Chimpanzee

Sanctuary in Cameroon as a home for chimpanzees rescued from the illegal wildlife trade. Her book *Kindred Beings: what Seventy Three Chimps Taught me about Life, Love, and Connection* had recently been published and Sheri brought a box of books and signed copies for attendees.

Anna Nekaris, a professor at Oxford Brookes University, has been studying nocturnal primates, especially lorises, for 20 years. Distressed by the low legal status of lorises, she started a successful campaign to get them listed on Appendix I of CITES. She was also horrified by the appalling treatment of lorises on Asian animal markets and how their teeth are ripped out with pliers for the pet trade. Footage of a pet loris being cruelly tickled got several million hits on “You Tube” and led to a craze for lorises as pets. Lorises are especially unsuitable as pets because they are nocturnal.

Swasti Prawidya Mukti leads PROFAUNA International, an organization based in Indonesia, which undertook a Ride for the Orangutans that had PROFAUNA’s activists riding on a 3,000 mile motorbike ride across the entire length of the island of Sumatra. At various locations along the route Swasti would don an orangutan costume and lie in the middle of the street! PROFAUNA



Swasti Prawidya Mukti

also set up a Ranger program to support work in Indonesia’s national parks and reserves.

Angela Maldonado came back to Summerville to tell of her ongoing battle to save owl monkeys that involved a successful lawsuit against FIDIC, the Leticia lab that was using owl monkeys. Since the last IPPL meeting, Angela had survived a smear campaign and threats to her life.

Sian Waters, Project Director of Barbary Macaque Awareness



Lovely T-shirts donated by Pharanee commanded a high price

and Conservation, works to protect the macaques of Morocco. Her team works with the shepherds who live in the mountains alongside the macaques. Attitudes have changed and hunting has been eliminated. IPPL has provided financial help to BMAC and Moroccan Primate Conservation.

Mangal Man Shakya of Nepal told about Wildlife Watch



Nepal’s “Stop the Monkey Business” campaign, which has been supported by IPPL for many years. The highlight of the campaign was hiring a mountain climber, Jyamchang Bhote Salaka, to climb Mount Everest without oxygen, carrying banners with the message “Stop the Monkey Business” and the logos of Wildlife Watch Nepal and IPPL.

Other speakers included Drew Cronin of Drexel University, who discussed his work on the island of Bioko off the coast of Equatorial Guinea; Pam Mendosa, a frequent volunteer at the C.A.R.E. Baboon Sanctuary in South Africa; Pharanee Deters from Highland Farm, Thailand; and Helen Thirlway and Keri Cairns from the UK. Helen discussed the 2013 CITES conference in Bangkok and Keri his 2013 investigation of conditions for macaques in Morocco.

IPPL-2016

The 14th biennial meeting was held from 8-10 April 2016. Around 100 people attended. Our caterers prepared excellent vegetarian food and the wonderful Plantation Singers were back again.

Bala Amarasekaran returned from Sierra Leone to discuss recent problems. The Ebola outbreak invaded Sierra Leone in 2014. Ten thousand humans were



Eleanora Worth attends all IPPL meetings

infected and 4,000 died. The sanctuary was closed to all outsiders and this led to lost revenue from overseas visitors. The nation banned the use of primates as bush meat, a welcome development.

Edwin Wiek updated us on his ongoing battle to get legal protection for primates in Thailand and to get laws enforced.

IPPL members have been strong supporters of the C.A.R.E. Baboon Sanctuary in South Africa. IPPL has funded several construction projects, including improved housing for the older un-releasable baboons. Molly Jorge handled the construction and told us about her work.

Other 2016 speakers included Angela Maldonado from Colombia, Pam Mendosa, a recent volunteer with Colobus Conservation, primate artist Robin Huffman, and Celeste Coles from the United Kingdom.



(Right) Gibbon-watching is a popular pastime during coffee breaks!

For IPPL, it has been a privilege to host so many dedicated primate protectors from around the world to share their stories of conflicts and successes with our loyal supporters. Looking back only makes us look forward beginning with 2018 – but going far beyond!

Plan To Attend IPPL's 2018 Conference!

IPPL-2018 will be held at our Summerville Headquarters from 13-15 April 2018. An invitation will be sent to all supporters in early February with information about Summerville hotels and the speakers who will be joining us. This is always a great event. Many people comment what a thrill it is to observe the IPPL gibbons and otters and interact with our wonderful dogs. Members who come alone say how easy it is to make new friends.

Here are some of the comments by recent attendees

“IPPL is the best organization to protect animals! Truth, Integrity, Stamina, Courage, FACTS... I thought that a tremendous effort went into organizing the conference. Wonderful event, and I will remember it for the rest of my life!”

Heather McGiffin, U.S.

“I really enjoyed the meeting too and wished I could have stayed longer. My respect for you and the IPPL work has grown immensely at the meeting. I know so many organizations that do so little, with so much investment in the management. IPPL does so much and invests so little in the management. IPPL ranks for me amongst the organizations with the highest credibility.”

Dr. Ulrike Streicher, EPRC, Vietnam

“I enjoyed so much the conference, meeting new friends and seeing many stories of people, which are a GREAT inspiration for me and others—people doing so much and investing so much effort for the good of our beloved primates. So I just wanted to say: THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!”

