

# NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first MacaqueNet newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with the database, current projects, publications and events. Newsletters will be emailed every 3 months.

We want the newsletter to reach beyond data contributors, so please spread the word. New readers can subscribe via the [website homepage](#).



## Calling all contributors!

- We have updated institutional affiliations for everyone that has shared data with MacaqueNet.
- Please check by **31st October 2023** and add comments in the [document](#) if needed. You can also email [MacaqueNet@gmail.com](mailto:MacaqueNet@gmail.com) to make changes.

## The MacaqueNet: Big-team research paper

- MacaqueNet's first publication: "MacaqueNet: big-team research into the biological drivers of social relationships" is now available as a [pre-print](#).
- The paper will be submitted to *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* very soon.

## Weaving the MacaqueNet 2.0 at IPS in Borneo

- MacaqueNet hosted its 2nd meeting as a workshop on **Aug 21st 2023** at [IPS](#) in Borneo, Malaysia.
- Dr Delphine De Moor updated us on database requests and access, current projects and future directions.
- The lightning talk session showcased work by researchers who live in macaque-range countries, study Malaysian macaques and/or are early-career researchers: Dr Bidisha Chakraborty, Celine Ng Boon Yuan, Lim Zhi Han, Nurul Iza Adrina Binti Mohd Rameli and Nik Nur Ain Farhana Binti a Rahman.



Photo of MacaqueNet members taken at the workshop.

## Board Meeting

- On **Aug 23rd 2023**, we held MacaqueNet's 2nd board meeting for data contributors in-person as well as online.
- We discussed the data request and access process, as well as future avenues for adding new data types.

### Some questions and solutions we came up with:

**Q:** How do new data users know which projects are ongoing, so they don't propose a similar study?

**S:** There will be an excel sheet to keep track of all data requests, showing whether requests were accepted or not.

**Q:** If a data user's idea is already an existing project, can they collaborate?

**S:** All future projects using the MacaqueNet database will appear on the website, where it will clearly state if the project is open to new collaborators.

**Q:** How can we keep everyone up-to-date on database progress?

**S:** Future MacaqueNet board meetings will occur more frequently and will be open to all contributors, advertised via Slack. You can join the slack channel [here](#).

- You can read the full board meeting minutes [here](#).



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