



14th European Conference on Personality

July 16-20, 2008, Tartu, Estonia

SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENT

"Multidisciplinary Advances in Animal Personality Research"

14th European Conference on Personality (ECP14)
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Personality research in nonhuman species has made significant advances over the last decade. Diverse disciplines are exploiting the unique possibilities of comparative personality research to gain profound insights into the nature and origins of personality. Greater opportunities for naturalistic behaviour observation and experimental control, mostly shorter reproduction cycles and life spans, and differences in phylogenies, ecologies and social systems predetermine nonhuman species for systematic studies on the evolutionary, genetic, biological and social bases of personality. Distinguished speakers from different disciplines present recent advances made in the field that reveal multi-faceted and complex perspectives on personality. Fundamental genetic, ontogenetic and evolutionary principles underlying stable intraspecies behavioural variation are discussed within integrative frameworks. Processes mediating interactions between genetic and environmental factors that account for developmental plasticity are shown in avian and mammalian species. Personality- and relationship-dependent optima of stimulation and arousal modulation are important components of social compatibility in chimpanzees that also affect their psycho-social health. Relations between personality differences and performance in explosive detection dogs indicate applied aspects of nonhuman personality research. The diversity of behavioural variation within and across species requires suitable methodologies to identify and study trait dimensions of individual and species differences; their reliability and validity is demonstrated empirically in great apes and macaques. The empirical, theoretical and methodological advances made in nonhuman personality research have also interesting implications for human personality research. Integrating approaches and findings across research disciplines and species can stimulate critical reconsideration of theories, concepts and methodologies and open up new perspectives on personality.

We are very pleased to announce the following distinguished speakers:

Pieter J. Drent (NIOO-KNAW, NL)
Claudio Carere (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, IT)
Signe Preuschoft (University of Zurich, CH)
Samuel Gosling (University of Texas at Austin, U.S.)
Kees van Oers (NIOO-KNAW, NL)
Jana Uher (Humboldt University Berlin, D)

Kees van Oers & Jana Uher
Symposium organizers

Invited Symposium "*Multidisciplinary Advances in Animal Personality Research*",
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FRIDAY, July 18

Keynote	09:00-09:50	Aula (Main Building)
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K3: The Process and Moderators of Accurate Personality Judgment

David C. Funder, *University of California, Riverside, USA*

Chair: Jens B. Asendorpf, *Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany*

Invited Symposium	10:00-12:20	Aula (Main Building)
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S6: MULTIDISCIPLINARY ADVANCES IN ANIMAL PERSONALITY RESEARCH

Conveners

Kees Van Oers, *Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW), The Netherlands*

Jana Uher, *Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany*

S6-1: A Physiological and Evolutionary Model of Avian Personality: The Great Tit Story

Pieter DRENT, *Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW), The Netherlands*

S6-2: Animal Personalities: Ontogenetic Modulation and (Some) Neuro-Endocrine Correlates

Claudio CARERE, *Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy*

S6-3: Personality and Inter-Individual Attunement in Ex-Lab Chimpanzees

Signe PREUSCHOFT, *Anthropologisches Institut & Museum, Universität Zürich-Irchel, Switzerland*

S6-4: Personality and Performance in Working Dogs

Samuel GOSLING, *University of Texas, USA*

S. J. Hilliard, *341st Training Squadron, USA*

O. P. John, *University of California at Berkeley, USA*

V. S. Y. Kwan, *Princeton University, USA*

S. J. Schapiro, *M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, USA*

Simine Vazire, *Washington University St. Louis, USA*

S6-5: Methodologies in Comparative Personality Research

Jana UHER, *Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany*

S6-6: Introduction and Discussion: Animal Personality Research Across Disciplines

Kees VAN OERS, *Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO-KNAW), The Netherlands*

Invited Symposium	10:00-12:20	#425 (Lossi 3)
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S7: PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT, RESILIENCE, AND PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

Convener

Frosso Motti-Stefanidi, *University of Athens, Greece*

Convener and discussant

Ivan Mervielde, *Ghent University, Belgium*

S7-1: Risk, Personality and Resilience of Immigrant and Native Youth

Frosso MOTTI-STEFANIDI, *Vassilis Pavlopoulos, University of Athens, Greece*

Jelena Obradović, *University of British Columbia, Canada*

Rebecca Shiner, *Colgate University, USA*

Ann S. Masten, *University of Minnesota, USA*