Karenina Morales Hernandez, El Salvador

“I cannot express to you what an honor and a treat and educational experience it was to come to the IPPL meeting in Summerville... I thought about the experience my entire drive home and have had many conversations since returning. In addition, the vegetarian food was paradise to me, as was the constant beautiful song of the gibbons. And your staff and volunteers were so friendly.”

Catherine Workman, Duke University, U.S.

“I had a great time at the conference, I loved it so much that I did not want to come home. It is terrific to hear from other people that have given their lives to help primates; it also worked to rejuvenate me. Your sanctuary is beautiful; I enjoyed it so much. I can't wait for the next conference to see everyone again and to update all on our baboon sanctuary.”

Scott Kubisch, Indiana, U.S.

“We always meet great people and make new friends. It is like a mini-vacation when we attend your meeting. We learn a lot about different cultures. We enjoy the gibbons being part of the meeting.”

Karen Maciag and Lynn Messner, U.S.

A Day in the Life of PROFAUNA's Rangers: Rescuing Orangutans and Hunted by Hunters!

Rosek Nursahid, Founder of PROFAUNA, Indonesia

Life as a PROFAUNA ranger is not as easy as it may seem. Not only does it involve hard labor like forest patrols to prevent wildlife poaching and illegal logging, but there are times when their lives are on the line.

Rangers spend 100% of their time in the field, thus excellent physical fitness and fortitude are a must. For instance, PROFAUNA's rangers in East Kalimantan could spend days in the forest or on a palm oil plantation to prevent conflicts with orangutans.

Earlier this year, PROFAUNA's rangers received a report that an orangutan had been destroying a plantation. It is not uncommon for orangutans to enter plantations, as their natural habitat has been rapidly shrinking. People consider them pests and will hunt down the orangutans unless they are rescued immediately.

Upon seeing the reported orangutan at the plantation, PROFAUNA informed the local Nature Conservation Agency, which is the institution in charge of wildlife-related issues, asking them to send a team to evacuate the orangutan. While we waited for the team to arrive, PROFAUNA's rangers guarded the orangutan for 24 hours to prevent the local people from killing it. Then, with PROFAUNA's assistance, the orangutan was rescued and successfully released into the Wehea forest, an indigenous forest managed by Dayak people.

This case is just one example of the complexity of the primate and habitat protection issue in Kalimantan. In a single

day, PROFAUNA's rangers can receive three to five reports concerning orangutans entering plantations, which can easily lead into conflicts with plantation workers.

Fighting Illegal Poaching

During their patrols around Wehea forest, East Kalimantan, PROFAUNA's rangers frequently meet poachers or find remains of their camps. PROFAUNA's rangers tell the poachers that poaching within Wehea forest is forbidden. However, not all poachers listen to the rangers. At one time, there was a poacher who threatened to murder one of PROFAUNA's rangers! The poacher also went to the nearby village, spreading threats, and telling rangers to stop publicizing their activities.

An even worse situation happened to Bayu Sandi, one of the rangers. Late one evening, when he was riding a motorbike heading to PROFAUNA's office, he was ambushed and assaulted by four armed men. Luckily, Bayu managed to escape safely. PROFAUNA suspected that the assault was done by people who do not approve of PROFAUNA's campaign in East Kalimantan. Yet, despite this frightening ordeal, Bayu said, "Being a ranger is a very risky business, but I am not afraid to fight for the protection of wildlife and its habitat."

Rosek added, "PROFAUNA is a small organization but we have been working hard to handle issues concerning wildlife poaching, wildlife trade, and illegal logging. These things can be sensitive and dangerous at times."

PROFAUNA Indonesia would like to thank the International Primate Protection League (IPPL) for supporting PROFAUNA through these years. IPPL's support has made it possible for PROFAUNA to continue our efforts including forest patrols, campaigns, investigations, and education of adults and children.



Above: Ranger with wildlife hunter.

Left, top & bottom: Children's education is a priority.

Chu Mom Ray Gibbons in Danger of Going Extinct!



Male Gibbon

The Douc Langur Foundation (DLF) has just completed a three-year Gibbon Monitoring Project at Chu Mom Ray National Park (CMR), Vietnam. DLF found that the CMR gibbon population has declined to half of what it was in 2012. Gibbon groups have almost disappeared from several locations where they existed recently and are highly reduced in others.

The remaining gibbon population is concentrated along the western border of the park near Cambodia. Unfortunately, a new road provides increased access to hunters and loggers. To make matters even worse, there is a critical shortage of ranger staff to protect the gibbons and all forest animals and forest. DLF and IPPL have augmented ranger numbers for five years to undertake snare and trap removal but the situation continues to deteriorate. Tigers and elephants are now extinct at CMR.

Will the critically endangered gibbon be next?

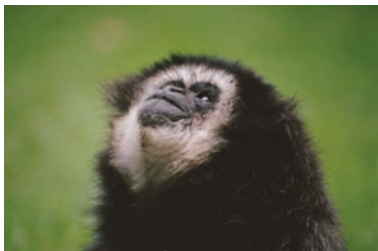
Here's How You Can Help

The Douc Langur Foundation continues its heroic and life-saving efforts for the doucs and the gibbons. Today, they are very concerned about the gibbon's future. More rangers are needed to monitor and protect them.

