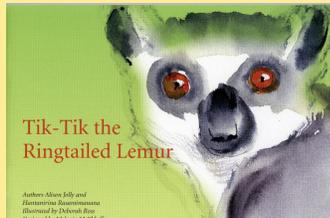




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Dr. Patricia C. Wright is Named 2014 Indy Prize Winner



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INDIANAPOLIS - For her heroic and selfless dedication to protecting the lemurs, ecosystems, and people, of Madagascar, Indianapolis Zoological Society officials today announced Dr. Patricia Chappelle Wright as winner of the 2014 Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation. As the Indianapolis Prize winner, Wright, a distinguished professor of anthropology at Stony Brook University, will receive \$250,000 and the Lilly Medal, joining the ranks of some of the most celebrated conservationists on Earth.

"We are honored to present the 2014 Indianapolis Prize to Patricia Wright," said Michael Crowther, president and CEO of the Indianapolis Zoological Society, which initiated the Indianapolis Prize as part of its conservation mission. "A static summary of achievements is not enough to convey Pat's impact on protecting lemurs and habitat in Madagascar. Her approach has been hugely successful at the intersection of conservation and community building. We hope that her remarkable story will empower others to become advocates for our planet and the wildlife that inhabit it." [CLICK HERE to read the news release celebrating Dr. Wright's achievement](#) and career. Dr. Wright plans to use portions of the prize money to bring electricity to communities around Ranomafana National Park, and to fund protection of an unprotected forest just north of the park. This forest is home to another yet undescribed new species of rare lemur, which are critically threatened by gold mining in the area.



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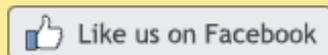


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Dr. Wright established the Ranomafana National Park in Madagascar, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. She directs the Centre ValBio, pictured below, which is adjacent to the park. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the center and conservation efforts there.

Did you know that Dr. Wright's career is the basis for the IMAX Movie currently in theaters, 'Island of Lemurs: Madagascar'? [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Dr. Wright's extraordinary experience as a conservationist and in Madagascar.



Meet LCF's Animal Husbandry Interns

Erica Engstrom and Caitlin Kenney joined LCF's team as Animal Husbandry Interns just in time for another busy spring and summer.

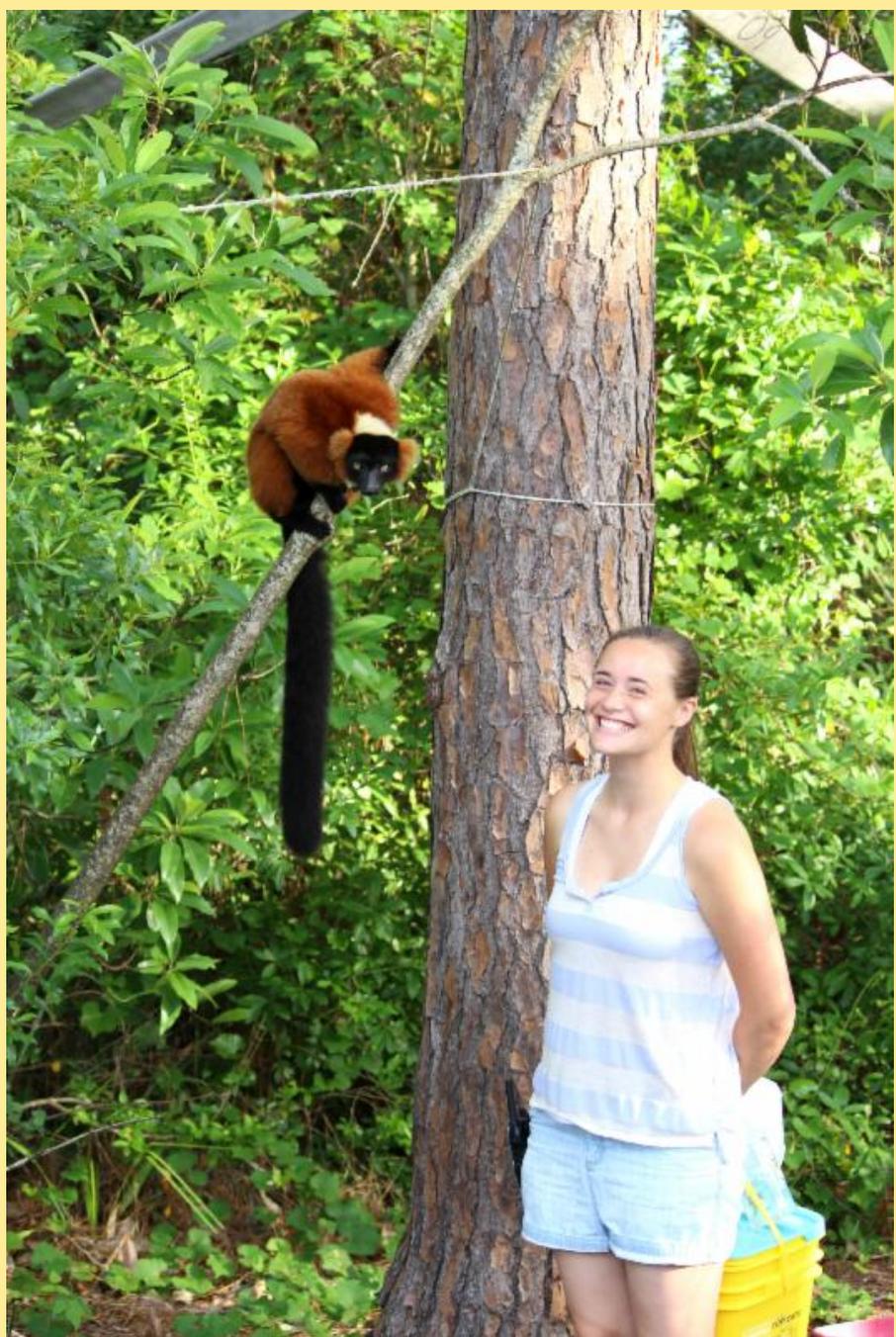
In addition to sharing the excitement of our latest lemur infant, they have attended a FAZA (Florida Association of Zoos and Aquariums) workshop and helped with our first Field Training School of 2014.

