

Hello again Orangutan Conservancy fans!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Could it be it is that time of the year again???

Yes! It is nearly time for the Orangutan Conservancy's 2017 Orangutan Veterinary Advisory Group workshop! This year we are back in Jogjakarta (see photo). We will also be having our largest workshop ever this year. Inviting orangutan veterinarians, center managers, wild researchers (pun intended), human doctors, veterinary faculty and zoo vets we number 72 participants from 8 countries.

Before the start of our own workshop, this year, many OVAG members (including yours truly - me) were invited along with an international group of wildlife experts to teach sessions as part of a Summer Course in Wildlife Animals at Universitas Gadjah Madah (see banner). This was a joint venture between the Departments of Biology and Veterinary medicine and was held in the new Biology Department Building (see photo). The students were able to get additional training in various aspects of wildlife care from many different perspectives. My two sessions were Primate Evolution and Orangutan Behavior.

After the summer course, the OVAG committee members met at drh. Siska's house for a strategy meeting before the start of the OVAG workshop (see group photo). Present at the meeting were Siska, Yenny, Ricko, Citra, Steve, Sumita, me and of course, GAVO - our traveling mascot. You can follow Gavo's adventures at [gavo\\_official](#) on instagram

Stay tuned for more updates from OVAG 2017!!!!

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