If you would like to make a donation to this organization, please send a check to IPPL, PO Box 766, Summerville, SC 29484, USA, or donate through our website www.ippl.org marking your check or electronic gift "For DLF Gibbons".

More Ways to Help IPPL!

Your financial support is what keeps us going and allows us to help so many other organizations around the world. But there are many other ways to help. Details can be found on our website: www.ippl.org. Here are a few ways.



PLANNED GIVING One special and significant way for you to support IPPL's mission to help apes and monkeys throughout the world is to leave us a bequest in your will, trust or other financial plan. Please see our website for more information.

VOLUNTEER Our sanctuary sits on 37 acres and is home to dozens of gibbons. Volunteers play an important role in helping us with sanctuary and office needs. Throughout the year, we welcome businesses, universities, and scouts willing to form Work Parties, as well as individuals, to help. Please see our website for more details.

DONATE YOUR CAR We offer a free, convenient service for converting that extra car, truck, or RV into a tax-deductible donation benefiting IPPL. Please visit our website to donate online or call 877-999-8322 to make your donation.





Maggi Mae – painting

I fell in love with a monkey...

Robin Huffman
robinhuffmanart.com

... a fragile, frightened, blue-faced infant, who fit in the palm of my hand. Her name was Maasai, and she was an orphaned moustached guenon monkey. It was 2007 and I was volunteering for the first time at Ape Action Africa primate sanctuary in Cameroon. My job was to care for her. When she looked up at me, I knew life would never be the same.

At the time, I was living in New York City, in my 28th year working as an interior designer and project manager for a global design firm. Wanting a break from the corporate fray, I opted to volunteer for three months at this ape and monkey sanctuary in the Cameroon jungle. Primate populations in the world's last rainforests are being decimated by deforestation and human encroachment. Sanctuaries provide rehabilitation, care and safe haven for these vulnerable displaced creatures orphaned due to the escalating bushmeat and pet trades.

Established in 1996, Ape Action Africa is one of the most

established projects of its kind in Africa, in a protected 2,500-acre secondary-growth forest called Mefou Primate Park. They care for over 350 primates, including gorillas, chimpanzees and numerous monkey species.

So I arrived in late May and was handed that precious bundle of monkey. Although I undertook many projects that summer, including painting signs and battling bugs for whom I was the bushmeat, it was my relationship with Maasai that was



Maggi Mae



Maasai



Robin painting Maasai

transformative. To me, she was a miracle, wildly emotional, silly and smart, physically adept. One could watch her mastery improve with each attempt at something. If she succeeded, she'd glance at me to make sure I saw it. So highly developed, yet still a vulnerable infant whose life depended on being nurtured and loved.

I had much to learn from this first nonhuman primate in my care. Maasai spent the days attached to my body. Nighttimes, she slept in a cage by my bed. I'd take her out to bottle-feed her, but she increasingly resisted going back in. She was still hungry, but for primal contact. I learned to feed her through the cage door, then poke my fingers through the cage to let her press her body against them and fall asleep. I'd even fall asleep like that, my fingers still in the cage.

Through Maasai, I learned that we caregivers are just temporary guardians for these creatures orphaned at the hand of Man. They are not our pets, nor ours to keep. Our job is to be the best nonhuman primate we can be, to help them grow happy, healthy and independent, so they may live and thrive with their own kind.

An incident led to the sanctuary needing new signs; a volunteer and I offered to make them. The manager asked if I could "paint a monkey." This turned out to be a pivotal question. I painted the beautiful blue-faced baby Maasai, and have been painting primates ever since. My art, even my current lifestyle,

wouldn't exist without the connection I feel to the primates who inspire it.

That first adventure was 10 years ago. A year later, I resigned from my job and sold my home. Now I volunteer at sanctuaries, caring for young primates, lending my professional skills and meeting the heroes who run them.

And I paint. I've created a body of work, portraits of orphaned primates I've cared for, along with their stories and voices, to call attention to their plight and show the world how close to us they are. I call this collection "Witness." It refers to the fact that most of these innocent creatures saw their mothers killed. And it refers to my having witnessed their plight and the cruelty of humans.

Each creature has a story – tiny talapoin monkey Yoda, the peacemaker with the mighty spirit; Sunshine, the baby



Yoda painting after a photo by Ian Bickerstaff



Yoda amuses herself on Robin's shoulder

baboon who brightened our world with his antics and laughter; mandrill Maggie May with her seductive gaze.

I've logged 2½ years at Ape Action Africa since 2007 (returning this November!) It's an honor helping Rachel Hogan and her dedicated team with the primates in their care. Their equally urgent mandate is preserving the forests so their wild cousins may continue to live free.

Other volunteering efforts have led me to IPPL; Kari Bagnall's Jungle Friends in Gainesville, Florida; in South Africa, the Vervet Monkey Foundation led by Dave and Josie DuToit; and C.A.R.E. baboon sanctuary, guided by Stephen Munro after founder Rita Miljo's tragic death in 2012.

