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AN APOLOGY

We apologise for the late appearance of this issue of *WSG Bulletin*. The delays have arisen as a consequence of changes in the editorial base, and the Editor's temporarily high mobility.

ANOTHER APOLOGY

On p. 37 of *Bulletin* 45 we inadvertently revised sandpiper nomenclature and renamed the Semi-palmated Sandpiper as *Calidris semipalmatus* instead of the correct *C. pusilla*. This was entirely the fault of the U.K. editors, and any rumours of intent to damage the reputation of the New World editors are entirely unfounded!

CHANGES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF WSG COLOUR-MARKING REGISTER

We are sorry to report that Dave Towshend has finally managed to find himself a "real job". This may be good news for Dave but it is bad news for the WSG, since it means that Dave will no longer be able to devote as much time as before to the organisation and running of the WSG Colour-marking Register. Dave's successors are Hector Galbraith of Glasgow University, who will deal with permanent markings, and Chris Thomas of Durham University with responsibility for temporary marks. Dave, we are relieved to say, will continue to act in an advisory capacity.

To reduce potential sources of confusion, all correspondence i.e. sightings (of both temporary and permanent marks), applications for new schemes, etc., should be sent to *Hector Galbraith, Zoology Dept., Glasgow University, Glasgow G12 8QQ, UK, (tel. 041 339 1105)* who will then forward any appropriate material to Chris Thomas. We hope that this hand-over of duties will not cause too much confusion, and that the high standards set by Dave will be maintained.

Hector Galbraith

WSG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OATRIDGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, BROXBURN, SCOTLAND, 13 SEPTEMBER 1986

The Annual General Meeting of the Wader Study Group will be held at Oatridge Agricultural College, nr. Broxburn, West Lothian, U.K. on Saturday 13 September 1986 at 9.00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM, held on 5 October 1985 at Centre International de Sejour, La Rochelle, France (*Bulletin* 45: 1).
3. Chairman's Report
4. Membership Secretaries' Report

5. Treasurer's Report
6. Editor's Report
7. Co-ordinator's Report
8. Date and venue of next year's meeting and AGM.
9. Any other business

Note: No officers or members of the Executive Committee are due to retire this year and therefore there will be no elections.

S.R. Baillie (General Secretary)