

Members' diary

London Meetings

London meetings are held in the Zoo Meeting Rooms in the Outer Circle of Regent's Park. Each includes a wine and cheese buffet supper and tickets are available from the FFPS office (an SAE would be appreciated). For catering purposes please ensure that you book your ticket at least one week in advance of the meeting date. For details of forthcoming meetings please see the insert in this *Oryx*.

Please note: The FFPS AGM will be held on 4 September 1985.

Local FFPS Group Meetings

For details of Oxford and Cambridge local group meetings please write to the following people (enclosing an SAE)

Oxford Group: Dr David Macdonald, Department of Zoology, University of Oxford, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PS.

Cambridge Group: Robert Burton, 46 West Street, Great Gransden, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

An afternoon of mountain gorillas

A meeting entitled 'An afternoon of mountain gorillas' will be held on Saturday, 1 June 1985 at the ABC 1, 135 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2. Doors open at 1.00 pm for 1.30 pm. It will finish at approximately 5.30 pm.

Julian Pettifer will introduce Central Independent Television's new film of the gorillas in Rwanda 'Shadows in the Forest'. Dr Sandy Harcourt, former Co-ordinator of the Mountain Gorilla Project, Roger Wilson, current FFPS Field Officer in Rwanda, Kelly Stewart and Ian Redmond, will give illustrated talks of their experiences with gorillas, and the development of the project during the past six years. An update of the current fund-raising campaign in Britain will be given by John A. Burton, and there will be a further selection of films of the gorillas. Tickets at £5.50, £4.50 and £3.50 are available from the FFPS office to FFPS members and the public.

Wildlife Film-makers' Symposium

The 3rd International Wildlife Film-makers' Symposium is to be held in Bath, UK, 14–18 September 1985. Details: Bill Pay, Symposium Organiser, BKSTS, 110 Victoria House, Vernon Place, London WC18 4DJ, UK.

International Otter Symposium

This will be held at the University of California, Santa Cruz, on 6–10 August 1985. Papers are solicited on all aspects of otter biology, conservation and management. For information contact: International Otter Symposium, Center for Marine Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, California 95064 USA.

Third South Pacific National Parks and Reserves Conference 1985

The conference and its associated meetings and training courses aims to facilitate the continuous establishment of protected areas as an important element in the sustainable development of resources in Pacific island countries. Its central theme will be traditional conservation knowledge and practice and implications for conservation policy, park management and sustainable resource development. It will be held in Western Samoa, 15 June–6 July 1985. Details: Co-ordinator, South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, B.P. D5, Noumea, New Caledonia.

Birds of Prey Conference

The 1985 Raptor Research Foundation International Meeting and Symposium on the Management of Birds of Prey will be held in California, 12–20 November 1985. Details: Dr Richard R. Olendorff, US Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, USA.

Third International Congress of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology

Sponsored by the Royal Society, British Ecological Society, International Union of Biological Sciences, Linnean Society, Palaeontological Association and Systematics Association, the programme offers a wide range of symposia, paper sessions and poster sessions on all aspects of evolutionary and systematic biology. Included are: Cryptozoology: The Search for Unknown or Supposedly Extinct Animals, and Conservation of Tropical Ecosystems. To be held at the University of Sussex, Brighton, Sussex, UK from 4 to 10 July 1985.