Five months before Rita died, I volunteered at C.A.R.E., near Kruger Park on a nature reserve bordering the Oliphants river. In South Africa, vervet monkeys and chacma baboons are considered pests by many. These highly intelligent creatures struggle to survive amidst persecution and unrelenting human encroachment into their habitat.

C.A.R.E. undertakes rescue, rehabilitation, care and release for their 450+ resident baboons, plus ever-expanding educational outreach, made easier by their newly-built compound to which IPPL has generously contributed.

C.A.R.E.'s young chacma baboons are captivating! Not only do they seem to me to exhibit the most humanlike emotions, they raise them to new heights, reminding me of actors wildly emoting in a Shakespearean farce. The term "drama queen" comes to mind.... And what joy to hear them laugh! When I paint their portraits for the sanctuary to use in persuading people to respect their right to live, it's reverence I feel. And

I like to believe the signs and murals I paint contribute to the mission.

The sanctuary primates have moved me deeply. They've reshaped the course of my life, as I consider what they know and cannot tell us.

We don't know their stories. We know what the people who bring them to the sanctuary tell us. But that is often not the truth. Many come with no history at all, dropped off secretly. The only thing we know about them then are their physical and emotional condition, their illnesses and wounds, physical and psychological.

Why did Bertie the chimp's owners cut his ears off? Why was Patates, the female baboon, kept in a welded metal drum for ten years?

They look straight at us. They see US, but do we see THEM? Everything in their world was taken from them by humans and the rest of their lives will be unnatural. They've lived through unspeakable events. And even so, we often sense that they forgive us.

We know their stories from the point they arrive at the sanctuary. And then we can tell their stories. We must tell their stories. We must be their voice in the world. And that is why I paint.



Sunshine painting after a photo by Perrine De Vos



Shirley with Robin and the sunflowers she painted for IPPL.

Catastrophic Storms Hit Drill Ranch in Nigeria

IPPL and Our Donors Respond!



Liza Gadsby, founder, by massive uprooted tree.

In April of this year, the Drill Ranch, located in the Afi Mountains of Nigeria, was hit by two catastrophic “freak” storms. Each came without warning and each lasted only 20 minutes, but the devastation was almost beyond words.

The first storm on April 11 brought down scores of giant trees. All six drill enclosure fences were destroyed. The chimpanzee fencing was flattened in multiple places. Two staff cabins were virtually obliterated. The veterinary structure was destroyed, along with the chimpanzee water system. The roads were blocked!

The staff worked tirelessly to make temporary repairs to chimp fencing and open the road so guests (including four children) could leave safely.

As the staff began to walk through the tangled mess of trees, fencing, and structures, they came upon their worst

fears. Mingo, an adolescent male drill, was crushed and died instantly. A mother and daughter were also killed as well as a young female. All were victims of the first brutal storm. In the second storm that hit on April 21, a fifth drill, a juvenile male, also perished.

Upon hearing the news from our friends at Pandrillus, who operate the Drill Ranch, IPPL started a crowdfunding campaign to raise money to repair the extensive damage. The response from our donors, and a matching fund pledge from IPPL, raised over \$17,000.00.

*To all the IPPL donors who made this campaign so successful –
Thank You!*



Mother drill and baby survived.



Drill fencing was totally destroyed.



Mamfe, adult drill, was also safe.

The 2017 Animal Rights Conference

Shirley McGreal, IPPL Founder and Executive Director

Every year the Farm Animal Rights Organization (FARM) organizes this popular conference. IPPL has not only participated for many years, we have also been a Silver Sponsor. The location alternates between the east and west coasts. This year's conference was held from 3-6 August in Alexandria, Virginia.

IPPL was represented by Irene Chrise, Stacy Lambert, Shirley McGreal, and long-time member and volunteer Susan Parker. Around 1,500 animal advocates attended the conference. People were allowed to bring their dogs and at least 100 attendees did. There was also one very well-behaved rescued pig!

IPPL Booth



IPPL was very lucky to have a large double booth close to the registration desk. Hundreds of people visited our booth and signed our petition to Thai officials to stop the government's plan to remove current and future rescued animals from sanctuaries. We sold many t-shirts and tote bags. Irene, Stacy, Susan and Shirley answered many questions. Our display board of the gibbons attracted a lot of attention.

IPPL's Three Presentations

Abuse of Exotic Animals in Trade

This presentation included the traffic in



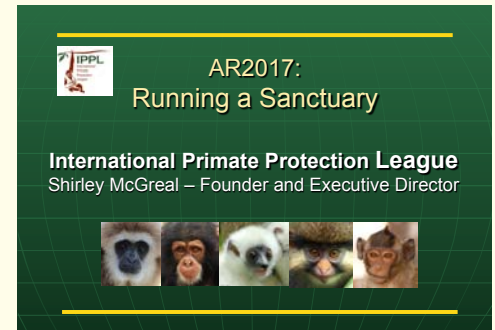
wild monkeys caught for experimentation and the pet trade, the strengths and weaknesses of the convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the recent massive trading of pangolins, animals which eat ants and are in demand for traditional Chinese medicine. They are among the most trafficked

animals on earth. You can find some of the many ways in which pangolins are used at <http://www.chineseherbshealing.com/pangolin-chuan-shan-jia/>



Wild-caught animals are used as “bush meat” in many African, Asian, and South and Central American nations, and this is drastically affecting many species. Other issues addressed were the traffic in ivory and rhino horn, destruction of forests for palm oil, and safari hunting.

Running a Sanctuary



Other speakers on the panel represented the Woodstock Animal Sanctuary and the Catskill Animal Sanctuary, both based in New York, and both of which handle farm animals. Shirley discussed the need to plan for animals with long lives (we have several gibbons in their 40s and 50s), the importance of location, potential noise problems, and the need for endless feeding, hosing, and maintenance, as well as the necessity for specialized veterinarians in the case of exotic animals.

Abuse of Animals in the Wild

This presentation focused on the trade in wild animals which is devastating many species and causing immense suffering to wild animals. Many people want exotic pets so they have a cool “accessory.” Carrying a parrot or lizard



AR2017:
"Advocating for Our Closest Cousins"
The Exotic Pet Trade

Dr. Shirley McGreal, Founder and Exec. Dir.
International Primate Protection League



around converts a person who normally would pass unnoticed in the street from a nonentity into an "entity." There is heavy mortality in the capture and transportation of exotic animals. Many species of parrots and reptiles suffer greatly in trade. Many parrots become so stressed that they pluck out their feathers.

The huge trade in tropical fish is devastating to these lovely beings and many are caught by dynamiting of

coral reefs. From the vastness of the ocean, millions are transferred to small aquariums.

Other Goings On

The hotel restaurants had prepared vegan food for attendees wanting to eat in the hotel and for the banquet held on the Saturday night. The Main Street of Old Town Alexandria is famous for its many superb restaurants.

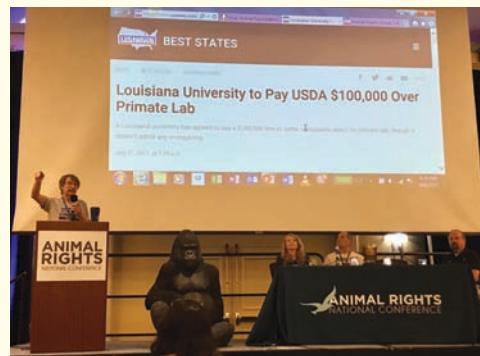
Saturday night's Awards Banquet featured a silent auction. Performer Jane Velez-Mitchell of "Jane Unchained" and Mike White were the lively auctioneers. "The Vegan Celebrity of the Year Award" went to Kat Von D. Zoe Rosenberg received the "Youth Activist Award." Gerardo Tristan received the "Grassroots Animal Activist Award." Melanie Joy became a member of the Animal Rights

Hall of Fame, joining Shirley McGreal who received the honor in 2002.

On Sunday Odette Wilkens, an attorney who has been fighting for years to end the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, an act that makes it illegal to protest many of the activities of animal exploitative facilities, had a training session for attendees wishing to visit their congressional representatives to lobby for animals on the Monday morning after AR 17.

The event concluded with a Celebration of Animal Rights. Vegan drag queens Honey LaBronx and Ginger performed (Ginger told me she has followed IPPL's activities for three years). They were followed by karaoke singing, some good and some dreadful, and partying. Next year's conference will be held in Los Angeles, California.

*If anyone would like an e-mailed copy of any of IPPL's presentations, please contact irene@ippl.org
Photos of the conference are on-line at <http://arconference.org/gallery17.htm>*



Above left: Me with Odette Wilkins
Above center: Animal Hero Kids
Above right: Michael Budkie making Primate Lab presentation
Bottom left: Charlotte, a rescued pig
Bottom center: Rescued beagle

"I attended the Animal Rights conference for the first time this year. It was amazing to meet so many people interested in protecting animals. I was lucky enough to be able to attend two of Shirley's lectures. Her passion for all wildlife showed through in each word she spoke. It was wonderful making new friends, especially the three or four legged ones, and exchanging ideas. It is an experience that I will never forget."

Irene Chrise

"My first time at the National Animal Rights Conference was an exhilarating and humbling experience. To be around so many individuals who are devoting their lives to save and fight for animals all around the world was inspiring. I was lucky enough to get to sit in on one of the panels Shirley was participating in, and to watch her captivate the crowd and having them hanging on to every word she said was amazing! I can't wait to attend again next year."

Stacy Lambert

Kalaweit – the Founder’s Dream

Aurélien Brulé (“Chanee”), Founder

When I was a little boy, I dreamed about improving the welfare of gibbons in French zoos. Since 1998, when I founded Kalaweit, a gibbon rehabilitation program in Indonesia, my goal became much bigger – to see all our gibbons and siamangs (currently 319 in Borneo and Sumatra) returned to the wild.

But it is extremely frustrating when you are saving increased numbers of gibbons and siamangs from the pet trade, and at the same time, you are not being able to find any suitable release sites for them. The main issue is the difficulty to find any “empty” forest to release our gibbons because gibbons are very territorial primates. Wild gibbons will kill our released gibbons, if we choose to release them in the wild gibbon’s territory.