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Erica Engstrom is from Mill Valley, California, and graduated from UCLA with a BA in International Development Studies. She shifted her professional focus to animal care and management after spending a year as a residential volunteer at the Heifer International Ranch in Arkansas, where she worked extensively with a wide variety of farm animals. Erica subsequently returned to California, where she worked at a veterinary hospital as a veterinary technician and volunteered both at San Francisco's county wide animal shelter and with harbor seals at the Marine Mammal Center. Erica is grateful for the chance to intern at LCF not only to broaden her understanding of its resident lemurs as individuals, but to do so with an organization that acknowledged an urgent, growing need for global conservation efforts in behalf of lemurs as a severely endangered group. She is particularly interested in learning more about the reserve's breeding program, which has been very successful in recent years.



Caitlin Kenney is from North Attleboro, Massachusetts. She recently earned her B.S. in Conservation and Wildlife Management from Delaware Valley College. She was an Animal Care Intern at Buttonwood Park Zoo where she worked in the 'North American West' section and completed a training project with Canadian Lynx. Caitlin came to LCF because it offers a chance to not only work with animals in a more natural setting, but to work in a setting with a high research focus. 'I am excited for my time here to not only learn about various research techniques and studies, but to have the opportunity to be a part of the team as well.'



Teachers' Institute Ako Workshop 12-14 June at LCF!

Lemur Conservation Foundation's conservation education program for educators,

the Teachers' Institute, is hosting the first 'Ako Project Workshop for Educators' from June 12-14 at our conservation habitats in Myakka City, FL. This 3 day workshop is modeled on the S.T.R.E.A.M. concept (Science, Technology, wRiting, Engineering, Art, and Math). Professional Development points will be awarded and curriculum alignment is available.

During the three day workshop participants will work with Kris Whipple, Karen Malesky, and the LCF conservation team. Kris Whipple, CIP, CIT, CIG, and Interpretive Consultant, produced K-5 curriculum for lessons in language arts, social studies, math, science, geography and other subjects. Ms. Whipple designs interpretive materials and curriculum guides for organizations like Disney and the San Diego Zoo in addition to Lemur Conservation Foundation and the Ako Series. She and Karen Malesky will lead the program. Ms. Malesky is a S.T.E.M. and Museum certified educator based in the Sarasota area.

Educators attending the workshop will learn about field biology and see LCF's lemur collection and habitats. At the end of the session teachers will have Ako Series materials to teach in their classrooms, and will be prepared to share a conservation education message from the newly developed Ako resources.

The 'Ako Project Workshop for Educators' is 12 - 14 June at LCF's Myakka City, FL facility in the Sarasota - Bradenton area. For more information or to RSVP contact Lemur Conservation Foundation at 941-322-8494.



Fun in the Sun at LCF!

Here's a great way to start the week - Thanks to Caitlin for the great picture of these red ruffed lemurs in our forest enclosures.



**Vanishing - an exhibit from LCF's art collection at
Art Center Sarasota through 27 June.**

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