

NOTES AND NEWS

The American Ornithologists' Union will meet 23-27 August 1965 at Columbus, Ohio, as guest of The Ohio State University, The Ohio Historical Society, The Wheaton Club, and The Columbus Audubon Society.

Registration will open at a University dormitory (to be announced later) on Monday, 23 August, at 0900 hours and will move to The Ohio State Museum on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 0800 hours. Scientific sessions will be held Tuesday through Thursday, 24-26 August, at The Ohio State Museum.

A circular of information providing details of the meeting and a formal call for papers by the Committee on the Program (Dr. Wesley E. Lanyon, *Chairman*; American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York 10024) will be circulated to the A.O.U. membership by early May.

Meetings of the Fellows and of the Fellows and Elective Members will be held in the afternoon and evening, respectively, on Monday, 23 August. The Council will hold its first meeting Monday morning, 23 August. The annual banquet will be held Thursday evening, 26 August. A field trip is planned for Friday, 27 August.

Not many of our members recognize the significant place occupied by the endowment fund in the finances of The American Ornithologists' Union. Although investment funds under one name or another have been part of the Union for over half a century, it is in the period of rapid postwar inflation that they have become of vital importance.

Over the past 20 years the Union has continued to publish volumes of *The Auk* of 600 pages or more, while consistently maintaining the high scientific quality that has made it the leading American ornithological journal. This has been accomplished despite the fact that printing costs have more than doubled in the same period. That the editors and treasurers have been able to provide this service is largely due to the increase in income from the endowment fund, which now provides almost 20 per cent of the general income of the Union. However, we cannot afford to be complacent, for costs continue to rise and endowment must keep pace.

Contributions to the endowment fund may be made through purchase of Life Memberships, or by gift or bequest. A Life Membership may be obtained by payment of \$150.00 either in a lump sum or in four annual installments of \$37.50. This privilege is available to all classes of members, and exempts them from further dues. Donations of any size are welcome, and members and friends of the Union who make gifts of \$1,000.00 are recognized as Patrons, and they too are exempt from dues. Bequests may be left to The American Ornithologists' Union, a corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, either in cash or property. All gifts and bequests are exempt from taxation under the appropriate laws applying to tax-free organizations.

Those who wish to use this opportunity of serving the Union may make their contributions either to the Treasurer or to the Chairman of the Endowment Committee, Melvin A. Traylor, Chicago Natural History Museum, Chicago, Illinois 60665.

The Research Committee of the A.O.U. has completed a survey of current ornithological research in the United States and Canada. Information was assembled through a questionnaire mailed to major research institutions known to have active research programs and through a file of project abstracts provided by the Science Information Exchange of the Smithsonian Institution.

A total of 346 projects was recorded from 170 investigators at 78 scientific institutions. The list is clearly far from complete. Research grants provided funds for 96 of

the projects: NSF, 45; NIH, 18; ONR, 8; NRC, 6; Sigma Xi, 10; F. M. Chapman Fund, 22; Van Tyne Fund, 4; L. A. Fuertes Fund, 1; Miscellaneous, 8.

A rough breakdown of the subject matter gives a general picture of the current trends and emphases in ornithological research in America today.

Life histories	14	Plumage	8
Population ecology	41	Anatomy	18
General ecology	18	Physiology, metabolism	28
Economic ornithology	30	Physiology, reproduction	12
Evolution and genetics	17	Physiology, cycles	11
Systematics and distribution	42	Behavior	65
Regional studies	28	Migration	38
Palaeontology	2	Parasites and disease	9

A mimeographed table summarizing the results of this survey may be obtained on request to the chairman of the committee, John T. Emlen, Zoology Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

The attention of A.O.U. members engaged in research is called to the services of the Science Information Exchange, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., where information on projects being conducted in any specified area of ornithology can be obtained on request.

The following information pertinent to progress (*cf. The Auk*, 80: 225, April 1963) of arrangements for the XIVth International Ornithological Congress in Great Britain has been received from Dr. Niko Tinbergen, Secretary-General:

Dates of the Scottish study cruise have been set at 16-23 July 1966 (inclusive); dates of the scientific meeting in Oxford, 24-30 July 1966 (inclusive).

The Congress is open to all ornithologists over the age of 18 years.

The study cruise, on the 12,800-ton liner "Devonia," of the British India Steamship Company, will leave Glasgow, sail round the north of Scotland and its seabird islands, and end in Edinburgh. Parties will be landed on some of the islands. Accommodation on board will be in a limited number of 1-, 2-, 3-, and 4-berth cabins, and in dormitories. A special night train will convey members from Edinburgh to Oxford, where they will arrive on Sunday morning, 24 July.