Massive deforestation in both Sumatra and Borneo has fragmented gibbon habitat and, in many provinces, the only forest islands left already have gibbons. These gibbons, from the forest nearby that was converted into palm oil plantations, are already trying to survive, and are fighting with old resident gibbons of the area. There is no option for us to release our primates into that kind of habitat!

So, instead of being able to release as many gibbons as we had wanted during the last 19 years, Kalaweit, with the help of the Kalaweit FM Radio (started in 2003 with the help of IPPL and the Arcus Foundation), we have also rescued and released hundreds of slow lorises, long-

tailed macaques, dozens of pig-tailed macaques, leaf-monkeys, and non-primate animals such as pythons, civets,

at the beginning, but very quickly the idea of releasing three families simultaneously (with a distance of 1

to 2 kilometers between them) seemed perfect. After six months in pre-release enclosures, we were able to release these three families. They had socialized with each other through vocalizations during their time in pre-release enclosures. When freed, they all

respected the territorial borders of the families nearby. It was such a joy!

In November 2016, our efforts paid off when Sonia, a very pretty and well-known female siamang at Kalaweit, who had been released in that area, gave birth to Sharongy. A healthy and wild born siamang, Sharongy, is truly a symbol of hope. The previous baby born to one of our rehabilitated siamangs died after 2 months, because of the lack of care from the mother. But Sharongy is strong and Sonia is an excellent mother. After eight months, Sharongy is doing extremely well. Today, nine siamangs are enjoying freedom at this release site, and our dedicated team is following them every day, providing supplemental food when needed at the pre-release enclosures, which have been transformed into feeding platforms.

And it’s just the beginning! We are now in the process of finishing five additional pre-release enclosures in the same area. So very soon we will be able to transfer five more families into the forest, to be officially freed in 2018.



“Chanee” with one of the siamangs

crocodiles, sun bears, hornbills, etc. The Kalaweit team does not discriminate!

Kalaweit has also become a very well-known wildlife conservation organization in Indonesia, after 2 seasons of our TV series “Kalaweit Wildlife Rescue” on the national television station, Metro TV. This series has allowed Kalaweit to reach millions of Indonesians and government officials and to spread our message about animal welfare, gibbon conservation, and animal rescue. We are already negotiating for the third season of this successful TV series.

The dream grows

Over twenty years later, I have not forgotten that boyhood dream. Despite the challenges, so much has changed and it’s all for the better!

In 2015, we found a forest island in west Sumatra with no siamangs. Sadly, they were probably hunted to extinction by local workers in nearby palm oil plantations. So we decided to start releasing our siamangs on this forest island. Some adjustments were needed

Finally... Kalaweit is releasing... gibbons... well... siamangs!

While the situation in Sumatra is encouraging with this new release site, our gibbons in Borneo are still living in our large enclosures, isolated in Kalaweit's forests. Sadly, some will never be released as they have been infected by human diseases or injured. They will spend the rest of their lives at our sanctuary, supported by many organizations including IPPL, the Arcus Foundation, the Brigitte Bardot Foundation, and the 30 Millions d'Amis Foundation. But there are other gibbons waiting for us to find a place to release

them, and so we continue to look for any potential release sites.

As Kalaweit continues to grow, we decided to not only be an initiative to help gibbons and siamangs when they are in trouble, but perhaps an even more ambitious project – to save them while they are still in the trees!

In 2012, we started to buy land to create private conservation areas. Organizations such as Kalaweit, or non-Indonesian citizens, are not allowed to purchase land in Indonesia. But that same year I got my Indonesian citizenship, and the “Kalaweit Forest Fund” was born. I was able to buy land in my name, then

donate it to Kalaweit. Today, the result is much more than I had expected.

With the help of many donors, we have now three different sites (two in Borneo and one in Sumatra) and we are going to reach 500 protected hectares (1,235 acres) in Sumatra and Borneo by August 2017. Each area is secured with horse patrols on the ground, and aerial patrols using paragliders and drones. We estimate the number of wild primates we are protecting in this 500 hectare area is: 50 to 60 gibbons, 15 to 20 siamangs, 120 to 150 long-tailed macaques, 70 to 90 pig-tailed macaques, 40 to 50 leaf-monkeys – but also leopards, tapirs, sun bears, and more!

Thank you so much to those who believed in Kalaweit from the very beginning in the late 90s, including the International Primate Protection League. You have helped turn my dream as a little boy into an even bigger reality — not just releasing gibbons back to the wild — but also saving wild gibbons when they are still happy in the forest!

Note: To follow what's going on at Kalaweit, download the Kalaweit app, on Google Play and Appstore.

Mudslide in Sierra Leone

On Monday 14 August a massive mudslide and flooding in the streets of Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, West Africa, took the lives of over 400 humans. The government is pleading for international assistance.

The disaster is largely caused by clearing of hills for housing construction and deforestation for firewood and charcoal.

The Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary was not directly affected and all the chimpanzees are alive and well. But many children in the project's educational outreach programs lost

their lives. Tacugama staff members are helping with clean-up. Tacugama's Facebook page tells us that,

Heavy rains creating a massive landslide occurred early in the morning hours on Monday August 14th in Regent, the town closest to Tacugama at the base of our foothills. Tacugama is on the ground with local response teams doing all we can to help but we need your support in this crucial time. Your support through donating and/or sharing our campaign can make a world of difference.

