

## *NEWS—NOTICIAS—NOTÍCIAS*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE: FRANCOIS VUILLEUMIER FUND FOR RESEARCH ON NEOTROPICAL BIRDS**

The goal of the Neotropical Ornithological Society's Francois Vuilleumier Fund is to award one or more cash grants per year for thesis studies of Neotropical birds to one or several graduate students from any country in Latin America and the Caribbean. The funds are provided to assist thesis research by students, enrolled in an institution **in** the Neotropics who have little or no access to funds within their country or at their institution. Awards will be competitive and are expected to be in the range of US \$500. Students from Latin America and the Caribbean enrolled in a graduate degree program (Masters or Ph.D.) at an institution in the Neotropical Region are eligible to apply.

#### **Application Calendar:**

*Application Deadline:* **15 September each year** (E-mail Receipt)

*Announcement of Awards:* 15 December each year

**Further Information:** Fund information and guidelines are available on the Neotropical Ornithological Society website ([www.neotropicalornithology.org](http://www.neotropicalornithology.org)). For additional information contact Dr. John Blake at: [john.blake@ufl.edu](mailto:john.blake@ufl.edu).

### **ANUNCIO PARA EL: FONDO FRANCOIS VUILLEUMIER PARA LA INVESTIGACION DE AVES NEOTROPICALES**

El objetivo del fondo Francois Vuilleumier de la Sociedad Ornitológica Neotropical es el otorgar una o más becas por año para realizar estudios de tesis con aves Neotropicales a uno o varios estudiantes graduados de cualquier país Latino Americano y del Caribe. Los fondos se proveen para ayudar a estudiantes que realizan investigaciones de tesis, matriculados en instituciones del neotrópico y que tengan poco o ningún acceso a fondos en su país o institución. Los otorgamientos serán competitivos y se espera estén entre unos US \$500. Los estudiantes matriculados

en instituciones fuera de la región, así como, estudiantes de Licenciatura y de Post-doctorado son inelegibles para los fondos.

**Fechas de aplicación:**

*Fecha límite para aplicar:* **15 de septiembre de cada año** (Recibo via correo electrónico)

*Anuncio de otorgamientos:* 15 de diciembre de cada año.

**Información adicional:** Información y guías están disponibles en la pagina electronica de la Sociedad Ornitológica Neotropical ([www.neotropicalornithology.org](http://www.neotropicalornithology.org)). Para más detalles puede contactar al Dr. John Blake: [john.blake@ufl.edu](mailto:john.blake@ufl.edu).

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election results from August 2011, for term of four years beginning 1 January 2012:

President Elect	Juan Ignacio (Nacho) Areta (Argentina)
Secretary	Jennifer Cahill (Re-elected, Bolivia)
Treasurer	Daniel Lebbin (USA)

Elected or Re-elected Board of Directors (four vacancies)

Board member	Ursula Valdez (Re-elected, Perú)
Board member	Pedro Scherer Neto (Re-elected, Brazil)
Board member	Cristián Estades (Chile)
Board member	Daniel Cadena (Colombia)

**Honorary Membership** was conferred on Dr. Raymond McNeil for his 11 years (1997–2008) of distinguished service as Editor of *Ornitología Neotropical* by vote of the Executive Board and members of the Neotropical Ornithological Society at their meeting at the Neotropical Ornithological Congress, Cusco, Perú in November 2011.

**New Membership Fees for 2012** – The Board of Directors of the Neotropical Ornithological Society approved new membership fees, which will become effective 1 March 2012. Prior to March 2012, the current 2011 fee rate will apply. New rates (in U.S. dollars) to begin in March 2012:

a. Students living in Latin America or the Caribbean	\$30.00
b. Students living outside of Latin America	\$35.00
c. Non-student Residents in Latin America or the Caribbean	\$42.00
d. Non-student Residents outside of Latin America	\$55.00
e. Libraries or institutions	\$150.00
f. Life member	\$1,000.00 (may pay in 4 annual installments)

**Board of Directors approved a late fee policy for membership renewal**, which will be an additional charge equivalent to 10% of their annual membership fee if paid after 1 April for the year of membership renewal. Late fee becomes effective 1 April 2013. The fee will help to defray the additional mailing costs for sending late issues of *Ornitología Neotropical*. New members joining the society after 1 April will not be charged the 10% fee late fee.

**Board of Directors approved the creation of corporate membership** category with an annual fee of \$250 and with the requirement that the board must approve the membership by a corporation or business to ensure that its activities are not detrimental to bird conservation.

**Complete hard copy sets of *Ornitología Neotropical*** from volumes 1–16 are available for the price of shipping from Michigan, USA. For further information contact Dr. Catherine Lindell (lindellc@msu.edu).

