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**SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL™ TO OFFER TRIBUTE TO
“WOMEN IN SCIENCE” THROUGHOUT MARCH 2008**

**Programming Depicts Remarkable Women
Researching Animals Around the Globe**

(New York, NY, March 6, 2008) Throughout the month of March, Smithsonian Channel will pay tribute to a variety of remarkable women scientists, depicting their work with a variety of animal species around the world, in a series of documentary specials.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE showcases a variety of women – some affiliated with Smithsonian Institution research programs as well as others working on their own – who display keen education, rigorous inquiry, and personal courage in the pursuit of knowledge about the natural world.

Featured in the month’s offerings are (for broadcast dates and times, go to www.smithsonianchannel.com):

• ***Woman Among Wolves***

For the past six years, Gudrun Pflueger, a former world champion cross-country skier and long distance runner, has been studying wolves in the wild of Canada. In this film, she goes in search of the coast wolves of British Columbia – a five-week expedition that proves to be her most memorable encounter with wolves ever. Illuminating a first-hand view of these predators that have never been in contact with human beings before, the film presents fascinating, emotional imagery of a woman communing with these feared and often misunderstood animals.

• ***Batwomen Of Panama***

On the coast of Panama, the Smithsonian boasts an amazing research center on the island of Barro Colorado – home to a mind-boggling variety of wildlife, including 72 species of bats. After sunset, a team of women scientists known as the Batwomen of Panama set out into the jungle to find, track and study these mysterious creatures. Among their discoveries is the rarest and biggest bat in the tropics of the New World.

- ***Ghost Cat – Saving The Clouded Leopard***

Smithsonian scientist JoGayle Howard, an expert in reproductive research, leads a global team of forest officials, zoo and field researchers into a Southeast Asian jungle to save one of the world's most elusive and enigmatic predators – the Clouded Leopard. The Smithsonian is a leader in the efforts to save this beautiful cat from extinction. The program features exclusive footage of Clouded Leopards, as well as the trading in illegal animal parts.

- ***Flying With Condors***

Englishwoman Judy Leden, a world champion hang-glider, climbs into the air alongside giant condors, birds with a wingspan of up to four yards, accustomed to soaring 1500 feet above sea level in the snow-covered Andes. Heart-stopping footage serves to bring the habits and habitats of these enormous birds into focus.

- ***Wanted: Anaconda***

A multi-national team searches for the largest snake in the world using advanced technology to spot the snakes in their natural habitat with minimal disturbances from humans. Extremely rare footage of a female Anaconda giving birth in the wild is captured, as is a hair-raising face-to-face encounter.

David Royle, head of programming and production for Smithsonian Channel, said, "As our special programming makes clear, women scientists are at the forefront of compassionate and cutting-edge science. We are delighted to pay tribute to these intrepid guides to the natural world."

ABOUT SMITHSONIAN NETWORKS:

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