

Minding Animals Bulletin 47



Minding Animals 4 in Ciudad de México

Minding Animals International would like to congratulate Ana Cristina Ramírez Barreto for hosting such a fabulous event and for inviting us all to México with open arms. We would also like to thank Paulina Rivero Weber for facilitating such a wonderful venue at the Mexican National University (UNAM). The conference was attended by 360 people from 31 countries.

Some photos from the event are provided at the end of this Bulletin.

If you would like to view some of the plenary and other speakers, please click on the following links. Here you will also find some of the panel talks (some in Spanish). The Full Playlist can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwe82J8Y75YDAQ0v4sLN0YWkP5meFjmJs>

Very Final Call for hosting Minding Animals 5 in 2021

Several people have now come forward and suggested that their institution could host Minding Animals Conference 5 in 2021.

If you are interested in being the convenor and getting your institution to host MAC5, please send an email by 31 May to allow the Minding Animals Board to select our next destination. Send your email to: mindinganimals@gmail.com

Before you do so, check out the basic requirements that are detailed at: <http://www.mindinganimals.com/about-contact/objectives/>

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Minding Animals Board changes

There have been several changes on the Board of Minding Animals. Before the Board meeting held in Ciudad de México, Marc Bekoff and Dale Jamieson indicated that they would not be seeking re-election to the Board. At that meeting, both Marc and Dale were once again appointed as Patrons. Also prior to MAC4, Kim Stallwood resigned as the Executive Director.

Three people nominated and were appointed to the Board just after MAC4. We welcome the following people to the Board and wish them well in their upcoming deliberations.

Lynda Birke



Lynda Birke is an academic, and is Visiting Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Chester. Her background is in biology (animal behaviour), but she has focused on human animal studies for many years. Her particular interest is human animal relationships, especially with horses. Her most recent work has focused on horses, and especially on the horse human relationship. She lives in Shropshire, UK, with 3 dogs, several horses, and her partner.

Sandra Swart

Sandra Swart is a Professor of History at Stellenbosch University. She simultaneously completed an MSc in Environmental Change and DPhil in Modern History at Oxford University, 2001. She recently completed a term as President of the Southern African Historical Society.



Sandra is interested in social and environmental paradigms, focusing on the interaction of humans and other animals. Her most recent book is *Riding High – Horses, Humans and History in South Africa*. She is currently working on the long shared history of humans and baboons.

Raj Reddy



Rajesh K. Reddy directs the Animal Law LLM Program at the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School, where he also teaches Graduate Animal Law LLM Seminars, Animal Law Fundamentals, Introduction to US Animal Law, and Animal Legal Philosophy & Development. Raj earned his PhD in English from the University of Georgia and his JD from Lewis & Clark Law School. A former co-Editor in Chief of the Animal Law Review, Raj carries a broad animal law focus. His literary scholarship centres on the representation of animals, both human and nonhuman, in postcolonial literature.

Minding Animals Board positions vacant

Subsequent to the appointment of its newest members, Lynda, Sandra and Raj, both Carol Adams and Clive Phillips indicated their intention to resign so that they can pursue other interests. Clive will stay on for another six months, whilst we wish Carol all the best, especially in her endeavours in exposing discrimination and harassment within the animal movements, particularly against women. Jeff Sebo has also resigned as Treasurer, but remains on the Board. So we are in urgent need to fill the following positions:

- **Executive Director (ED) (non-voting)**
- **4 new Board members (including a Secretary and a Treasurer)**

The positions in question need to be filled by individuals that are committed to animal protection and would be, first and foremost, committed to Minding Animals as an organisation and to its objectives. The positions available are for active members only, and are not offered as position/CV fillers.

You would be expected to contribute to live active debate, sometimes challenging but always engaged and rewarding. And you would need to actively support Board activities, from taking minutes, updating databases and stuffing envelopes!

The ED, Secretary and Treasurer positions need to be filled by persons with a sound understanding and knowledge of the requirements for organisational functioning. Position descriptions are to be developed by the Board.

We especially welcomes Animal Studies students, and scholars from a non-Western north European heritage.

Partner Events

7 to 9 August, 2018: Turku, Finland

(Un)common worlds: Contesting the limits of human–animal communities

The Finnish Society for Human-Animal Studies (YKES) is proud to organise the first international Human-Animal Studies conference held in Finland. Keynote speakers are **Erica Fudge** (University of Strathclyde), **Jamie Lorimer** (University of Oxford) and **Helena Telkänranta** (University of Bristol and University of Helsinki).

Conference costs and registration: Registration for the conference is now open. Early bird registration fees (until 31 May 2018) are 110 Euros for members of the society, 130 Euros for non-members, and 90 Euros for students. Late bird registration fees (until 31 July 2018) are 130 Euros for members of the society, 150 Euros for non-members, and 110 Euros for students. The conference fee includes refreshments during the conference. Conference dinner is subject to an additional fee.

Place and venue: Turku is a lively academic city on the southwest coast of Finland. Originally settled during the 13th century, Turku is Finland's oldest city. With the envioning Turku Archipelago, Turku has many natural attractions. The conference will take place at the University of Turku, which is located near the centre of the city, within walking distance of major attractions. The Finnish Society for Human-Animal Studies can be contacted at: <https://elaintutkimus.wordpress.com/>.

Conference website: <https://uncommonworlds.wordpress.com>

Memories of Ciudad de México





