

## NEWS AND NOTES

### 1988 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 58th Annual Meeting will be hosted by the University of California, Berkeley and held in March 1988 at the Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove (Monterey), California. Walter D. Koenig is chair of the Local Committee on Arrangements, and Michael L. Morrison is chair of the Scientific Program Committee. A symposium on food exploitation in terrestrial birds is being planned; for details contact Michael L. Morrison, Department of Forestry, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

### REQUEST FOR BACK ISSUES OF *THE CONDOR*

The Environmental Sciences School of the National University of Costa Rica is setting up the first graduate wildlife management program in Latin America with assistance from World Wildlife Fund-US (WWF-US), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, International Affairs Office (USFWS), and the Organization of American States (OAS), among other organizations. The program which leads to a master's degree began in February 1987 with 12 students from Central and South America. A Wildlife Documentation Center is planned to complement the program. This will serve not only students but also biologists and administrators responsible for the research, management, and conservation of wildlife resources in Latin America.

Previous appeals have resulted in the donation of Vols. 75-87 of *The Condor*. The coordinators of the program are particularly interested in completing the collection and ask members of the Cooper Ornithological Society for donations of back issues prior to Vol. 75 and also other ornithological journals and books. Donations should be sent in boxes weighing less than 40 pounds each to Herb Raffaele, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240. All donations will be formally acknowledged by the wildlife program.

### NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS

The North American Bluebird Society announces the fourth annual grants-in-aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity-nesting species of North America with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Presently three annual grants of single or multiple awards totalling \$7,500 are awarded and include:

*J. L. Williams Memorial Bluebird Research Grant*—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on

any of the three species of bluebird from the genus *Sialia*.

*General Research Grant*—Available to student, professional, and 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.

Further guidelines and application materials are available from Theodore W. Gutzke, Research Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 121, Kenmare, ND 58746. Completed applications must be received by 1 December 1987; decisions will be announced by 15 January 1988.

### HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is accepting applications for its 11th annual award for raptor research. To apply for the \$750 award, a student applicant should submit a brief description of his or her research program (five pages maximum), a *curriculum vitae*, and two letters of recommendation to Stanley E. Senner, Executive Director, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Rte. 2, Kempton, PA 19529. The deadline for applications is 15 October 1987. The Association's board of directors will make a final decision early in 1988. Both undergraduate and graduate students in degree-granting institutions are eligible to 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.

### FIRST NOTICE OF XX INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The XX International Ornithological Congress will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand, from 2-9 December 1990. Charles G. Sibley (USA) is President and 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 day. 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 of Wellington, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand.