

NOTES AND NEWS

The present number of the *Condor* concludes volume 62 and brings the pagination for the year to 500, the first time in the history of the journal that we have been able to present so large an amount of scientific material. Be it known, however, that the editors do not strive for quantity production but above all insist on material of good quality for presentation. That we have been able to offer 500 pages this year is a mark, then, of the sound productivity of scientists associated with the Cooper Society and interested in publishing in its journal.

In the course of the year the editors have had the help of many people without which it would have been impossible to produce the journal of the present scope and value. Besides the work of the editorial staff and the advisory committee recorded on our title page for the volume, we mention the special aid given by Gene M. Christman, who in fact has served as illustrations editor, and of Richard C. Banks and George F. Fislser who have assisted in proof reading. We have benefited from editorial appraisals from persons outside our advisory committee as follows: Howard A. Bern, Robert I. Bowman, Charles H. Danforth, Richard C. Banks, Keith L. Dixon, Herbert Friedmann, Harvey I. Fisher, Joe T. Marshall, Jr., and L. Richard Mewaldt. Beyond the call of regular duty Jane R. Durham has contributed the annual index. To all the persons listed as well as those serving in official positions in the editorial organization, cordial thanks are extended.—A.H.M.

The color plate in the current issue was made possible by the generous gift of Mr. Hart Isaacs, and the original which it represents was contributed by the artist, Don R. Eckelberry. To both gentlemen the Cooper Ornithological Society is much indebted.

The annual meeting of the Cooper Society in 1961 will be held in Tucson, Arizona, on April 6, 7, 8, and 9, under the sponsorship of the University of Arizona, The Arizona Academy of Sciences, and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Joe T. Marshall, Jr., has been designated as chairman of the committee on arrangements. Thomas R. Howell will be in charge of the scientific program.

The Division of Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the Life Sciences is January 15, 1961. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the spring meetings of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the January 15, 1961, closing date will be reviewed following the summer closing date of May 15, 1961.

The next closing date for submission of proposals for specialized biological facilities is March 1, 1961. The NSF has two programs for support of facilities, one for general graduate level university laboratories and the other for specialized biological facilities. The latter are defined as discrete research installations which are unique, one-of-a-kind, or at least less than ordinary in that they are not a usual part of a university department and may represent either new ventures or the more traditional establishments.

Inquiries should be addressed to the National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C.

Awards for ornithological research are made in April of each year by the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, New York. Applications should be received by March 1.

The Thirteenth International Ornithological Congress will be held at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A., from June 17 to 21, 1962. The President is Professor Ernst Mayr.

The International Ornithological Congresses are scientific meetings which have been held at intervals since 1884. Since 1926 a four-year cycle has been maintained except for a twelve-year interruption caused by World War II. The previous Congresses have been held in continental Europe and England.

Persons wishing to receive further announcements and membership application forms for the Thirteenth International Ornithological Congress should send their names and permanent mailing address to the Secretary-General, Professor C. G. Sibley, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A., before February 1, 1961.