



Welcome to the 23rd edition of the Minding Animals Bulletin

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**REMINDER: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS DEADLINE
15 AUGUST**

**REMINDER: EARLYBIRD REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
31 AUGUST**

Minding Animals Conference Panel Sessions

Several academic sessions are planned for the Minding Animals Conference in Delhi, including an examination of Human Animals Studies and Critical Animal Studies, as well as a Himalayan/Tibetan Regional Animal Panel.

Do you have any ideas for an interactive panel? Please contact mindinganimals@gmail.com with your ideas.

Panels can be one or two hours in length and will comprise three speakers followed by an interactive session with questions and an open debate. Participants will need to lodge an abstract on their presentation.

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Minding Animals Abstracts Schedule

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Our working schedule is as follows:

1. **End of call for Abstracts: 15 August, 2014**
2. **Close of Earlybird Registrations: 31 August, 2014**
3. Review of abstracts: 18 August - 24 September, 2014
4. First round offers sent: 6 October, 2014
5. Final date for successful first round authors to advise if they intend coming: 24 October, 2014
6. Second round offers sent: 3 November, 2014
7. Final date for successful second round authors to advise if they intend coming: 14 November, 2014
8. Last date of registration by authors of accepted abstracts: 19 December, 2014

Minding Animals Websites

Minding Animals International Incorporated website: mindinganimals.com

Dedicated MAC3 Conference website: mindinganimalsconf3.in

Minding Animals Conference 3 Documentary Festival

Don't forget: a short documentary festival will be run during the conference in New Delhi. Do you have a documentary, short film or other cinematic item that you would like presented at the New Delhi Conference? If you do, please contact the organisers of that event on: mindinganimalsdocos@gmail.com

Keynote Speaker



Maneka Gandhi is an Indian politician from the Nehru Gandhi clan, and is the Minister for Women and Child Development in the new Modi BJP-led Government. She is a leading environmentalist and animal rights activist and has earned international awards and acclaim. In 1995, she was appointed chairwoman of the Committee for Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA). Under her direction, CPCSEA members have carried out unannounced inspections of laboratories where animals are used for scientific research. She has filed Public Interest Litigations that have achieved the replacement of the municipal killing of homeless dogs with a sterilisation programme, the unregulated sale of airguns and a ban on mobile or traveling zoos. She started the organisation People for Animals in 1992, the largest organisation for animal rights welfare in India. Maneka Gandhi is also a patron of International Animal Rescue. She is a vegan and has advocated this lifestyle on ethical and health grounds.

Plenary Speakers

To date, the following Plenary Speakers have been announced:

- Lori Gruen
- Lisa Kemmerer
- Erica Fudge
- Clair Jean Kim
- Will Kymlicka

The following two Plenary Speakers are now announced:

- Jill Robinson
- Clive Phillips

Jill Robinson MBE, Dr.med.vet. h.c. has been a pioneer of animal welfare in Asia since 1985 and is widely recognised as the world's leading expert on the cruel bear bile industry, having campaigned against it since 1993. In 1998, she founded Animals Asia, an organisation that is devoted to ending the barbaric practice of bear bile farming and improving the welfare of animals in China and Vietnam by promoting compassion and respect for all animals, and working to bring about long-term change. From starting Animals Asia out of her front room, Jill has built the organisation into a respected international NGO with over 300 staff, an annual turnover of more than US\$9 million, award-winning bear sanctuaries in China and Vietnam (with 400 rescued bears), headquarters in Hong Kong, and offices in Australia, China, Germany, Italy, the UK, US and Vietnam.



Among other awards, Jill has an honorary doctorate from the University of Zurich, is Asia World Animal Day Ambassador, Council Member World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies Herbal Committee, and Member of the USA Society of Woman Geographers. In 1998, Jill was awarded an MBE by Queen Elizabeth, and in 2010 awarded "You Bring Charm to China" along with 12 prominent foreign people who have enriched life in China.

Clive Phillips studied agriculture at Reading University and obtained a PhD in dairy cow nutrition and behaviour from the University of Glasgow. He lectured in farm animal production and medicine at the Universities of Cambridge and Wales, and conducted research into cattle and sheep welfare. As the inaugural holder of the University of Queensland Chair in Animal Welfare, he is now involved in research in animal welfare and ethics and the development and implementation of Australian State and Federal government animal welfare policies. He has written widely on animal welfare and management in scientific journals, blogs and books, and he edits a new journal in the field, *Animals*, and a series of books on animal welfare for Springer.



Invited Speakers

The following Invited Speaker is also announced:



Mahesh Rangarajan is Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi and Professor of Modern Indian History, University of Delhi. A Rhodes Scholar, he studied at the universities of Delhi and Oxford and has taught at Cornell University, Jadavpur University and at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru. In 2010 he was chair of the Elephant Task Force appointed by the Government of India. He is an environmental and political historian whose most recent works include the co-edited, *India's Environmental History* (2012) and *Shifting Ground* (in Press) and the forthcoming collection of his essays titled *Nature and Nation*.