On 16 August there was the following update from Tacugama.

This morning our outreach team supplied milk, bread and basic necessities to two schools, SAIOS and Logos Experimentos, that were directly affected by the mudslides. Once we've gathered a more thorough assessment of long-term requirements, we'll start distributing your generous donations accordingly. For the time being, everything is still a bit chaotic here...teachers are still desperately trying to locate their pupils and entire families remain unaccounted for.



Local school children helped by Tacugama

Here's How You Can Help

IPPL has supported Tacugama's work since the sanctuary was founded. Supporting close community relations formed by all our overseas partners is an important part of our program. If you would like to make a donation to help Tacugama as it continues to help its community, please send a check to IPPL, PO Box 766, Summerville SC 29484 or donate through our website: www.ippl.org marking your check or electronic gift “**For Tacugama**”. We shall collect all donations, add a gift from IPPL, and send a bank draft, as we have done in the past. We take no overhead as the crowd-funding sites do, so 100% of your gift will reach Tacugama safely.

Blessing of IPPL's Animals



Sunday, August 13, 2017 was a special day at IPPL. It was the day Father Joseph Michael McDonald of Saint Bonaventure Parish visited with a very special mission. Each October the church offers a blessing of the animals in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. Local residents are welcome to bring family animals including dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, etc. But taking 35 lively gibbons and some otters is out of the question!

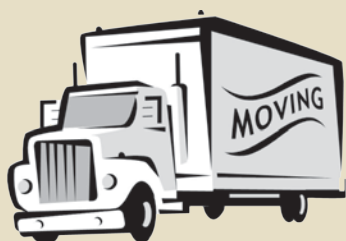
Father Joseph Michael has known Shirley for many years and frequently

sees her and Blue, IPPL's Newfoundland, at the Farmer's Market. It was there that Blue received his first blessing when he was a much smaller puppy. Father Joseph Michael had offered to come to our sanctuary to bless our gibbons and otters and finally that day arrived.

Our curious gibbons came to check out this new guest, but were not too sure about the blessing of holy water. Nevertheless they made the rounds and all were blessed, including Snow, IPPL's Great Pyrenees.

After the blessing, we received a very nice email from Father Joseph Michael saying,

I appreciate the opportunity and loved meeting them. It is always a pleasure to see you at the market and I've been excited for years about the work that you do so it's great to have a first-hand experience. Feel free to reach out anytime and I will be available.



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Special Gifts to IPPL Given by:

- **Miriam Bisbing**, in honor of Charles and Kay Clausing
- **Angelia Blackwell**, in honor of my grandchildren, Leila and Grayson Blackwell
- **Antoinette Blum**, in memory of Bouzou, my pet monkey when I lived in Vietnam as a child
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- **Penelope Boston**, in honor of IPPL's steadfast work on behalf of primates
- **Betty Brescia**, in memory of Helen
- **Celeste Coles**, in memory of our beautiful cat Blackie, to her namesake and his friends at IPPL
- **Ursula Coleman**, to honor and save the doucs in Vietnam
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- **Carol Linville**, in honor of Shirley McGreal
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- **Shawn Snow**, in honor of Kara Sullivan
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- **Linda Squier**, in memory of Igor
- **Beverly Taylor**, in memory of Willie
- **Friedrich Wendl**, in honor of Whoop-Whoop



Farewell Sheila Dines

IPPL mourns the passing of New York City member Sheila Dines. Painter and animal advocate, Sheila, 89, died on June 17, 2017 in New York City. Sheila

was a generous supporter of IPPL for several decades, and was a frequent attendee at IPPL's biennial conferences. We will miss you, Sheila!

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Leave a Lasting Legacy...

...for the Primates You Love

Over the years, IPPL has benefitted greatly from bequests left to us by departed supporters. Their thoughtfulness has allowed IPPL to...

- ◆ build new gibbon houses and outdoor enclosures at our sanctuary;
- ◆ acquire new sanctuary land, now totaling 45 acres, which not only creates space for our gibbons but provides a buffer zone that shelters local wildlife;
- ◆ construct a much-in-demand guest cottage for our visitors, known as “Swan and Mary’s Cottage” after the lovely couple who left IPPL the funds to build it;
- ◆ provide support to dozens of primate sanctuaries and rescue organizations around the world, wherever primates are native.



Arun Rangsi, rescued from a lab

Some of our bequests have come from people who have only been able to make small donations during their lifetimes. Others honor friends. For some, there are tax advantages to making bequests to charities.

Your bequest to IPPL will ensure that our unique work can carry on long into the future. Our address to include in your will is: IPPL, P.O. Box 766, Summerville, SC 29484. Our U.S. federal tax ID number is 51-0194013.

If you are thinking about remembering IPPL in your will or trust, know that your love for primates will continue to live on through your generosity.

With gratitude,



Dr. Shirley McGreal

IPPL Founder and Executive Director



Gary, retired from a tourist venue

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spent 26 lonely years in
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was blinded by illness.
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A large glossy photograph of your gibbon.	A gibbon fact sheet.
A biographical sketch of your gibbon.	An IPPL window cling.
Two updates a year on your gibbon.	A T-shirt featuring several IPPL gibbons.

