

**2008 IPS Post-Congress Symposium on**

# **COMPARATIVE FUNCTIONAL MORPHOLOGY IN PRIMATES**

*August 10-11, 2008 at Durham University*

## **BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES:**

Functional morphology has been one of the most effective tools in the study of human and primate evolution. Over more than 100 years, countless investigations have been conducted using this tool. There are doubts, however, over the effectiveness of this biological sub-field at present. Given its age, is functional morphology far from the frontiers of biological science? Is it so far behind the times as to be irrelevant? The answer is absolutely “No.” With the advances in recent technologies, such as micro-CT, fMRI and motion analysis technology, functional morphology has entered a new phase, one we would characterize as “morphology meets function.” For example, new equipment has enabled us to see the internal structures and/or compositions of the body or bones that could not be observed previously. Also, progress in motion analysis has enabled easy and exact measurement of locomotion in more natural conditions. The two sides of the sub-discipline are getting together, and functional morphology is now seeing such a large-scale change that it can be called a paradigm shift. Reflecting this situation, relatively young researchers are very active in this field and have begun to play important roles. In this symposium, we invite those young (and young at heart) researchers working at the frontiers of the science of form and function to present and discuss the latest results and exchange opinions. Based on the outcomes of these discussions, we intend to determine the future direction(s) of functional morphology in primates.

## **ORGANIZERS**

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**DATE AND TIME:**

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (SUN): 1:00pm-5:00pm

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (MON): 9:00am-5:00pm

**VENUE:**

Durham University, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, United Kingdom,  
Room CG85 (see attached file)

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

£15.00 (costs are for the room charge and three tea/coffee breaks)

**ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:**

Rooms in Grey College, which is a stone's throw away from the meeting site, are available for Aug 10<sup>th</sup> or Aug 10-11<sup>th</sup> (see the map for the location). Please fill in the registration form and return it to us before May 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure booking. Rates are £33.62/night for an en-suite room and £24.26/night for a dormitory-style room (shared bathroom).

There are plenty of other inexpensive accommodation options in town, as well; see the Durham City Tourist Board listings at <http://www.durhamtourism.co.uk/home.html>

**WEBSITE:**

Details of the symposium are available at,

<http://www.ips2008.co.uk/PrecongressDetail.html#FunctionalMorphology>

**DEADLINES:**

Registration with abstract submission

Submission of titles and room reservations: **March 10, 2008**

Submission of abstracts (300 words): **May 30, 2008**

Registration without abstract submission **June 30, 2008**

Please complete the registration form and email or post to Eishi Hirasaki, Ph.D.

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**TITLE:** (PLEASE CIRCLE)                      PROF.      DR.      MR.      MS.      OTHERS ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

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**ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (if needed):** (Please circle)

Room type:              1) en-suite ( £33.62/night )      2) dormitory ( £24.26/night )

Night(s): 1) one night (Aug 10<sup>th</sup>)                      2) two nights (Aug 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>)

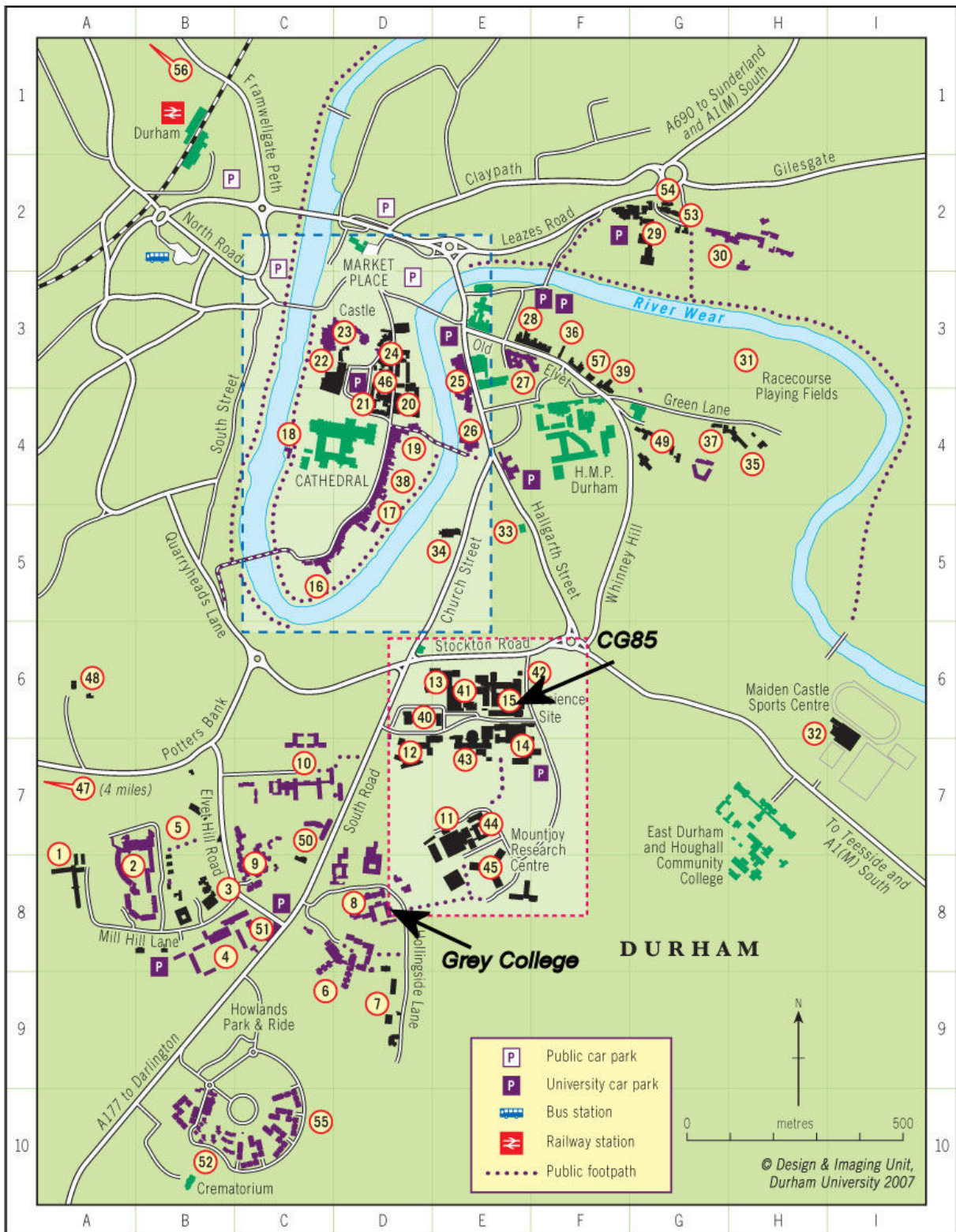
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