

NEWS AND NOTES

NOMINEES FOR C.O.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, consisting of David W. Johnston and Stephen M. Russell (Chairperson), proposes to the C.O.S. electorate for 3-year terms on the Board of Directors: *Luis F. Baptista*, *James R. King*, and *Robert T. Orr*. They will replace retiring directors William R. Dawson, Oliver P. Pearson, and Edgar N. Stone. Procedures for election of directors may be found in the C.O.S. bylaws (Condor 69:613-620).

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

In order to comply with EPA safety requirements for fumigation with DOWFUME 75, the bird collection of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution will be closed to all investigators without exception twice annually from Thursday through Tuesday of the first weeks of April and October.

NSF/AOU WORKSHOP ON A NATIONAL PLAN FOR ORNITHOLOGY

The National Science Foundation is supporting a two-year project, sponsored by the American Ornithologists' Union, entitled "A Workshop on a National Plan for Ornithology." The Workshop, financially administered by Washington State University and coordinated by James R. King and Walter J. Bock, will include 25 participants from throughout the United States and Canada. Its purposes are to inventory the resources, both intellectual and physical, of North American Ornithology, to identify current strengths and weaknesses, and to recommend guidelines for its future development and support. The first conference session of the Workshop will convene at the 94th Stated Meeting of the AOU, at Haverford, in August 1976. This will be followed by two meetings of each of the six Workshop Panels (The Role of the Ornithological Societies and the Amateur Ornithologist; Ornithological Education; Communications Resources; Special Data Banks; and Obtaining and Utilizing Birds), and will conclude with a final conference meeting for the integration and summary of results in a report to the National Science Foundation and the ornithological community at large. Parts of the Workshop inventory will consist of a questionnaire to be circulated as widely as possible among North American ornithologists. The success of the Workshop will be greatly aided by thoughtful and thorough responses from professionals and amateurs alike. An important goal of the Workshop will be an assessment of the role of amateur ornithologists, who are an important but under-utilized scientific resource.

The Workshop plan was originated by the AOU, but it is to be hoped that it will be regarded as a joint effort of all of the ornithological societies and of the ornithological community at large. It represents a unique opportunity for introspection, critical assessment and identification of future directions.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The Commission announces the possible use of its plenary powers in the following case:

2112. CIRCINAE in Aves and Mollusca: proposals to end the homonymy.

Comments should be sent in duplicate, citing case number, to the Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 7 5ED, England, if possible within 6 months of the date of publication of this notice (17 Feb. 1976). Those received early enough will be published in the Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature.

The following opinions recently published by the Commission may be found by means of the reference given in each case:

Opinion No.	Subject
1036	<i>Pternistes afer</i> var. <i>angolensis</i> Bocage 1893, ruled to be a lapsus calami for <i>Pternistes afer</i> var. <i>benguellensis</i> Bocage 1893 (Aves) and placed on Official Index. Bull. Zool. Nom. 32(2):101.
1037	<i>Curruca affinis</i> Blyth 1845, suppressed under the plenary powers; <i>Sylvia althaea</i> Hume 1878, and <i>Sylvia curruca blythi</i> , Ticehurst and Whistler 1933, (Aves placed on Official List. Bull. Zool. Nom. 32(2):103.
1046	The stem of <i>Drepane</i> Cuvier 1831 (Pisces) type-species <i>Chaetodon punctatus</i> Linnaeus 17558) ruled under plenary powers to be DREPANE-. DREPANEIDAE Gill 1872 (Pisces) and DREPANIDIDAE Cabanis 1847 (Aves) placed on Official List. Bull. Zool. Nom. 32(4):222.
DIRECTION	
107	Author and date of LORIIDAE (Aves) corrected to "Selby, 1836". Bull. Zool. Nom. 32(4):248.

The Commission cannot supply separates of Opinions.

COLOR-MARKED SANDPIPERS

In 1976 and 1977 the Surinam Forest Service plans to color-band large numbers of Semipalmated and Least sandpipers along the Surinam coast, north-eastern South America. The objective of this study is to obtain more information about the origin of the birds visiting Surinam and about their migration routes to and from this country. All birds will be banded *above* the tarsus ("knee") with one standard aluminum Fish and Wildlife Service band and two orange color-bands of about the same size as the aluminum band.

Should you see any of these birds, please write to Arie L. Spaans, Surinam Forest Service, P.O. Box 436, Paramaribo, Surinam, South America, mentioning species, location and date of observation, the position of the aluminum and color-bands (left or right, and, if more than one band is on a leg, which band is above and which below), and number of color-banded birds involved.

