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proyectos científicos relacionados con los recursos genéticos, provenientes de las plantas, los animales y los microbios. En este evento se analizan además los avances en el tenor y se proponen las estrategias y las tareas prioritarias para la región latinoamericana. Esta sexta emisión del Sirgealc se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de México, del 12 al 16 de Noviembre de 2007 y los temas principales serán: Estrategias de conservación de los recursos genéticos, Educación en recursos genéticos en todos niveles y Marco regulatorio de acceso a los recursos genéticos. Para mayores informes visitar <<http://www.coyoacan-global.com/sirgealc/convocatoria.htm>>.

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## PITHECIINE ACTION GROUP (PAG)

The Pitheciines include some of the most unusual and intriguing primates of the Neotropics. Several are threatened with extinction, and for many we lack all but the most basic information.

The Pitheciine Action Group (PAG) exists to promote the conservation of the genera *Callicebus*, *Cacajao*, *Chiropotes* and *Pithecia*. PAG's main objectives are to coordinate and encourage research, act as a clearinghouse for information and resource sharing, and provide scientific and technical information to guide conservation strategies and policy decisions.

Founded informally in 2005, PAG was launched officially at the *Pitheciines: Ecology and Conservation* symposium of the 2006 IPS Congress in Uganda, and is now part of the IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group. PAG has an Executive Committee of four, a 25-member Coordinating Committee and Sub-Committees for each genus that includes pitheciine experts from all range countries. There is also the PAG-Network with an open-list membership; this is the information exchange facet of the Group, to which institutions, researchers and interested individuals are invited to contribute.

PAG will soon launch a dedicated website and an electronic newsletter. As well as information about current group activities, website resources will include lists of priority taxa and research topics, key literature, theses and dissertations, photos and videos, recordings of vocalizations and distribution of museum specimens.

Current PAG activities include a 45-chapter, 82-author book, *Evolutionary Biology and Conservation of Titis, Sakis and Uacaris*, to be published by Cambridge University Press,

and participation, together with the Brazilian Government's Environmental Protection Agency (IBAMA), in the formulation of Action Plans for endangered Brazilian taxa.

For further information about PAG, please e-mail <[coordination@pitheciineactiongroup.org](mailto:coordination@pitheciineactiongroup.org)> or visit <<http://www.pitheciineactiongroup.org>>.

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## PRIMATE CONSERVATION INCORPORATED

Primate Conservation, Incorporated (PCI) is a nonprofit foundation founded to fund field research that supports conservation programs for wild populations of primates. Priority will be given to projects that study, in their natural habitat, the least known and most endangered species. The involvement of citizens from the country in which the primates are found will be a plus. The intent is to provide support for original research that can be used to formulate and to implement conservation plans for the species studied. PCI will grant seed monies or provide matching grants for graduate students, qualified conservationists, and primatologists to study rare and endangered primates and their conservation in their natural habitat. All appropriate projects will be considered, but the regions of current interest are Asia and West Africa. For more information and grant applications, go to <[http://www.primate.org/grant\\_in.htm](http://www.primate.org/grant_in.htm)> or contact Ray Hamel at <[hamel@primate.wisc.edu](mailto:hamel@primate.wisc.edu)>.

*Elegibility:* Grants will be awarded to members of PSGB or to citizens of primate range states who are sponsored by a member. Only those projects which are judged to have attainable goals that will benefit primate conservation or conservation education will be considered. Group training projects will not be considered for these grants. Awards are made on a competitive basis and the decision of the Conservation Working Party is final. In some cases applicants may be invited to submit an amended application.

*Application and award details:* Individual awards tend to be in the range of £250 to £500. Two closing dates apply: the last day of February and the last day of August. Applications must be made on the Application Form, or following the same format, and should be sent by post to reach the Convener on or before the relevant closing date. Applications by e-mail or fax will not normally be accepted.

Applications forms are available on the PSGB website <<http://www.psgb.org>> or can be obtained directly from: David A. Hill (Convener of the CWP), School of Biological Sciences, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QG, UK, Tel: +44 1273 606755 ext. 2755; Fax: +441273678433, e-mail: <[d.a.hill@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:d.a.hill@sussex.ac.uk)>.

## PRIMATE SOCIETIES

### PSGB CONSERVATION GRANTS

The Primate Society of Great Britain (PSGB) awards small grants in support of primate conservation and education. These grants are administered by the Conservation Working Party, which considers applications at its biannual meetings. The following notes give details of eligibility and application procedure and should be read carefully before preparing an application.

*Proposals are invited for grants to assist:* Research of benefit to primate conservation; short surveys to identify locations of value to primate conservation; projects involving conservation education relevant to primates.

*Obligations of grantees are as follows:* To present a report on the progress of the project within six months of commencement; to present a final report on completion of the project, to be used by PSGB at its discretion in publications or in any way thought to be of value to primate conservation; to acknowledge the support received from PSGB in any publication resulting from the project and to supply PSGB with two copies of each publication; to produce, where appropriate, slides and/or sound recordings for non-commercial use by PSGB or others in the promotion of primate conservation.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

*Key Topics in Landscape Ecology: Key Issues in Theory, Methodology, and Applications*, edited by R. J. Hobbs and Jianguo Wu. 2007. Cambridge University Press. 400 pp. ISBN 0521850940. Landscape ecology is a relatively new area of study, which aims to understand the pattern of interaction of biological and cultural communities within a landscape. This book brings together leading figures from the field to provide an up-to-date survey of recent advances, identify key research problems and suggest a future direction for development and expansion of knowledge. Providing in-depth reviews of the principles and methods for understanding landscape patterns and changes, the book illustrates concepts with examples of innovative applications from different parts of the world. Forming a current 'state-of-the-science' for the science of landscape ecology, this book forms an essential reference for graduate students, academics, professionals and practitioners in ecology, environmental science, natural resource management, and landscape planning and design. *Contents:* 1. Perspectives and prospects on landscape ecology – R. Hoobbs and Jianguo Wu; 2. Adequate data of know accuracy are critical to advancing the field of landscape – L. R. Iverson; 3. Landscape pattern analysis: key issues and challenges – H- Li and J. Wu; 4. Spatial heterogeneity and ecosystem processes – M. G. Turner and J. A. Cardille; 5. Landscape heterogeneity and metapopulation dynamics – L. Fahrig; 6. Determining pat-