

NEWS AND NOTES

MEWALDT ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt, who died 19 August 1990, the Western Bird Banding Association has established the Mewaldt Endowment Fund whose income will be used to support long-term avian research projects involving banding.

Dr. Mewaldt was always a proponent of long-term projects in the study of bird populations and their value, particularly in monitoring the health of ecosystems, is widely recognized today.

Contributions to the Mewaldt Fund should be sent to the WBBA Treasurer, Harold Wasserman, 1158 Beechwood St., Camarillo, CA 93010. Please mark your check "Mewaldt Fund."

TIOF ENDOWMENT FUND PROPOSAL

The International Osprey Foundation (TIOF) is seeking applications for its second grant to support research activities of a graduate student primarily focusing on ospreys. Work with other raptor species may be considered, however. The award recipient will be expected to provide a report on his or her research and use of the funds within a year of receiving the grant.

Gustavo D. Danemann, a graduate student with the Seabird Program at the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur, Marina Biology Department in La Paz, Mexico, was awarded the first grant. He is studying the breeding ecology, philopatry and dispersion of ospreys

in the coastal lagoons of Baja California and the effect of nest density on breeding performance.

Applicants should submit a proposal outlining their project and the intended use of the funds by 15 April 1991. The grant will be awarded on 1 June 1991. Send applications to: TIOF, Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 250, Sanibel, FL 33957-0250, USA.

COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY SEEKING TREASURER

The COS is looking for a treasurer to replace Robert C. Szaro, who will be resigning at the end of the 1991 annual meeting. It will be helpful to have some familiarity with accounting. Experience with personal computers, Lotus 1-2-3, and WordPerfect software would ease the transition but is not essential. Individuals interested in serving the COS in this way should contact Jared Verner.

MARTIN L. MORTON

With this issue of *The Condor*, the journal's editorship leaves the capable hands of Martin L. Morton. During the five years that he has been editor, *The Condor* has approximately doubled in size. More importantly, Marty's wisdom and editorial skills are demonstrated by the impressively high quality of the journal's contents. For these major accomplishments, he deserves the gratitude of all students of avian biology.