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2016 DINSDALE AWARD

On June 20, the 2016 Dinsdale Award was presented to Jeff Meldrum at the Meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration, held in Boulder, Colorado. The Society has presented the Dinsdale Award every two years since 1992, for significant contributions to the expansion of human understanding through the study of unexplained phenomena. Winners have led their fields in uncovering noteworthy anomalies. The Awards Committee has “recognized Dr. Meldrum’s significant contribution to our understanding of the possible presence of an as-yet unrecognized primate in our midst. In the course of more than two decades, while recognizing the risk to his professional reputation, he has created a corpus of credible work by conscientiously applying his knowledge of primate evolutionary anatomy and behavior to this most difficult and controversial subject.”

Dr. Meldrum made a presentation before the society in which he acknowledged the growing regard for the serious consideration of the prospect of relict hominoids. He explored the influence of the complete exclusion principle on the prevailing paradigm in anthropology of the Single Species Hypothesis, which has barred any objective consideration of a proposal for relict hominoids existing alongside *Homo sapiens* in modern times. However, the acknowledgement of a bushy hominin tree, comprising multiple contemporaneous species, combined with the discovery of ever more recent persistence of some hominin lineages, has forced a shift in paradigm and created a context by which to allow for the possible existence of such species, especially in light of the growing body of data, e.g. footprint evidence, suggesting their presence. Meldrum was invited to submit a manuscript version of his presentation to the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, where it was subsequently published.

Click the link below for a pdf of that paper:

[Meldrum, J. \(2016\) Sasquatch and other wildmen: the search for relict hominoids *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, Vol. 30, No. 3, pp. 356–374.](#)



