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The **North American Bluebird Society** announces the **5th annual grants in aid** for ornithological research on cavity-nesting species of North America, with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Presently, three annual grants of single or multiple awards totaling \$7,500 are awarded: **J. L. Williams Memorial Bluebird Research Grants**.—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on any of the three species of the genus *Sialia*. **General Research Grant**.—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species. **Student Research Grant**.—Available to full-time college or university students for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species. Guidelines and application materials are available on request from **Theodore W. Gutzke, Research Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 121, Kenmare, North Dakota 59846**. Completed applications must be received by **1 December 1987**; decisions will be announced by 15 January 1988.

The **Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association** is accepting applications for its **11th annual award** for raptor research. To apply for the \$750 award, the applicant should submit a brief description of his or her research program (5 pages maximum), a *curriculum vitae*, and two letters of recommendation to **Stanley E. Senner, Executive Director, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Rte. 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529**. The deadline for applications is **15 October 1987**. The Association's board of directors will make a final decision early in 1988. Only students in degree-granting institutions are eligible to apply; both undergraduate and graduate students may apply. The award will be granted on the basis of a project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to the conservation of North American raptor populations.

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The North American Loon Fund announces the **Third North American Conference on Loon Research and Management** to be held in cooperation with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology on **18-19 September 1987** in Ithaca, New York. The Loon Fund invites papers and posters about loon research and management. For guidelines for submission of papers contact **Dr. Judith McIntyre, Department of Biology, Syracuse University, Utica, New York 13502**. For other information and registration materials contact **Scott Sutcliffe, Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850** or call **607-255-4288**.

The **XX International Ornithological Congress** will be held **2-9 October 1990** in **Christchurch, New Zealand**. Professor Charles G. Sibley (USA) is President, and Dr. Ben D. Bell (NZ) is Secretary-General. The anticipated Congress program will include plenary lectures, symposia, contributed papers (spoken and posters), workshops, discussion groups, and films. There will be a mid-Congress excursion. Pre- and post-Congress excursions are planned to interesting ornithological sites in New Zealand and adjacent regions. Requests for the First Circular and suggestions regarding Congress organization should be addressed to **Dr. Ben D. Bell, Secretary-General, XX International Ornithological Congress, Department of Zoology, Victoria University, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand**.