

NEWS AND NOTES

JOSSELYN VAN TYNE MEMORIAL FUND

A sum of \$1194.82 is available in the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund for research grants in 1969. Of this amount, \$185.00 is earmarked for research in systematics. Any student of birds is invited to apply for research grants. Young men and women just starting their careers or others not eligible for government grants are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should prepare a brief but comprehensive description of their research project specifying the objectives and proposed plans of procedure. Particulars of the type and amount of financial assistance needed must be included. A brief statement of the applicant's ornithological background should be appended. Letters of recommendation from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful.

Applications should be submitted not later than 1 April 1969 to the Chairman of the A.O.U. Research Committee, Dr. Richard C. Banks, Bird and Mammal Laboratories, U.S. National Museum, Washington, D.C. 20560.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANTS

These grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided additional money. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100 grant annually. Two grants have been made in several recent years.

Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the Editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Since its inception, the Fuertes Research Grant has been awarded to 25 persons, many of whom have continued their research work.

Application forms may be obtained from Harrison B. Tordoff, Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1969.

MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION

Frank A. Pitelka addressed the 7 November 1968 meeting of the Northern Division, Cooper Ornithological Society, on "Some features of Lapland Longspur social system exposed by banding." The Berkeley meeting also heard "The role of fat reserves in sandpiper breeding systems" presented by Stephen F. MacLean.

C. John Ralph spoke on "Disturbance on the Farallon Islands" and L. Richard Mewaldt on "I like mine medium rare" at the 5 December 1968 meeting, also in Berkeley.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PASSER

Under auspices of the Polish IBP, Dr. Jan Pinowski is organizing a symposium on biology of sparrows of the genus *Passer*. Dr. Pinowski has asked R. F. Johnston to explore the possibility of having a section on systematics and evolutionary biology of *Passer*.

The plan is to have an ancillary meeting at the time of the International Ornithological Congress, 7 September 1970, at the Hague, Holland. If you wish to read a paper on sparrows, please send a title, short abstract, and list of lecture equipment you will need to Dr. Pinowski by 1 April 1969. If you wish to participate in the program otherwise, application for space may be sent as late as 31 December 1969. Dr. Pinowski may be reached at Working Group of Granivorous Birds, PT Section, International Biological Programme, Warszawa, Nowy Swiat 72, Poland. Further information can be obtained from R. F. Johnston, Museum of National History, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

The Facilities and Special Programs unit of the Biological and Medical Sciences Division has been abolished. Functions and responsibilities previously assigned to this program were reassigned, primarily to the Environmental and Systematic Biology Section. A Biological Oceanography Program has been established as a new unit within the Environmental and Systematic Biology Section.

Henceforth the section will consist of the following three programs:

The Biological Oceanography Program will be responsible for support of research in biological oceanography, including equipment necessary for such research; support for specialized facilities for biological oceanography and for operation of such facilities, including ships, docks, and related shore facilities; general coordination of all marine-related biological research supported within the division. The Environmental Biology Program will be responsible for support of research in environmental biology, including equipment necessary for such research, but excluding studies of the marine environment; support for specialized facilities for environmental biology and for operation of such facilities, including inland stations and natural areas. The Systematic Biology Program will be responsible for support of research in systematic biology and equipment necessary for such research; support for specialized facilities and systematic biology and for operation of such facilities, including research museums and other systematic biology resource centers.

THIRD PAN-AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The Third Pan-African Ornithological Congress will be held from 15 to 19 September 1969 in the Kruger National Park, South Africa. Anyone interested in attending the Congress should request particulars and entry forms as soon as possible from the Hon. Secretary, South African Ornithological Society, c/o Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch. C. P., South Africa.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION APPOINTMENTS

Several new appointments have recently been made in the Environmental and Systematic Biology Section, Division of Biological and Medical Sciences, National Science Foundation.

Dr. Bostwick H. Ketchum, Associate Director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and lecturer on biological oceanography at Harvard University, has been appointed Section Head. He succeeds Dr. Edward S. Deevey, who has accepted appointment as Killam Research Professor of Biology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dr. Richard F. Johnston, Professor of Zoology and Curator of Birds, Museum of Natural History, The University of Kansas, has been appointed Program Director of the Systematic Biology Program within the Environmental and Systematic Biology Section.

He succeeds Dr. Kenneth L. Chambers, who has returned to Oregon State University as Professor of Botany and Curator of the Herbarium.

Dr. Donald E. Stone, Associate Professor, Duke University, has been appointed Associate Program Director in the Systematic Biology Program. He succeeds Dr. Paul D. Hurd, Jr., who has returned to his position as Professor of Entomology and Entomologist, University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Philip L. Johnson, Associate Professor, School of Forest Resources and Institute of Ecology, University of Georgia, has been appointed Associate Program Director in the Environmental Biology Program of the Environmental and Systematic Biology Section. He succeeds Dr. William Niering, who has returned to the Connecticut College for Women as Professor of Botany and Director of the Connecticut Arboretum.