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Jeff Kirby, Membership Secretary

CANNON-NETTING CODE OF PRACTICE

The *Cannon-netting Code of Practice* was originally edited by Kate Lessels, John McMeeking and Clive Minton and was published by the British Trust for Ornithology on behalf of the Wader Study Group. As its title suggests, the Code of Practice gives guidance on the safe (for both birds and people) operation of cannon-netting equipment for catching waders and other birds.

The *Cannon-netting Code of Practice* is about to be revised and expanded to take account of both changes in the design of equipment and of the lessons learned from the increasingly widespread use and experience of cannon-netting over the last few decades.

The original code of practice was based largely on experience gained in cannon-netting waders in Great Britain, but the technique is now used worldwide. To ensure widest possible applicability of the revised code we are keen to hear from any cannon-netter, especially anyone operating cannon-nets outside Great Britain, who may have a contribution to make.

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WADER STUDY GROUP ANNUAL MEETING
1989 AND THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL
WATERFOWL FEEDING ECOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

The jointly organised 1989 WSG Annual Meeting and the 8th International Waterfowl Feeding Ecology Symposium (arranged under the auspices of WSG and the International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau) were held between 17 and 24 September 1989 at the International Youth Hostel at Ribe in Denmark. The meetings were hosted by the Danish Game Biology Station, Kalo. Our thanks to Karsten Laursen, Jesper Madsen and all their colleagues at the Game Biology Station and the staff of the International Youth Hostel for all their hard work in making the meetings so enjoyable.

The week's meetings were highly successful and were attended by over 160 participants. Full details and reports of the meetings will be included in *Bulletin 57* (December 1989). These will include the Minutes of the 1989 WSG AGM, abstracts of talks and posters given during the waterfowl feeding ecology symposium, and an informal account of what the meetings were really like by Bruno Ens. There will be no full proceedings of the feeding ecology symposium published, but we have agreed instead to publish in the next few *Bulletins* full papers contributed by some of the speakers at this meeting. The first of these will appear in *Bulletin 57*.

Two workshops were held as part of the week's meetings: the workshop on Recent Advances in Understanding Knot Migrations, arranged by Nick Davidson and Theunis Piersma, and the workshop on Waders Breeding in Wet Grasslands arranged by Hermann Hotker as part of the WSG meeting. WSG plans to publish the proceedings of each of these workshops as *WSG Bulletin Supplements* during 1990. Work is already well underway in editing these supplements and further details will be given in *Bulletin 57*. There is still an opportunity for Knot workers who could not get to Ribe to contribute to the proceedings volume - see the separate item below.

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