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Human Ethology Bulletin: An Online Peer-Reviewed Journal

Bulletin Policies

Starting with this first issue of 2011, the *Human Ethology Bulletin* is transforming into an online peer-reviewed journal. The paper (printed) version of the *Human Ethology Bulletin* has been discontinued, and fully electronic production and distribution formats have been adopted.

This journal will publish empirical, theoretical, and review articles broadly within the research tradition of Human Ethology, some of whose distinct features are described below. *Human Ethology Bulletin* will continue to publish book reviews and educational pieces. It will also invite papers on which peer commentaries are published.

Of particular interest will be studies where behavior is directly observed and recorded using a variety of methods which might range from traditional *ad libitum* direct observation in natural habitats to automatic computer-aided behavior recording and analysis. Scientific research programs are not set in stone, they evolve, and papers informed by the ethological approaches which extend or even challenge it will also be sympathetically considered. Whilst the focus is human behavior, papers on other species which have relevance to human behavior are welcomed. The

Various announcements specific to the internal business of the International Society for Human Ethology (ISHE), which used to appear in the Bulletin, will be moved to the recently enhanced ISHE web site and/or distributed via email.

Renewed Call for Papers

The previous calls for papers published in the *Human Ethology Bulletin*, and distributed over several electronic mailing lists, have emphasized the elucidation of the unique content which we hope to attract, and have actually begun to attract, to this journal. Due to numerous queries regarding the more technical and practical parameters of specific instructions to authors regarding submissions, we have developed a set of tentative guidelines for the different types of work that we will consider for publication.

We will consider the following types of submissions:

- **Research Articles** (up to ~10000 words, including references, notes and captions) are expected to present a major advance. Research Articles include an abstract, an introduction, up to six figures or tables, sections with brief subheadings, and up to a maximum of about 40 references.
- **Theoretical Reviews** (up to ~10000 words, including references, notes and captions) describe new developments of interdisciplinary significance and highlight future directions. They include an abstract, an introduction that outlines the main theme, brief subheadings, and an outline of important unresolved questions. A maximum of 40 references is suggested.
- **Target Articles** (up to ~10000 words, including references, notes and captions) must make theoretical or methodological interventions into current controversies within Human Ethology, broadly construed. Like Research Articles, Target Articles include an abstract, an introduction, up to six figures or tables, sections with brief subheadings, and about 40 references.
- **Open Peer Commentaries** (up to ~1000 words, including references, notes and

captions) consist of published, non-anonymous commentaries on peer-reviewed Target Articles from a dozen or more specialists across disciplines, co-published with the Author's Response. Open Peer Commentaries will be solicited from the general readership (not by special invitation, although commentaries by some selected individuals might be solicited by the Editor) upon the publication of each Target Article for the next issue of the *Human Ethology Bulletin*, and are due six weeks after the publication of the Target Article to leave sufficient time for peer review.

- **Author's Response to Open Peer Commentaries** (up to ~2500 words including references, notes and captions) will also be due six weeks after the publication of the Open Peer Commentaries to leave sufficient time for peer review.
- **Brief Reports** (up to ~2500 words including references, notes and captions) present important new research results of broad significance. Reports should include an abstract, an introductory paragraph, up to four figures or tables, and up to a maximum of about 30 references.
- **Book Reviews** (up to 2000 words including references, notes and captions) present descriptions, evaluations, and critiques of new or recent books of theoretical, empirical, or practical importance to Human Ethology and related disciplines. Many Book Reviews are solicited by the editors, but unsolicited submissions are also considered.
- **Technical Comments** (up to 1000 words, 2 figures or tables, and 15 references), are published in full and discuss research papers published in the *Human Ethology Bulletin* within the previous 12 months. Authors should submit a brief abstract (60

words or less) to accompany their comment that will be included in the Letters section of the print edition. The authors of the original paper are given an opportunity to reply. Comments and responses are peer reviewed and edited as needed. Technical Comments posted elsewhere, in print or online, including on preprint servers, will generally not be considered.

- **Brevia** are brief contributions (500 to 1000 words including references, notes and captions) accompanied by one illustration or table that must be contained on one printed page. Authors should also submit an abstract of 100 words or less that will appear online only.

Present and Future Submissions

For the time being, all submissions should be formatted in APA style and should be sent electronically as an attached Microsoft Word 2003 document to the Editor-in-Chief, Aurelio José Figueredo, at ajf@u.arizona.edu. If email submission is for some reason impossible, hard copies may on occasion be accepted, as long as they are accompanied by the same text and graphics (where appropriate) on CD, DVD, or USB drive.

All submissions must be in English. All submissions, including invited contributions, are subject to both peer and editorial review. Some submissions are rejected, but political censorship is avoided so as to foster free and creative exchange of ideas among scholars. All submissions should be original, and are not to be published elsewhere, either prior to or after publication in the *Bulletin*, without explicit and prior permission from the Editor.