HAWK MIGRATION CONFERENCE

The Hawk Migration Association of North America will hold its 1976 conference at the University of

Minnesota, Duluth Campus. The campus is within a ten-minute drive of Hawk Ridge, one of the great hawk migration lookouts. Dates of the conference will be September 2-5. Write to Dr. P. B. Hofslund, Biology Dept. UMD, Duluth, Minnesota 55812.

TRUMPETER SWAN SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The Fifth Trumpeter Swan Society Conference will be held at the Triangle X Ranch, Moose, Jackson Hole, Wyoming on 8-10 September 1976. Write to David K. Weaver, Box 32, Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359.

ZOO VETERINARIAN CONFERENCE

The American Association of Zoo Veterinarians will hold its annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on October 24-28, 1976 at Stouffer's Riverfront Towers, 200 South Fourth St., St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

Special sessions will be presented dealing with reptiles, cage birds, marine mammals, and nursery care. Nutrition, restraint, reproduction, and behavior of zoological animals will be discussed. Anyone interested in the medical problems of captive wild birds, mammals, and reptiles is invited to attend. Write to Dr. William J. Boever, St. Louis Zoological Park, St. Louis, Missouri 63110.

CONFERENCE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

The American Institute of Biological Sciences and the U.S. National Park Service are sponsoring a "National Conference on Scientific Research in the National Parks," in New Orleans, Louisiana, 7-12 November 1976.

The objectives of the Conference are (a) to expose the breadth and substance of scientific research now or recently underway in the national parks; (b) to foster communication among those involved in research in the national parks, and (c) to expose those areas in which additional or new research is required to benefit the management and interpretation of the resources of the national parks. The following fields were selected as the major ones in which work is being accomplished in the parks: Sociology, Meteorology, Geology, Terrestrial Biology, Aquatic Biology, and Information Science. Write to Lorraine H. Tucker, AIBS, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

SYMPOSIUM ON INDUSTRIAL WASTES AND ENVIRONMENT

The International Association on Medicine and Biology of Environment is arranging a symposium on "Industrial Wastes and Environment" in Caracas, Venezuela on 14-19 November 1976. It will consider the effects of industrial wastes, particularly in relation

to general and human biology, as well as environmental engineering. Registration fee, until 31 August, \$100, after that date, \$125. Write to International General Secretariat, Dr. Richard Abbou, 115, rue de la Pompe, F 75116, Paris, France.

XVII INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

On the occasion of the XVI International Congress in Canberra the International Ornithological Committee accepted the invitation of the Deutsche Ornithologen-Gesellschaft to hold the XVII Congress in Germany. It elected Professor Donald S. Farner as president of the Congress. In consultation with the President, the German members of the International Ornithological Committee decided to hold the Congress in the Kongresshalle in Berlin (West) from June 4-11, 1978; Mr. Rolf Nöhring of the Berlin Zoological Garden was designated as Secretary-General.

For the first time, the Scientific Program Committee is an international one. Its members are Immelmann (Bielefeld) Chairman, Berthold (Mögingen), Bock (New York), Dorst (Paris), Gwinner (Erling-Andechs), Ilyichev (Moscow), Snow (Tring) and Wiltschko (Frankfurt/Main).

Five plenary sessions are planned. There will be about 30 symposia arranged in four parallel sessions. Contributed papers will be presented as poster papers for which the Kongresshalle has excellent facilities. Instructions for preparation of materials for poster papers will be available later. Time and space for round-table discussions will be assigned to appropriate individuals or groups, on application to the Secretary-General. The themes and structures of these discussions are prerogatives of the organizers or organizing groups in consultation with the Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee. These themes as well as those of the poster papers will be announced in the program of the Congress. An extensive film program is being arranged by a committee chaired by Georg Rüppell (Erlangen). All-day and evening sessions are projected together for "replays" of those that prove to be most popular.

Excursions, no longer restricted to the inviting country, but leading to several European countries, will precede and follow the Congress. Details will be included in the second announcement.

The second announcement will be available for mailing in August 1976. It will contain forms for preliminary registration for the Congress and excursions.

Those interested in participating in the Congress are urged to inform the Secretariat as early as possible in order to obtain the second announcement and communications concerning the Congress. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary-General Rolf Nöhring, Zoologischer Garten, Hardenbergplatz 8, 1 Berlin 30, Germany.

46TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C. O. S.

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 46th Annual Meeting 31 March–4 April 1976 at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California. Ferdinand S. Ruth was Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and Stephen I. Rothstein was Chairman of the Committee on the Scientific Program.

The following were elected as officers of the Society: Stephen M. Russell, President; Russell P. Balda, Vice-president; Paul H. Baldwin, Secretary; Ronald A. Ryder, Assistant Secretary; Jane R. Durham, Treasurer; Peter Stettenheim, Editor, *The Condor*; and Ralph J. Raitt, Editor, *Pacific Coast Avifauna*. Three new members of the Board of Directors, Joseph R. Jehl, Dennis M. Power, and Peter Stettenheim, were elected by ballot to replace Ed N. Harrison, Stephen M. Russell, and Kenneth M. Stager. Oliver P. Pearson (chairman), Ed N. Harrison, and Edgar N. Stone were re-elected to the Investment Committee.

