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Human Ethology Bulletin: **Instructions to Authors**

Bulletin Policies

The *Human Ethology Bulletin* has recently transformed into an online peer-reviewed journal, which will publish empirical, theoretical, and review articles within the broad research tradition of Human Ethology, and will continue to publish book reviews and educational pieces. It will also invite target articles on which open peer commentaries are published.

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.

Call for Papers

The *Human Ethology Bulletin* 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. 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.

We will eventually be moving to a fully web-based submission and review system. However, these things take time and we cannot guarantee immediate functionality. When we do 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.**

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.

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

by Tom Alley, Program Committee Chair

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 many 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 in the Czech Republic. Situated on the scenic Vltava River, Prague is home to many famous cultural, architectural and historical attractions. 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 2011 program will include a keynote address by Jay Belsky, invited speakers, student-oriented workshops, a poster session, and 24 additional peer-reviewed oral presentations. The program Committee has finished its review of the many submissions and notified all potential presenters. The list of all presentations, including titles, is available for viewing on the ISHE website (see Summer Institutes on www.ISHE.org). The final schedule should be available shortly.

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: Andechs, 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 – Voice manipulation and analysis

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