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Human Ethology Bulletin: **Our New Electronic Submission System**

New Procedures for Submissions to the *Human Ethology Bulletin*

The *Human Ethology Bulletin* is switching to an online electronic submission system as of 1 January 2012. From that date on, all manuscripts (of whatever type) should be submitted to the following URL:

http://media.anthro.univie.ac.at/ishe_journal/index.php/heb/author/submit/1

We are also taking this opportunity to post a briefer description of our journal on that web page, which has now been revised so that newcomers will immediately grasp the basic purposes behind the Bulletin without having to read one of our lengthy academic discourses on the matter.

Brief Description of the *Human Ethology Bulletin*

The *Human Ethology Bulletin* is an online peer-reviewed journal publishing scholarly works within the broad research tradition of Human Ethology, such as: (1) *Research Articles*; (2) *Theoretical Reviews*; (3) *Brief Reports*; (4) *Technical Comments*; (5) *Brevia*; (6) *Open Peer Commentaries*; (7) *Authors Responses to Open Peer Commentaries*; and (8) *Book Reviews*.

The focus of the *Human Ethology Bulletin* is to provide a unique venue for the publication of empirical, theoretical, and review articles within the tradition of Human Ethology. The substantive content of Human Ethology is perhaps best captured by Tinbergen's Four Questions, that may be asked of any behavior: (1) Proximate Mediation; (2) Behavioral Development; (3) Evolutionary History; and (4) Ultimate Adaptive Function.

The *Human Ethology Bulletin* is particularly interested in 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, as well as methodological articles describing those procedures for general application. Purely descriptive and inductive studies will also be accepted, provided they are thorough and methodologically rigorous.

The *Bulletin* and the *Newsletter*

As previously announced, we have split the official journal function, retaining the name *Human Ethology Bulletin*, from the ISHE-specific information function, under the name *Human Ethology Newsletter*. Until the end of 2011, the *Bulletin* will be distributed in PDF format directly over email to all current subscribers and members of ISHE. We will afterwards be switching to a web-based distribution system to be announced as soon as it is operational.

Certain traditional features of the *Human Ethology Bulletin* are being retained within the *Human Ethology Newsletter*, such as "Current Publications", "New Books and New Editions", and "Upcoming Conferences and Meetings". The December issue (10, 2) of the *Newsletter* will be distributed directly over email concurrently with this *Bulletin* to all current subscribers, but will afterwards be switching to the web-based distribution system that is currently in preparation.

Although the current *Bulletin* Editor-in-Chief will continue to personally produce and distribute the *Newsletter* until a replacement is found, we need to find another person to fill this role at the start of 2012, as the responsibilities of the *Bulletin* Editor-in-Chief will change with the greater complexity of the new system. Any nominations (including self-nominations) for that role would be welcome.