

Postgraduate Conference Bursary

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I received the support offered from St Marys Postgraduate Conference Bursary to attend the International Primatological Society (IPS) and American Society of Primatologists annual conference. IPS has been created to promote all areas of non-human primatological scientific research, to support cooperation among scientists of different nationalities linked with primate research, and to promote the conservation of all primate species. The American Society of Primatologists (ASP) is an educational and scientific organization that aims to understand, conserve and inform about nonhuman primates.

This year 2016, the congress was a Joint meeting of the International Primatological Society and the American Society of Primatologists August 21-27, 2016 Hosted by Lincoln Park Zoo's Lester Fisher Centre for the Study and Conservation of Apes, Chicago, Illinois, USA. About 900 oral presentations were completed. This Joint Meeting marked the 20th anniversary since the most recent joint IPS/ASP meeting and the first to be hosted by a zoological park.

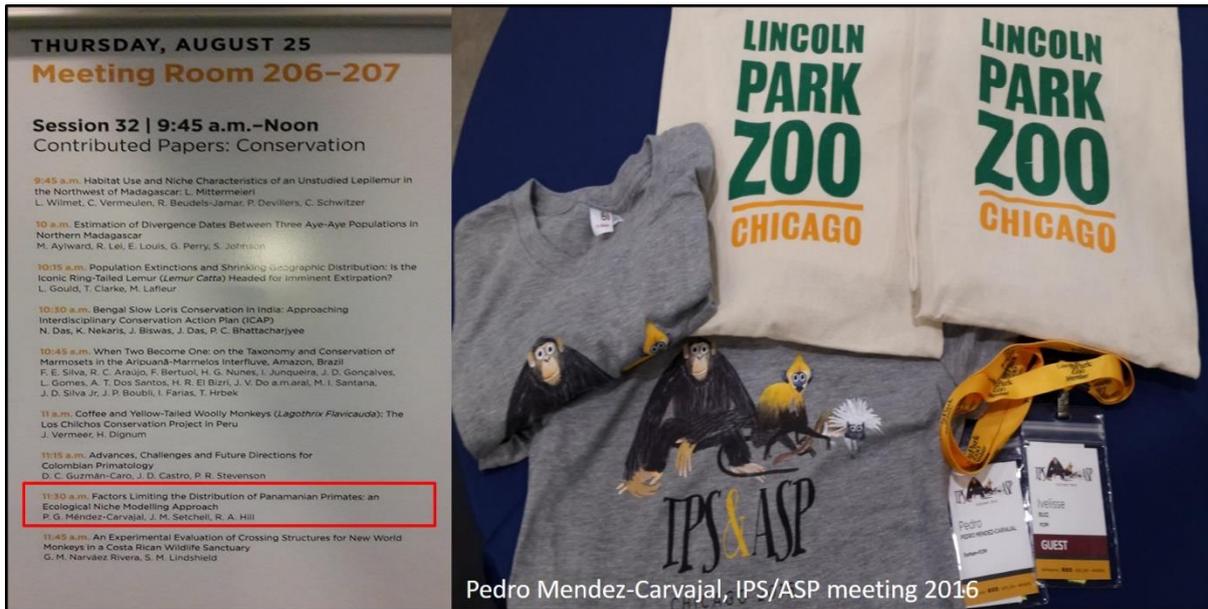
My presentation was accepted and well received by the IPS/ASP committee, as no other Panamanian were previously presenting in this international meeting, which made this opportunity for me as an iconic for a Panamanian achievement in the primatological field. I presented an original work about the distribution of non-human primate's subspecies based on probability of presence in accordance with the environmental variables, vegetation cover and anthropogenic effects in their habitats, using Maximum Entropy Model, one of the most accurate programs used to determine Species Distribution Modelling. This information is crucial to better direct conservation activities in Panama.

I presented an early version of this oral presentation in the St Mary's Society, which allow me to prepare better for my talk in the conference at Chicago. The talk went very well and it was a very important opportunity for me to know other colleagues, meet old friends that are working with similar topics related to primatology, as well as make new contacts with professors and researchers from other parts of the world. I really thank St Mary's College Society enabling me to attend this conference. Critics and comments in this meeting will improve my points of view and preparation for my viva to defend my PhD.

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p.s. Pictures attached

Some pictures attached





Pedro Mendez-Carvajal presenting in IPS/ASP 2016



Jeanne Altman, the author of "*Observational Study of Behavior: Sampling Methods*" (1974)



Jane Goodall, the author of "*My Friends the Wild Chimpanzees*" (1969)