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Meet the Gibbons Available for Adoption



Tong travelled the farthest to get to IPPL—all the way from Thailand! She is a yellow-cheeked crested gibbon who was wild-born in her native Vietnam around 1970. When she was an infant, she was sold to a US serviceman. When he left the country, Tong remained in the care of his servants. Unfortunately, they knew very little about gibbon nutrition, so Tong developed rickets, a deforming bone disease. Fortunately, Tong ultimately ended up in the care of newly formed IPPL in 1974. The only gibbon of her kind at IPPL, her coat color is reddish-gold, with a little patch of black on the top of her head. Her song is quite different from those of the other gibbons and ends with a lovely, bubbling trill. She is known for doing happy gibbon calls and somersaults whenever she sees special treats coming.

Tong's favorite foods are citrus fruit and all kind of beans. She loves her blue ball and is ready to play as soon as one of the animal care staff rolls it to her. She squeaks and dances around it—rolling it with her feet. She can get distracted, but as soon as it is rolled back to her - she starts dancing again! Would you like to adopt Tong? The only IPPL gibbon who came from Thailand and “wears” a stylish black hat—you would be helping care for this charming senior girl!



Arun Rangsi was born in a California research lab in 1979. After his mother rejected him, he was given a substitute “mother” made of wire and was given the “name” HLA-98, which was tattooed on his tiny chest! During his first year of life, he had pneumonia and dysentery twice. As a result, he experienced dangerous episodes of weight loss. He constantly banged his head, a symptom of chronic psychological stress. Fortunately, the laboratory lost its funding and Shirley McGreal was able to rescue him from possible euthanasia. Arun Rangsi, now affectionately called “Rui”, arrived at IPPL on his 2nd birthday. Since then he has lived happily with his mate of many years, Shanti, also a former laboratory gibbon.

Arun Rangsi enjoys keeping an eye on everyone. Often you will see him sitting high up in his tower monitoring the activities of the other gibbons. Like the other gibbons, he prefers certain types of food including sweet potatoes and many types of fruits and vegetables, but Rui has a favorite. In the morning, when the gibbons are most hungry, their breakfast menu always includes greens. Rui gets very excited if he is the one to get the center of the celery stalk. There is a race as he and his long-time mate, Shanti, rush to the bucket to see what goodies are there each day. Rui lets out contented “whoops” when he sees that celery on top! And since this is his absolute favorite breakfast treat—the animal care staff always tries to save it for him! If you adopt Rui you will help keep him supplied with plenty of celery and the special care he and all our gibbons deserve!



Courtney was born at IPPL on 10 January 2002, the result of a failed vasectomy. When she was 12 days old, her mother rejected her, leaving this tiny infant with a terribly mangled leg. Because she could not be returned to her mother, she was hand-raised by IPPL staff, special night-nannies, and volunteers for over six years. Many caregivers took turns feeding her, playing with her, and taking her for walks around the sanctuary grounds. Always curious and energetic, she was a real handful! Courtney has made an amazing recovery since the difficult time of her early life. She now runs, swings, and climbs so well you would never guess how badly she had been injured.

Despite Courtney's high level of activity, she is the biggest gibbon in our sanctuary. If asked what her favorite food is, we would have to say "grapes, and well... everything!" Since May 2009, Courtney has been paired with a former lab gibbon by the name of Whoop-Whoop. His mild-mannered personality is a good match for her wild ways as he always lets her have first dibs at their lunch pail. We hope you will consider adopting this spunky and determined "not so little" ape!



Peppy was born in 1979 at a cancer lab run by the University of California at Davis, where the gibbons were used in painful and usually fatal viral cancer experiments. When the lab closed, he was sent to another research facility, the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates in New York. Fortunately, LEMSIP closed in 1982 and he and his companion-for-life, Helen, came to IPPL. They lived together at our sanctuary for 35 years. Peppy sucked his thumb the day he arrived and has never "kicked this habit."

Peppy is the only gibbon who favors veggies over fruit, and in the morning, in addition to looking forward to breakfast, Peppy has his own ritual. When let out of his night quarters, Peppy begins every single day by running from one end of his outdoor enclosure to the other—the whole length of it, arms flung up, out of sheer excitement: it's as though every day he's grateful not to be stuck in a lab! Wouldn't you like to adopt this grateful little guy?

Adoptions make wonderful and unique gifts – all year long!



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Thai arrived at IPPL in the spring of 2013 along with big sister Kendra and parents, Gary and Glenda. This family of four came to us when a Florida tourist attraction where Thai was born was closing because the site was being turned into a State Park. Since we had accepted a younger sister, Elizabeth, in 1985 (when her mother rejected her), we were delighted to welcome this gibbon family. They were some of the last animals to leave Silver Springs.

Thai came to us with the nickname of "Buddha Boy," appropriately named because of his very round belly. Since his arrival, Thai has received a balanced diet and has slimmed down. So far, he has not shown any interest in our single females, being content to keep an eye on IPPL's Great



Meet IPPL's Thai!

Pyrenees, Snow. She has always gotten along with the gibbons, but for some reason Thai has assumed the role of sentry and gives alarm calls whenever he sees Snow to let everyone know she is heading their way!