

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Royal Geographical Society, London, United Kingdom
2. Research project
50 th Anniversary Meeting of the Primate Society of Great Britain (PSGB)
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2017. 11. 28 - 2017. 11. 29 (2 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Prof. Simon Bearder (President of the Primate Society of Great Britain)
5. Progress and results of your research/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)
Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.
<p>This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Primate Society of Great Britain (PSGB) and incidentally the Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University (both founded in 1967). About 400 people attended the event at the Royal Geographical Society in London, the largest number ever. The plenary speakers were Jane Goodall and Frans de Waal. Although I am British, through PWS I have become more familiar with Japanese primatology than British primatology, so this was a good chance to learn more about British primatology.</p> <p>I presented a poster entitled: ‘Eye preferences in response to emotional stimuli in captive capuchin monkeys (<i>Sapajus apella</i>)’ which is based on my MSc research published in <i>Primates</i> last year. The research was conducted at Edinburgh Zoo in the UK and supervised by Dr. Sarah-Jane Vick, University of Stirling. I also had the opportunity to present a ‘Fast-fire’ talk based on my poster for the first time. This involved introducing my poster using one slide and within a 60 second time limit. Around 30 other students also presented. It was quite challenging to condense my research into such as short space of time, but fun too.</p> <p>Of course, I enjoyed the plenary talks ‘Gombe and Beyond’ by Jane Goodall and ‘The myth of human cooperation as a “Huge Anomaly”’ by Frans de Waal. Other talks I found interesting were ‘Too Cute for Their Own Good’ by Ian Redmond (Ape Alliance, Born Free Foundation). He explained that one of the major reasons we exploit non-human primates as street entertainers, in circuses, movies and shows or for ‘selfies’ is because we perceive them as cute. He stressed that it is okay to find non-human primates cute as long as we don’t try to possess them as well. I was pleased to hear similar issues discussed at the ‘SAGA 20’ Meeting held in Inuyama, Japan, this year. The talk ‘Are primates special?’ by Prof. Phyllis Lee concluded that understanding fish, amphibians, birds and other mammals helps us to understand non-human primates and understanding non-human primates help us to understand humans. I also enjoyed the last talk ‘Welfare of Primates: Why should we care?’ by Prof. Hannah-Buchanan Smith. Her main message was that all primatologists, whether working in the laboratory or in the field, make a contribution to non-human primate welfare and we should consider ourselves ambassadors for them.</p> <p>One of my main interests is animal welfare, so the meeting was a good opportunity to chat about this topic with British primatologists including Prof. Andrew Whiten (University of St. Andrews), Prof. Hannah-Buchanan Smith (University of Stirling), Dr. Emily Bethell (Liverpool John Moores University) and Dr. Caroline Bergmann (University of Oxford). I hope there will be a chance for more collaboration with Kyoto University on this issue in the future. Overall, I really enjoyed the conference and the opportunity to meet many famous British primatologists. It was nice to talk to some of the students about their new and exciting ideas too. I hope to maintain the connections I made at this meeting and strengthen ties between British and Japanese primatology in the future. I am very grateful to Prof. Tetsuro Matsuzawa (PWS Coordinator) and Prof. Masaki Tomonaga (my PhD Supervisor) for supporting my attendance.</p>

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6. Others: Photographs



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Attendees (around 400 people)



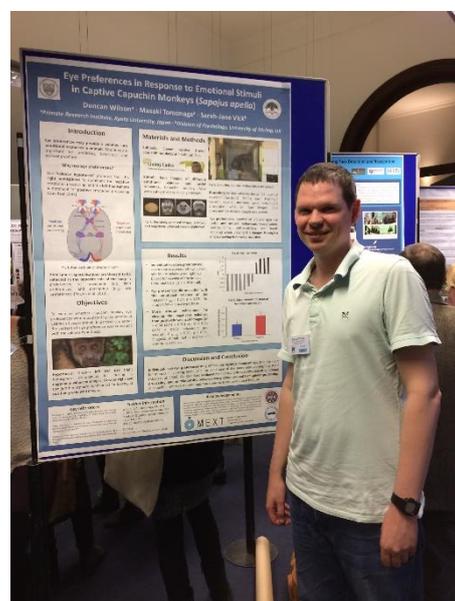
Talk by Jane Goodall: ‘Gombe and Beyond’



Talk by Frans de Waal



Meeting Jane (again!)

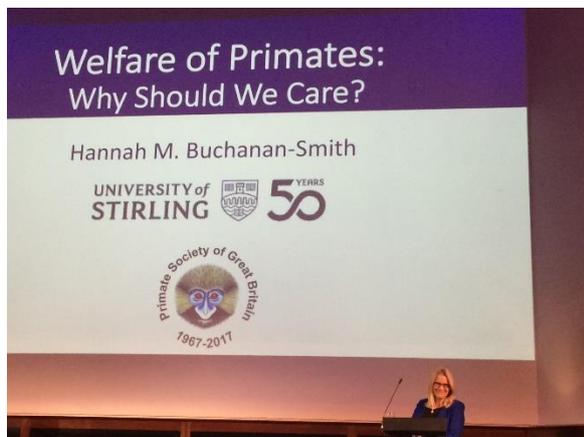


My poster presentation

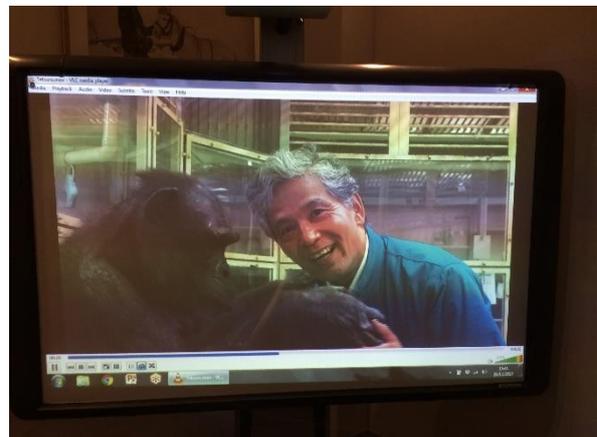
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‘Fast-fire’ poster talk on my MSc research (one slide, 60 seconds)



Talk by Prof. Hannah Buchanan-Smith



Congratulatory message by Prof. Matsuzawa



Robotic orangutan from BBC TV Series ‘Spy in the Wild’ - the right eye is a 4K spy camera