

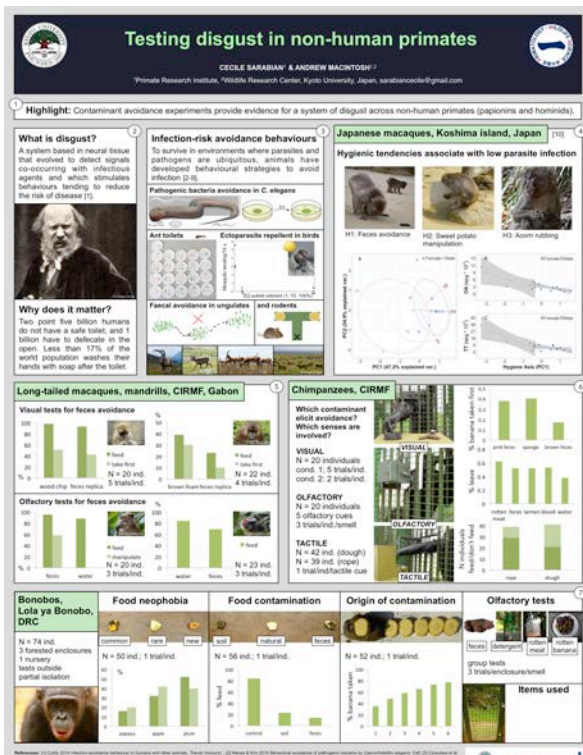
**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Japan/Yokohama
<b>2. Research project</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> International Congress of Psychology
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2016. 07. 23 – 2016. 07. 29 (6 days)
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
None
<b>5. Progress and results of your research/activity</b>

At the 31<sup>st</sup> International Congress of Psychology in Yokohama, I presented a rapid communication (poster) entitled: “Testing disgust in non-human primates”. The aim of this presentation was to present my work to a different audience, and interact with researchers from another discipline than my own – I come from Behavioral Ecology. In doing so, I met researchers working on emotions in humans, and exchanged ideas about methods and future experiments feasible in non-human primates with them.



**Figure 1:** Poster (“Testing disgust in non-human primates) presented at the conference.



**Figure 2:** Dinner with (from left to right): Dr. Fumihiro Kano, Dr. Christopher Krupenye and Dr. Zanna Clay.

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This meeting was also the opportunity to gather with scientists such as Dr. Zanna Clay, Dr. Christopher Krupenye, and Dr. Jingzhi Tan who work/have been working at Lola ya Bonobo sanctuary in DR Congo, where I have recently conducted infection-risk avoidance experiments with bonobos.

During my poster presentation, Nachiketha Sharma, a PWS graduate student from Kyoto University Wildlife Research Center came over and asked about disgust and infection-risk avoidance experiments in non-human primates. Although, we knew each other and each other’s work before, this was the first time, we truly exchanged ideas about infection-risk avoidance / hygiene in Asian elephants – his study subjects. He found the topic really interesting and we are now both on the way to test this hypothesis with Asian elephants.

Suggestion: about 8,000 persons registered to the congress from 95 countries. At this kind of meeting scale, it is better to know which session/talk, you want to attend, and it is in fact not that easy to network with other participants as many talks are running in parallel and as there was no facilitation of interaction such as workshops or topic roundtables beside the poster sessions where I did not see many participants coming over – perhaps because of the location (in the basement) and perhaps also because posters were held at the same time of oral presentations.

## **6. Others**

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