After that, the manuscript may be assigned to a different Action Editor, selected from our Editorial Board based on area of expertise. These Action Editors will then send the manuscripts out for peer review, and will be

contacting the authors directly regarding the outcomes of that process. Submitters may suggest peer reviewers that they believe would provide good critical evaluations, but the ultimate selection of reviewers will remain at the sole discretion of the specific Action Editor appointed to process each manuscript.

In the future, we will be moving to a fully web-based submission and review system. An excellent proposal has just been approved by the ISHE Board of Officers, so we might manage to have one in place as soon as the next (June) issue. However, these things take time and we cannot guarantee such immediate functionality.

When we do eventually adopt a fully web-based format, we may need to revise the posted guidelines so that the maximum word counts can be enforced electronically by the software. However, no automated software will ever be allowed to make the final decisions. If any contributing author believes that their submission merits an exception from these guidelines, they may write a letter of justification to the Editor, requesting such an exception. The letter has to clearly state the reasons that the extra word limit is required for adequate scientific communication, and **the final decision will always be made by a living human being.**

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What is Human Ethology?

Human Ethology is, in some ways, distinct from other approaches to human behavior.

Ethology has been defined as *the biological study of behavior*. Essentially, ethologists seek, first, through direct observation, to get a good description of their animal's behavior in its natural habitat. For humans that habitat is extremely varied, from that of Hunter Gatherers in the forests of Papua New Guinea to that of office workers in a modern city like London.

Niko Tinbergen divided this one fundamental question into the so called "Four Questions":

1. Proximate causation: What is the immediate causal mechanism within and outside the individual?
2. Ontogeny: What are the more distal causal influences in that individual's development from conception onwards?
3. Function: What are the adaptive functions of that behavior, what is it good (or bad) for, how does it aid survival and reproduction?
4. Phylogeny: What is the evolutionary history of that behavior?

The *Human Ethology Bulletin* aims to provide a platform where more solid foundations for the study of human behavior may be published and discussed, together with developments arising out of that work, and thereby contribute to the development of a more reliable scientific understanding of human behavior.

Summer Institute in Human Ethology *Announcement* Prague, Czech Republic 5-9 July 2011

by Tom Alley, for the Program Committee

ISHE, together with Charles University, will sponsor a **2011 Summer Institute in Human Ethology**. ISHE Summer Institutes have been developed to be more student-friendly than most scientific conferences, and include generous financial support for student participants (such as free registration and lodging for students who are first authors of accepted presentations). Previous ISHE summer institutes were held in Andechs, Germany (2007) and the University of Maine, U.S.A. (2009).

The 2011 meeting will be held **5 July (Tuesday p.m.) through 9 July (Saturday)** at Charles University near the central area of Prague. Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. Situated on the scenic Vltava River, Prague is home to many famous cultural, architectural and historical attractions. These combine to make the city one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe. The extensive historic center of Prague is on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. Tours of the Old Town or the Prague Zoo will be available to registrants on 9 July. A conference banquet will follow.

The institute is scheduled shortly after the 2011 HBES Conference (Montpellier, France, 29 June – 3 July) to allow more people to attend both meetings. The 2011 program will include invited speakers, student-oriented workshops, a poster session, and other presentations (see www.ISHE.org).

Invited speakers:

- Jay Belsky (Univ. of California-Davis, USA)
– *Keynote Speaker*
- Jaroslav Flégr (Charles University: Czech Republic)
- S. Craig Roberts (University of Stirling, Scotland)
- Wulf Schiefenhövel (Max Planck Institute: Germany)

Workshops:

- Aurelio José Figueredo – How to apply life history theory to the study of human ethology: Evolution, genetics, development, measurement, and implications
- Jitka Lindová & Marc Méhu – Ethological analysis of nonverbal behaviour
- Jan Havlíček et al. – Performing research in human chemosignalling
- David Puts (Penn State) – Voice manipulation and analysis

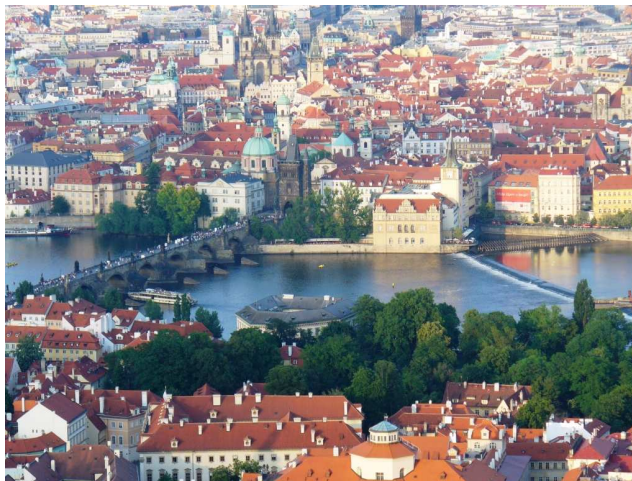
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This should be a fun and educational meeting for all. We hope you'll be able to set aside a week in July to attend this meeting and enjoy one of the great cities of Europe. Further information, a registration system, and the call for submissions (reproduced below) are now posted on www.ISHE.org.