Accommodation in Oxford will be arranged in University Colleges. If desired, a list of hotels will be supplied. After a formal opening on Sunday evening, 24 July, a week will be devoted to scientific meetings. These will consist of plenary sessions in the mornings, at which invited speakers will review recent advances in selected fields of ornithology, and of sectional sessions in the afternoons, at which short, offered papers will be read. There will also be exhibits, a full-day excursion, films, and a social centre for informal contacts.

The cost of Full Membership in the Congress is £10 (= \$28.00 @ \$2.80); wives or husbands of full members may register as Associate Members at \$19.60. Full Membership entitles one to attend all functions and to receive the *Proceedings* of the Congress; Associate Members enjoy similar privileges, but do not receive the *Proceedings*.

Cost of the cruise will range from approximately \$74.00 for dormitory passengers to about \$210.00 for one-berth accommodations. The train fare from Edinburgh to Oxford will be an additional cost.

Accommodation in Oxford, to be paid by individual members, will be approximately \$7.00 per day for full board in the Colleges. Hotels, in general, are more expensive.

Members may apply for either the Oxford meeting or the study cruise, or both together (*applications for the study cruise, which will necessarily be limited, will be dealt with in the order in which they arrive*).

Application forms, in full detail, may be obtained from *The Secretary-General, International Ornithological Congress, c/o Department of Zoology, Parks Road, Oxford, England.*

Concerning the following proposals before the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, correspondence pro or con must reach the Secretariat thereof (c/o British Museum, Natural History, Cromwell Road, London S.W. 7, England) before **26 May 1965**, and each reference should bear the appropriate key-words and reference numbers (in boldface below):

Mayr, E., *et al.* 1964. The name *Cacatua* Brisson, 1760: proposed validation under the Plenary Powers. **Z.N. (S) 1647.** *Bull. Zool. Nomencl.*, 21(5): 372-374.—This proposal would validate *Cacatua*, long used with the authorship of Vieillot, 1817, and replaced by the earlier *Kakatoe* Cuvier, 1800 (see *Official check-list of the birds of Australia*, second edit., 1926, and Peters, *Check-list of birds of the world*, vol. 3, 1937), by calling it a genus of Brisson.

Salomonsen, F., *et al.* 1964. *Ornithologia Britannica*, 1771: proposed validation of four specific names. **Z.N. (S) 1636.** *Bull. Zool. Nomencl.*, 21(5): 366-367.—Application by the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature of the International Ornithological Congress to validate certain specific names in common use (attributed to Tunstall), whose validity has long been questioned: *Falco peregrinus*, *F. aesalon*, *Alauda rubescens* (used in the combination *Anthus spinoletta rubescens*) and *Motacilla cinerea*.

Salomonsen, F., *et al.* 1964. Moehring, 1758, *Geslachten der Vogelen*: proposed suppression under the Plenary Power. **Z.N. (S) 1637.** *Ibid.*: 368-369.—Application by the above-mentioned Committee to suppress an obscure work, validation of which would upset the names of many well known genera and species.

The University of Minnesota announces the James Ford Bell Delta Waterfowl Fellowship for studies in basic biology of waterfowl. Applications should be sent to, or further information obtained from, W. J. Breckenridge, Director, Minnesota Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455. **Deadline** for application for 1966 is **1 August 1965.**

The Southwestern Wisconsin Audubon Club is sponsoring a study, under the supervision of Terrence N. Ingram, of the effects of insecticides on the Bald Eagle and the Red-tailed Hawk. The Club has limited resources and would welcome contributions towards this end. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Lloyd Grimes, Treasurer, 475 East Highway 151, R.R. 4, Platteville, Wisconsin.

With deep regret we announce the untimely death of E. Thomas Gilliard in New York City on January 26, 1965. Widely known for his penetrating studies of New Guinean, Philippine, and Venezuelan birds, and of avian social structures, Mr. Gilliard had only returned in September from a final expedition to New Guinea.

Word has been received that the well known veteran collector Chester C. Lamb passed away in Compton, California, March 2, 1965, at the age of 83.

Paleontologically oriented readers will be interested to know that Dr. Kálmán Lambrecht's definitive *Paleornithologie* of 1933, for years almost impossible to obtain except in Xerox, has been reprinted—evidently by photo-offset—by A. Asher & Co., Herengracht 386, Amsterdam-C, Holland. The publisher advises that, as of 23 February 1965, 200 of the 300 copies printed were still available at \$62.00 (U.S.) each. The somewhat flimsy paper and general appearance of the book make this price seem rather high, but the small printing feasible of this large work may have made it unavoidable.