Minding Animals Partner and Preconference Events

Would you like to partner your conference, seminar or other event with Minding Animals International? Benefits include a reach to an Animal Studies audience of over 3,000 academics, activists and artists. If interested, please drop us a line at mindinganimals@gmail.com. In this Bulletin, you will find details on the following events:

- **20 August, 2014: Trondheim, Norway - Norwegian Animal Ethics Conference**
- **2 to 3 September, 2014: Cape Town, South Africa - Animal Absence/Animal Presence**
- **12 to 14 September, 2014: Jaipur, India – India for Animals**
- **20 to 21 September: Nuremberg, Germany – Minding Animals Germany Seminar**
- **25 to 27 September, 2014: Bonn, Germany - Human-Animal Relationships in Religious Traditions**
- **15 to 17 November, 2014: Sacramento, USA - All Things Great and Small: Interdisciplinary Interspecies Community**
- **4 to 5 December, 2014: Edinburgh, Scotland - Between Apes and Angels: Human and Animal in the Early Modern World**

20 August, 2014: Trondheim, Norway

Norwegian Animal Ethics Conference 2014

Hosts: Minding Animals Norway, the Norwegian Council for Animal Ethics, Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM, University of Oslo) and Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)

Venue: Trondheim Spektrum

Theme: Fiskelykke [Luck in Fishing / Fish Happiness]

Websites: <http://mindinganimals.no> and <http://dyreetikkonferansen.no>

Further information regarding this conference is available on the websites, or by contacting Morten Tønnessen at: mortentoennessen@gmail.com

2-3 September, 2014: Cape Town, South Africa

Animal Absence/Animal Presence

Hosts: University of the Western Cape and Minding Animals Southern Africa

The Fourth UWC Minding Animals International affiliated Colloquium invites abstracts in relation to animal absence/animal presence.

Respond to: wendywoodward97@gmail.com

Wild' animals' lives are increasingly threatened by poaching and the diminishing of their habitats. Animals commodified and farmed for human consumption are kept out of sight. Yet representations of 'real' and symbolic animals proliferate in the media, in literature, in art, in ethical debates and in the transdisciplinary Animal Studies.

12-14 September, 2014: Jaipur, India

India for Animals

Host Institution: Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO).

Venue: Clarks Amer Hotel, Jaipur

India For Animals is a Indian national conference organised by FIAPO, in association with The Dogs Trust and Compassion In World Farming, and marks the celebration of the animal protection movement in India.

The conference will bring national and international leaders for animal protection to a single platform, including Padma Shri Norma Alvares, Padma Bhushan D.R. Mehta, Dr. Chinny Krishna, Anthony "Ace" Bourke, Clarissa Baldwin, Philip Lymbery, Les Ward, Christine Townend and many others in resourceful discussions, workshops, panels and small group breakouts where delegates can share and collaborate on strategies to protect animals.

The conference will bring together all partner organisations in India and activists working for animal protection and welfare. Being a 'one of a kind happening' in India, this conference is the premier event of FIAPO and marks the celebration of animal protection in India. The conference allows activists and organisations to collectively understand the progress of the animal protection movement in India and to dialogue about the significant issues pertaining to animals and how to move forward. The conference is a chance for hundreds of grassroots activists, practitioners and philanthropists from across the country to get together under a common banner and connect, build and learn from each other.

The conference will have a number of resourceful discussions, panels and small-group breakouts where delegates can share and collaborate on strategies to protect animals.

Some of the sessions will include discussions and debates on fundraising for animals, effective utilisation of social media, animal care, first aid, rescue and handling, and working with law enforcement.

To register or find out more about the conference, please go to: <http://www.fiapo.org/ifa14booking.php>



The banner features the 'ifoa' logo on the left, which includes a magnifying glass over a circle containing silhouettes of various animals, with the tagline 'Share. Learn. Inspire.' above it. Below the logo is the text 'A FIAPO Initiative presented in association with Dogs Trust and Compassion in world farming'. On the right side, the main title 'India For Animals, 2014' is displayed in large orange letters, followed by the dates 'September 12-14' and the venue 'at Clarks Amer, Jaipur'. In the top right corner, there is a small FIAPO logo with the text 'Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations'. In the bottom right corner, there are logos for 'DogsTrust' and 'COMPASSION in world farming'.

20-21 September, 2014: Bonn, Germany

Minding Animals Germany Seminar

Host Institution: Minding Animals Germany

Venue: Nuremberg Academy of Music, Germany

15 lectures distinguished academics and activists from across the German-speaking community

Contact Details: Jessica Ullrich, jesmarullrich@t-online.de

25-27 September, 2014: Bonn, Germany

Human-Animal Relationships in Religious Traditions

Host Institution: Department of Comparative Religion, Bonn University

Venue: Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies, Department of Comparative Religion, Bonn University, Adenauerallee 4-6, 53113 Bonn, Germany

Please send an abstract of approximately 200 words no later than September 5, 2014.

Publication: Selected papers from the conference will be published.

Registration: The registration fee is €25 (paid in cash upon arrival and includes lunch, coffee and snacks during the conference). The registration fee does not include any travel expenses or accommodation.

