



Minding Animals International Bulletin 13

Welcome to the second post-Utrecht Bulletin. Well, plans are quickly shaping up for Minding Animals 3 in 2015. Tentative dates for the next conference have been set aside as we work out the initial logistical requirements for our hosts and venue.

Tentative Dates Set for Minding Animals 3

We hope to be able to announce the host and nation for the next Minding Animals Conference on the Minding Animals website on 31 October. Please take note of this date. Also take note of the tentative dates set for the conference.

Minding Animals 3: 14 to 20 January, 2015

The conference will be held over five days with a restful weekend in the middle of the conference that will include the Conference Dinner and other social events like an Arts Festival, documentaries, Interfaith Service and special wildlife and nature tours.

Please set these days aside, and maybe a few days either side to allow time to arrive, settle in and take in the atmosphere. You will not be disappointed!

Minding Animals Events and Partner Conferences

2 November, 2012: Cape Town, South Africa

Host: Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape

Event title: *Animal Vulnerabilities: An Animal Studies Roundtable in Africa*

Is a tendency in Animal Studies which focuses on the exteriority of animal (and human) bodies a useful aesthetic or ethical strategy? Or does speaking of bodies deny animal subjectivity and agency? And can the foregrounding of animal bodies replicate the tired dualism which has human minds pitted against animal bodies? Papers, visual presentations and panels will be held in relation to this debate.

Venue: please contact colloquium organiser

Time and Date: please contact colloquium organiser

Organiser and contact: Wendy Woodward, wendywoodward97@gmail.com

2 November, 2012: New York, USA

Host: the New School for Social Research and New York University Animal Studies Initiative

Title: *Thinking with Animals: A Minding Animals Preconference Event*

Although the social sciences, humanities, and philosophy have long been characterized by a deep-seated anthropocentrism, the recent explosion of popular moral concern for nonhuman animals has helped expand the boundaries of these disciplines. This conference examines how the “animal turn” is altering the contours of academic inquiry in the fields of philosophy, anthropology, politics, sociology, cultural studies and literature. Specifically, scholars will examine how our relations with animals both reflect and shape the historical, political, and cultural contexts in which they are embedded, and they will ask what it means to theorise animals as political, economic, social, and moral object - and subjects.

Speakers: Alice Crary, Una Chaudhuri, Jan Dutkiewicz, Amy Leigh Field, Dale Jamieson, Colin Jerolmack, Timothy Pachirat, Dominic Pettman, Pooja Rangan, Chris Schlottmann, Jeff Sebo, Ada Smailbegovic, Miriam Ticktin and Rafi Youatt

Venue: 19 West 4th Street, Room 101, New York, NY 10003

Time: 8:30 to 17:15

Organiser and contact: Colin Jerolmack, Assistant Professor, New York University, jerolmack@nyu.edu

Conference language: English

For programme, sessions, and speaker bios, see the conference website:

: <http://animalstudies.as.nyu.edu/object/asevent.20121102.thinkinganimals>

An RSVP is required, but seating will be first come, first serve

12 and 13 December, 2012: Gold Coast, Australia

Host: David Bailey (Forensic Scientist and Vet)

Title: *The Australian Veterinary Forensics, Law and Animal Conference*

Venue: QT Hotel, Gold Coast (7 Staghorn Avenue, Surfers Paradise)

Time: 9:00 to 17:00

Location: Gold Coast - QT Hotel

Contact person: David Bailey info@forensicvet.com

Conference language: English

For speakers and registration see the website: <http://www.forensicvet.com>

15 February, 2013: Sydney, Australia

Host: University of Technology, Sydney, Australia

Professor Marc Bekoff returns to Australia once again to give this Public Lecture on Compassionate Conservation

Venue: UTS University Hall, University of Technology, City Campus, Building 4, Harris Street Broadway - see website for directions: <http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/about/mapsdirections/map.cfm>

Time: 17:30 for 18:00

Contact for further information: Rod Bennison c/. mindinganimals@gmail.com

Conference language: English

March, 2013: Vienna, Austria

Host: Vienna Conference of Animal Ethics and Law (VCAEL), Forschungsstelle für Ethik und Wissenschaft im Dialog, Institut für Philosophie, Universität Wien

Event title: *The Case for Animal Rights – 30 Years Later*

Venue: to be announced end 2012

Time and Date: to be announced end 2012

Guest speakers (so far): Professors Tom Regan, Tom Beauchamp and David Favre

Organiser and contact: Erwin Lengauer and Andrea Yehudit Richter, contact@veaw.at

Conference details will be made available soon at:

<http://veaw.univie.ac.at/lectures/the-case-for-animal-rights-30-years-later/>

10 April to 10 July, 2013: Berlin, Germany

Host: Chimaira - Arbeitskreis für Human-Animal Studies

Event title: *Tiere Bilder Ökonomien*

Date and Time: 10 April to 10 July, 2013 (there is going to be one lecture every week on Wednesdays)

Time: Wednesdays, 18:00 to 20:00

Venue: Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Dorotheenstraße 26, Hörsaal 208, 10117 Berlin

Contact Person: Aiyana Rosen aiyana.rosen@human-animal-studies.de or chimaera@human-animal-studies.de

Website details: <http://www.human-animal.de>

Conference language: German

MAI Strategic Plan

With two successful international conferences and a growing network of more than 3,000 scholars, advocates, artists and policy makers across the globe, Minding Animals International (MAI) is established as the foremost organisation dedicated to advancing Animal Studies throughout the world. With so much accomplished in a relatively short period of time by a fledgling organisation, it is understandable that programmes have taken precedence over organisational and financial infrastructure. This is why at its meeting after MA2 in Utrecht, the Patrons, Board of Directors and Academic Advisory Committee, asked Rod Bennison and myself to prepare for their approval a strategic plan for 2013-2015.

The plan will recommend a new strategy which will be informed by our past activities and designed to meet new challenges. Mundane but essential organisational and financial matters also need to be addressed. This is an important process and one that cannot be hurried. Nevertheless, it is our intention that this project will guide us in our mission to be even more effective in facilitating the global development of Animal Studies.

Closing date for comments on the Strategic Plan: 31 October, 2012

The board invites you to email me with your comments and suggestions on what our strategic plan should address and the positions we should now adopt. I look forward to hearing from you. My email address is: kim@kimstallwood.com

Kim Stallwood (Deputy CEO)