

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit	Brazil/Pirenopolis and Manaus
2. Research project	Annual Meeting of Brazilian Primatology (Pirenopolis), Meeting with Dr. Wilson Spironello (Manaus)
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)	2017. 08. 18 – 2017. 08. 28 (10 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation	Dr. Wilson Spironello, Professor at INPA
5. Progress and results of your research/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)	<p>Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.</p> <p><u>Annual Meeting of Brazilian Primatology</u></p> <p>The aim was to build the connections with Brazilian researchers and to know the latest situations of their studies (Especially about saki monkeys). Unfortunately, I didn't meet any researcher of <i>Pithecia</i>. I got to know there are not many researchers who study on <i>Pithecia</i> in Brazil in the contrary to my expectations. There may be some reasons. For instance, saki monkeys distribute only in Amazon (most of Brazilian primatologist are studying in the southern part of Brazil), and those monkeys are usually shy and show cryptic behaviors. However, the small number of the researchers means that there are remaining spaces for me to start a new study on <i>Pithecia</i>. I heard that there are a few laboratories working on <i>Pithecia</i> in US. I would like to arrange a visit to talk with them in the near future.</p> <p>It was fruitful to build good connections with Brazilian researchers although the subject species were different, and I also felt the trend of Brazilian primatology. It seemed that the main interest of them was “conservation”. This could be easily understood because Brazil is the country which has the most diverse primates in the world, and it is also the country in which the situation of deforestation is severe. Because my Ph.D study will not be directly related to conservation, I need to consider the way to justify the meaning of my study as a basic biology as well s conservation of <i>Pithecia</i>.</p> <p><u>Meeting with Dr. Wilson in Manaus</u></p> <p>It was very productive. I talked with Dr. Wilson for 1 hour, with Dr. Adrian (researcher on Uakari) for 1 hour, and with the both professors for 1 hour. We discussed my Ph.D plan. I proposed my research interests to them, and both of them were also very interested on my theme. I got a lot of new and excellent ideas from them. We also talked about my master thesis. I was almost giving up to publish it because the data set is too small. However, Dr. Wilson strongly suggested me to submit it to the international journal publishing by INPA. He said there are some meanings to share my results with other researchers. I was very glad to hear that.</p> <p>My next step is to write the detail research proposal to get research visa, and to write a manuscript to publish my master thesis.</p>

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Coffee break at the conference



Beautiful street in Pirenópolis

1. Others

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