Contact Details: Dr. Céline Grünhagen, c.gruenhagen@uni-bonn.de or call: +49 228 73 954

15-17 November, 2014: Sacramento, USA

All Things Great and Small: Interdisciplinary Interspecies Community

Host: Nonhumans UC Davis Interdisciplinary Animal Studies Research Group

Keynote speakers: Frans de Waal

Venue: UC Davis campus, Sacramento

Inquiries: Ted Geier at: tegeier@ucdavis.edu

Further details, see website: <http://nonhumans.org/november-2014-conference/>

4-5 December, 2014: Edinburgh, Scotland

Between Apes and Angels: Human and Animal in the Early Modern World

Host Institution and Venue: University of Edinburgh

Keynote speakers: Harriet Ritvo and Louise Hill Curth, with others including Ingrid Tague, Juliana Schiesari, Karen Edwards, Peter Edwards, Richard Almond & Susan Wiseman

Call for papers (close 31 October, 2014) – see conference blog: <http://apesandangels.wordpress.com/cfp-2/>

Further information regarding the conference, please visit the website or contact the organisers: Andrew Wells and Sarah Cockram at andrew.wells@ed.ac.uk or s.cockram@ed.ac.uk

Further details, see website: <http://www.apesandangels.ed.ac.uk>

Tentative Schedule for MAC3 in 2015

13 January – Interfaith Service, Opening of Registrations and Welcome

14 January – Opening of Conference and Keynote Address by Minister Maneka Gandhi, Protecting the Animals Seminar Series, and Opening of Arts Festival

15 and 16 January – Conference continues

17 and 18 January – a weekend of special events, including a Critical Animal Studies Satellite Event

19 January – Conference continues

20 January – Conference concludes

Our Themes

Theme 1 – Animals and Religion

Theme 2 – Wildlife Welfare and Conservation Science

Theme 3 – Women and Animals

Theme 4 – Animal Law and Public Policy

Theme 5 – Animals and Culture

Theme 6 – Animals and the Humanities

MAC3 Disputes and Resolutions

Please note: just as for the first two Minding Animals Conferences, we will also have a Disputes and Resolutions expert helping the Board if anyone feels they need to lodge a complaint. If you have any significant problems or issues if they arise between now and the conference or you feel aggrieved in any way, please contact the Disputes Counsel at mindinganimals@gmail.com

Travel Advice

Here are some suggestions when travelling to the Minding Animals Conference in New Delhi.

Personal Safety

You may have heard news in the media that some women, both locals and travellers to India, have experienced devastating and unforgiveable physical abuse involving sexual assault. Whether or not the proportion of these assaults per head of population have been inflated by Western media as has been alleged, it is important that all our delegates to MAC3 must feel safe and have a fantastic time whilst in India.

Generally, India is an extremely safe and friendly place, but like in every human society there are challenges. If you have not been to India, you can be assured that you may be confronted but inspired, distressed yet delighted. It may very well change your attitudes forever.

It is recommended, particularly if you are a woman, that if you feel the need to stay safer than by travelling alone, then we recommend you travel with other conference delegates. Maybe travel to India in a group or with your partner, share a taxi or tuk tuk (motorised rickshaw) to the conference and around Delhi, or when travelling outside Delhi join an organised tour. Be vigilant at all times, and like in any other metropolis, beware of pickpockets.

Vaccinations

Consider vaccinations for Cholera, Hepatitis A and Typhoid. These are probably unnecessary if you intend to stay in New Delhi only. In relation to Malaria, you should consider obtaining Doxycycline or some quinine-based medication from your doctor, especially if travelling outside New Delhi or staying in India to travel, although it will be winter. One side-trip to be announced shortly will be to a wetland – then, in this case, such medication is strongly recommended.

It is particularly recommended that you approach any animal with caution as rabies is prevalent in India. The JNU campus has many street dogs and squirrels as well as macaques and jackals. We strongly advise that you should not approach or interact with any animal in any way.

Toilet paper is not available in all facilities, including some hotels, hostels, tourist sites and public lavatories. Unless you wish to use the ever-present hose, then it is recommended that you take an ample supply of tissue paper at all times.

It is highly recommended that you consider obtaining a course of the drug Ciprofloxacin from your doctor to take with you. This antibiotic is safe and extremely effective in treating stomach bugs and diarrhoea. Some groups of people may be less disease resistant than others.

In this regard, it is also recommended that you take a supply of Imodium, as well as sachets of an oral electrolyte powder, such as Dioralyte or Hydrolyte, to use with bottled water.

Visas and Luggage

Most overseas visitors require a visa to enter the country, some with particular restrictions, such as from Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. You MUST ensure that you leave at least 3 months between applying for a visa and your departure. Minding Animals will endeavour to have the abstract review process completed by 1 October, 2014. In all respects, your visa, travel and accommodation are your responsibility. Information regarding accommodation options will become available soon.

When eventually departing India from any airport, you should ensure that any hand/cabin luggage is labelled with a tag from the airline which you are using. Security staff at airports will stamp that tag as security-checked. This is complicated as the authorities may require a second security check before you enter the plane and they will verify that the first check has been stamped on that particular airline's tag. If this is not done, you may risk losing your hand/cabin luggage.