Officers of the Council elected were Miklos D. F. Udvardy, President; M. Dale Arvey, Vice-president; and Jennifer M. White, Secretary. Frances C. James and Spencer G. Sealy were elected as new members of the Council. Ralph J. Raitt was elected an Honorary Member of the Society for his outstanding work as Editor of *The Condor* and of the *Pacific Coast Avifauna*. The Council voted to hold the 47th Annual Meeting of the Society at Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho during the third week of May 1977. The Board of Directors allocated funds to maintain an increased number of pages in *The Condor* for the next four issues. The Society adopted amendments to the Bylaws eliminating Divisions of the Society and changing regulations for the formation of local chapters and also increasing the number of elective members of the Council to nine.

The following resolutions were proposed by the Resolutions Committee and approved:

1. WHEREAS The Cooper Ornithological Society has held its 46th annual meeting at the Asilomar Conference grounds, Pacific Grove, and—WHEREAS we have all enjoyed the fine facilities and diverse weather of this location, an excellent and stimulating scientific program, and many fruitful discussions with our colleagues, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Cooper Ornithological Society extends its heartfelt thanks to the local Committee on Arrangements so ably chaired by Ferdinand S. Ruth, for their considerable efforts in making this such a memorable meeting. ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that The C. O. S. congratulates the Scientific Program Committee—Dr. Stephen Rothstein, Chairman—for assembling such a diverse and thought-provoking series of papers for our edification.

2. WHEREAS The Bureau of Land Management's Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area has been recognized as an internationally significant wildlife habitat management and conservation unit, and recognizing that destruction of the nesting and hunting habitats of the resident raptors would adversely affect the exceptionally high populations of these birds in the Natural Area; BE IT RESOLVED that the participants of the 1976 annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society commend the Bureau of Land Management for its foresight in protecting this unique wildlife habitat.

Sixty-six papers were presented at the scientific sessions. A list of the papers can be had from the Secretary.

NOMINEES FOR THE COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee appointed by the President of the Council, consisting of L. R. Mewaldt, F. A. Pitelka, and T. R. Howell (chairman), proposes to the C. O. S. electorate for 3-year terms on the Council: George L. Hunt, Jr., Stephen I. Rothstein, and Alan H. Brush; for a 2-year term: Joel L. Cracraft; and for a one-year term: Charles H. Trost. The first two of these will replace retiring Council members David W. Johnston and Robert B. Payne, and the other three increase the number of elected Council members to nine, so that each year three be replaced, as required by Article III of the Bylaws, amended April 5, 1976, at the annual business meeting of the Society.

The A. Brazier Howell Award went to Douglas W. Mock, Bell Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, for his presentation of a paper entitled "Comparative communication strategies of two herons." The Frances F. Roberts Award went to Steven L. Hilty, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, for the paper, "Non-seasonal foraging behavior of frugivorous birds at *Cecropia* trees."

47TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C. O. S.

The 47th annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held at Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho from 19–22 May 1977. Paper sessions are scheduled to start on 19 May in the afternoon. The announcements of schedule and arrangements, and a call for papers will be mailed to members in January, 1977. The sponsoring organizations are Idaho State University, The Mink Creek Chapter of the Wildlife Society, The Snake River Audubon Society and the Portneuf Valley Audubon Society. Charles H. Trost, Department of Biology, Idaho State University, is the chairperson of the local committee and Robert D. Ohmart, Department of Zoology, Arizona State University is the chairperson of the scientific program committee.

FUERTES AND NICE AWARDS

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Awards and the Margaret Morse Nice Awards of the Wilson Ornithological Society were described in a recent *Condor* (78:146, 1976). Persons interested in applying for either of these awards should write to the new chairman of the W.O.S. Awards Committee, Jared Verner, PSW Forest and Range Experiment Station, 1130 "O" St., Fresno, CA 93721. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 1977. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 18–21 May 1977.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The following opinions have been published recently by the I.C.Z.N.

Opinion No. 1056 (Bull. zool. Nom. 33:16) *Eudypetes atratus* Finsch 1875 Ex Hutton MS (Aves) suppressed under the plenary powers in favor of *Eudypetes sclateri* Buller 1888 and *Eudypetes robustus* Oliver 1953.

Opinion No. 1060 (Bull. zool. Nom. 33:27) *Diomedea leptorhyncha* Coues 1886 (Aves) suppressed under plenary powers in favor of *Diomedea irrorata* Salvin 1883.