Summer Institute in Human Ethology *Call for Submissions* Prague, Czech Republic 5-9 July 2011

by Tom Alley, for the Program Committee

Paper and poster proposals are now being sought for the 2011 Summer Institute on Human Ethology which will be held from Tuesday (evening), 5 July through Saturday, 9 July, in Prague, CZ.

I. General Information

Proposals for oral and poster presentations will be considered for inclusion in the program if they are received by 30 April 2011. Additional information about the Summer Institute is posted on the ISHE Web site: www.ISHE.org. All program participants, members, nonmembers, and students are expected to register for the meeting and pay the applicable registration fees. Students are particularly encouraged to attend and ISHE will provide generous financial subsidies for students presenting at the meeting.

II. Rules for Participation

1. Membership

It is not necessary to be a member of ISHE to submit a proposed program or presentation, and no preferential treatment will be given to submissions from ISHE members.

2. Number of Participations Allowed

Individuals are limited to two (2) presentations, with a maximum of one (1) oral presentation. This limit applies to the actual presentation of a paper in a paper or poster session. This does not include being a session chair or co-author

who does not present, nor does participation in ISHE business meetings or as the presenter of an invited address.

3. Scheduling of Presentations

Persons with accepted presentations or programs must participate at the time scheduled by ISHE or arrange to have the presentation delivered by an appropriate substitute. Persons with time constraints for religious or other reasons must bring them to the attention of the Program Committee Chair (Tom Alley) when presentations are submitted or as soon as possible thereafter but before 20 May 2011.

4. Previously Published or Previously Read Presentations

Except by invitation, a presentation previously delivered at an ISHE meeting or other meeting for which one can expect overlap with the attendees at this Summer Institute (e.g., HBES, ISHE, EHBEA) may not be presented at the meeting unless it represents a substantial elaboration or revision (additional findings, etc.).

III. Guidelines and Procedures for Submitting Proposals

All proposals must be in English and submitted via the ISHE online Call for Submissions. The website is linked to ISHE's website [www.ishe.org] under Summer Institutes. This website will guide you through the submission process for your individual and/or symposium proposals. Although the deadline for receipt of proposals is 30 April, 2011, early submission is strongly encouraged.

1. Presentation Types

The following types of presentations will be considered.

Submissions for individual presentations at the 2011 Summer Institute may be in the form of

either oral papers or posters. Poster and paper presentations are governed by similar submission rules and review processes. For this meeting, students will be allowed to submit well-developed research proposals, such as one being developed for their dissertation, in poster format only. Submitters are encouraged to consider which format will work best for their particular presentation. Submitters may increase their chances of acceptance by indicating their willingness to deliver their presentation in either format; the Program Committee will then notify the applicant of the accepted format.

Papers:

Paper presentations will be allotted a minimum of 15 minutes for oral presentation, plus 5 minutes per paper added to the end of each session for discussion. Time constraints mean that this format may provide only limited opportunity for fully presenting one's work and for interaction with attendees.

Posters:

ISHE encourages poster submissions so that research findings, new ideas, methodology and data analysis may be shared more fully and interactively. The poster session will allow presenters and attendees to engage in extended discussions regarding the author's presentation that is in illustrated format on a poster board. For the Summer Institute we will accept student posters presenting a research plan as well as posters reporting the completed results of research by students or other scholars. It is anticipated that ISHE will provide at least two US\$100 awards best poster awards.

Poster boards (950 x 1800 mm) and mounting tacks will be provided. If your submission is accepted for presentation as a poster, ISHE will send detailed instructions to assist you in preparing your materials in the required format.

2. General Instructions for All Paper and Poster Proposals

Each proposal must include the following:

1. Title of presentation – must not exceed 12 words
2. Name, e-mail address of person delivering presentation (principal author) complete mailing address, phone number, and affiliation (department, etc.). [In instances of multiple authorship, the person whose name is listed first normally is expected to deliver the presentation.]
3. Ordered list of the names and affiliation of all coauthors.
4. Preference for presentation in a poster session or in a paper session.
5. Summary of 150 to 300 words (not including Tables, Figures or references). The summary should include a statement of the problem or issue, methods and results (if an empirical proposal), and conclusions. For Research Proposal type posters, additional information about the rationale, background and methods may be provided in lieu of results and discussion. Note that this summary will be used for both review and, if successful, inclusion in the program guide.

Submit the proposal via the Summer Institute link on www.ISHE.org where additional information about the meeting can also be found.

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