



## WADER STUDY GROUP ANNUAL MEETING 1989 AND 8TH INTERNATIONAL WATERFOWL FEEDING ECOLOGY SYMPOSIUM - PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wader Study Group Annual Meeting for 1989 will be held at Ribe in Denmark from 23-24 September 1989, hosted by the Game Biology Station, Kalo. For the first time we have arranged that the WSG meeting will be linked to the next in the series of International Waterfowl Feeding Ecology Workshops, held under the auspices of the Feeding Ecology Research Group of the International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau (IWRB). Previous International Feeding Ecology Workshops have been at Texel in 1981, Cardiff in 1984 and Hollviken (Sweden) in 1986.

The WSG meeting will form the latter part of an unprecedented week of meetings for those involved in working on waders and wildfowl. The timetable is as follows:

Sun 17 Sept.	Arrival and Registration
Mon 18 Sept.	Feeding Ecology Symposium
Tues 19 Sept.	Feeding Ecology Symposium
Wed 20 Sept.	Excursions
Thur 21 Sept.	Feeding Ecology Symposium
Fri 22 Sept.	Knot Migration Workshop
Sat 23 Sept.	WSG Meeting
Sun 24 Sept.	WSG Meeting

It will be possible for participants to attend all, or any combination of parts, of the week's meetings.

### THE WADER STUDY GROUP MEETING

Full details of the WSG meeting will be given in the April 1989 *Bulletin*.

As usual the meeting will be over the weekend, and will include the Annual General Meeting of the Group on the Saturday morning (23 September). The meeting will include a workshop session on waders breeding in wet meadows. There will also be meetings about Avocets and about Dunlins held either during or just after the meeting. There will be time for more general talks, preferably covering topics other than feeding ecology, and we hope that there will be a short excursion on the Sunday afternoon.

### RECENT ADVANCES IN UNDERSTANDING KNOT MIGRATIONS

A full announcement of this one-day workshop, which is being arranged by Nick Davidson, Brian Harrington and Theunis Piersma, follows separately in this *Bulletin*.

### INTERNATIONAL FEEDING ECOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

This eighth workshop in the series organised under the auspices of IWRB's Feeding Ecology Research Group will take place on 17 - 22 September. It aims to bring together specialists working on the feeding ecology of waders and wildfowl. The meeting will provide a forum to discuss methods, to present recent results and review work done since the previous workshops.

#### Location

The meeting will take place in the Youth Hostel situated within a short walk of the historic centre of Ribe and only 15 km away from the Wadden Sea.

#### Programme

At the meeting, contributed papers will be grouped in themes, and there will be poster sessions and round-table discussions on suitable topics. Invited speakers will introduce particular themes, and will give review papers (45 minutes plus 15 minutes discussion), followed by several supporting papers (20 minutes plus 5 minutes discussion). Abstracts of oral and poster presentations will be published prior to the meeting. Papers will be published after the meeting in an IWRB Special Publication, or in an appropriate journal of international standard.

Themes for sessions are as follows:

1. Feeding ecology and time allocation in relation to available food during migration;
2. Food selection during different phases of the annual cycle;
3. Density-dependent processes during the breeding season;
4. Habitat problems: loss of habitat, effects of disturbance.

Themes for round-table discussions are:

1. Relationship between feeding intensity and feeding efficiency in wildfowl;
2. Significance of night feeding at different time of the year and in different geographical areas;
3. Imitative and exploitative foraging tactics.

The official language of the meeting will be English.

#### Organising Committee

The organising committee for the scientific programme is J.D. Goss-Custard and P.R. Evans (Feeding Ecology Research Group), K. Laursen and J. Madsen (Game Biology Station), P.E. Jonsson (Wader Study Group) and J.-Y. Pirot (IWRB).

#### Call for papers

Authors interested in contributing to the scientific programme of the meeting should send a title and abstract (about 200 words) to reach Dr. Karsten Laursen before 31 March 1989.

#### Excursions

Three excursions will be arranged. Two will visit important sites in the Wadden Sea where large concentrations of waders and wildfowl are present in September. The third excursion will go to the scientific nature reserve "Tipperne" at Ringkøbing Fjord, with excellent opportunities for observing wildfowl.

#### Further information

A second and final circular, including the full timetable, provisional programme of events and costs will be circulated in mid-April 1989. On the form enclosed with this *Bulletin* please indicate if you wish to be on this mailing list, indicate whether you expect to, or will definitely, attend and enclose a title and abstract of your proposed talk. This will help in planning for the meeting.

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