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**BEYOND COEXISTENCE: WORKSHOP ON THE BIOSYNERGY OF HUMANS AND OTHER PRIMATES - EXPLORING OUR BONDS IN CARE-GIVING, CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH.**

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Participants will explore the evidence and opportunities for interspecies synergy in primate care-giving, conservation, and research. Biosynergy theory and research – first presented at the Bali IPS Congress in 1994 and elaborated at IPS Congresses in Wisconsin, Australia, Uganda, and Scotland – have been applied during the past 15 years in realms ranging from captive primate welfare to great ape cognitive development to solutions to the African bushmeat crisis. After a brief review of theory and findings in those three domains, the organizer of this workshop will facilitate audience discussion initiated by some of primatology's foremost experts in human-NHP bonding. Invited discussants – including Jane Goodall (Conservation), Tetsuro Matsuzawa (Captive Research), Francine Patterson (Captive Care), and Juichi Yamagiwa (Field Research) – will provide their personal perspectives on the synergy and bonding of humans with other primates. Concluding discussion of Practical and Ethical Problems will be initiated by members of the 2008 Scotland IPS Congress Symposium on Exploring Human-Nonhuman Bonds in Primatological Research (Agustin Fuentes, Simone Pollo, & Augusto Vitale). All Workshop participants will be invited to join the effort to establish Human-NHP Relationships as a distinct and formal area of primatological study, which is being proposed in a special publication (in press) of the American Journal of Primatology. (Time: 100 minutes)

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