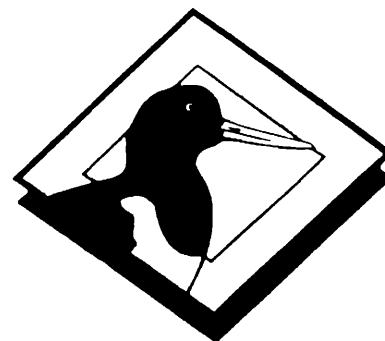


# WADER STUDY GROUP



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## **NOTICE OF THE 1995 WSG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 1995 WSG Annual General Meeting will be held at 09.00 hr on Saturday 16 September 1995 during the annual conference in Aveiro, Portugal. The full agenda of the AGM will be published in *Bulletin 77* in August 1995.

## **NOTICE OF RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Chairman, Gerard Boere, Vice-chairman, Nick Davidson, and Treasurer, Bob Loos, complete their terms of office this year and their positions fall vacant. The Officers concerned have indicated their willingness to stand for a further term, and the Executive Committee thus proposes the election of the following officers:

Chairman:	Dr. G.C. Boere
Vice-Chairman	Dr. N.C. Davidson
Treasurer	B. Loos

## **NOTICE OF RE-ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

The term of office of the following members of the Executive Committee are completed this year: Dr. P.S. Tomkovich, Dr. A.K. Yurlov and E. Lebedeva. These individuals have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election for a further term of office and the Executive Committee thus propose the election of:

Dr. P.S. Tomkovich

Dr. A.K. Yurlov

E. Lebedeva

Alternative nominations for the Officers and Members of the Executive Committee listed above may be any members of the Wader Study Group. Nominations must be signed by a proposer and seconder and must include a signed statement by the candidate indicating that they are willing to stand. All these persons must be paid up members of the Wader Study Group.

Nominations should be sent to the General Secretary, Petra de Goeij, to arrive by 30 July 1995.

## **10TH INTERNATIONAL WATERFOWL ECOLOGY SYMPOSIUM & 1995 WSG MEETING**

### **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

The 10th International Waterfowl Ecology Symposium (18-21 September) will be built around a central theme of 'Approaches to predicting the effect of habitat loss and change on populations of waterbirds'. As usual talks are not restricted to waders but will also cover wildfowl and other waterbird species. There will be a number of invited speakers on the central theme but we wish to have also as many offered papers as we can. On 20 September, Wednesday afternoon, there will be an excursion to the Aveiro lagoon system and to a sand dune nature reserve.

The Wader Study Group meeting (15-18 September), which precedes the Symposium, will not have a specific theme, and talks and posters are invited on all aspects of wader biology. The 1995 Annual General Meeting will take place at 09.00 hr of Saturday morning. The rest of Saturday and Sunday morning will be

devoted to a programme of talks. On Sunday afternoon there will be an excursion to the Mondego flood plain, 50 km south of Aveiro.

On Monday 18 September, two workshops will be held in parallel with other round table discussions taking place as part of the Waterfowl Ecology Symposium; one on Black-winged Stilts *Himantopus himantopus* and the other on Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*.

### TRAVEL AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The registration desk will be open for the WSG Conference from 16.00 hr on Friday 21 September. For those attending only the Waterfowl Ecology Symposium, the registration desk will again be open from 16.00 hr on Sunday 17 September.

To get to Aveiro you can either fly to Lisboa or Porto and then get a train to Aveiro. A shuttle service is being organised to collect people at the railway station, so please let the organisers know your estimated time of arrival. **If you are travelling by train please note that for the fast trains (Alpha service and Intercity) reservations have to be made in advance (please consult your travel agent or your railway company).** There are c. 10 trains per day, both from Porto and Lisboa.

You can get to Aveiro by car using the motorway A1 if you come from the north or south, or the freeway IP5 if you are coming from the east. This last road ends in Aveiro (see map).

During the Conference you will not need transportation as the sessions will take place in the University campus and thus very close to the

student residences where most people will be staying.

### ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND COSTS

There will be a registration fee of 10 000 (ten thousand) PTE for the two Conferences which includes the two excursions. If you want to attend only the WSG Conference (15-17 September), the fee is 6 000 PTE which includes the Sunday excursion. The fee for the Waterfowl Ecology Symposium alone (18-21 September) will be 8 000 PTE which includes the Wednesday excursion. **These fees cover only administration costs.**

Participants will be accommodated at the University residences on the campus for a moderate cost, ranging from 2 000 to 3 500 PTE per night. Most of the rooms are singles without a bathroom, but there are also some doubles with a bathroom. For those requesting it, hotels will be available in a price range of c. 5 000 to 10 000 PTE per person per night.

The campus restaurant will be open to all participants (including those staying in hotels) on:

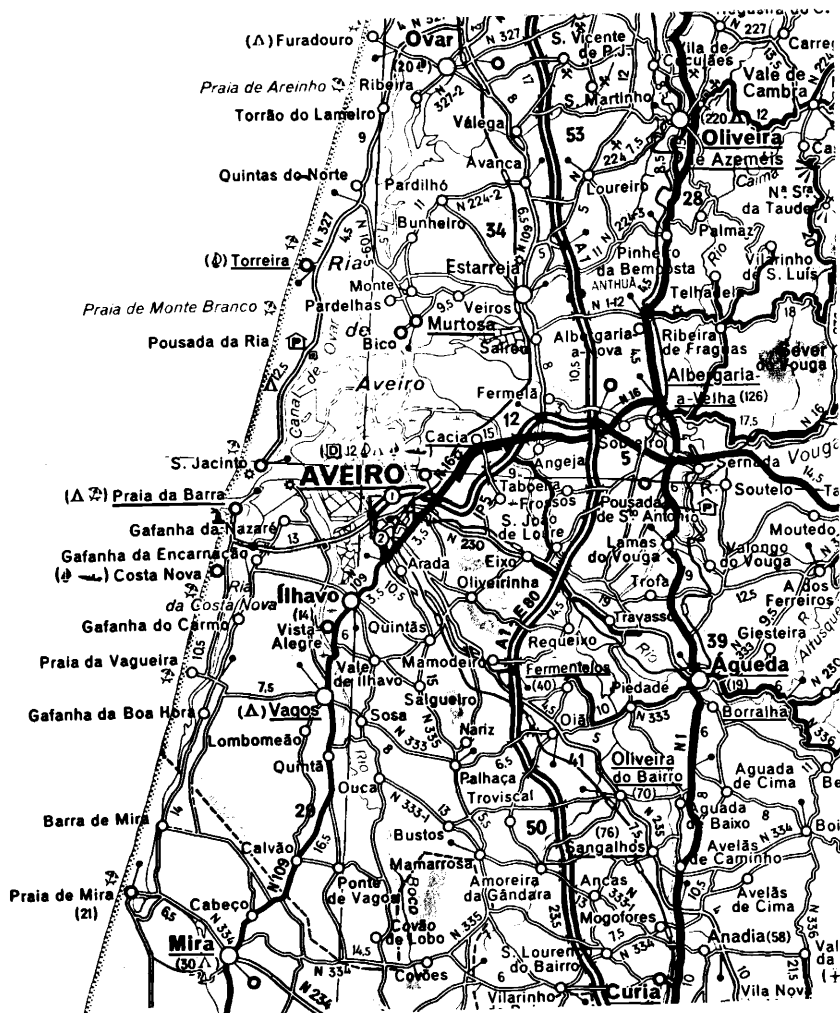
15 September	Dinner
16 September	Lunch
17 September	Lunch & Dinner
18 September	Lunch & Dinner
19 September	Lunch
20 September	Lunch & Dinner
21 September	Lunch

at a cost of 750 PTE per meal.

### PAPERS AND POSTERS

Those wishing to present a poster or paper should send the abstract (max. 400 words) no later than 30 April 1995, together with the registration form, to Rui Rufino (CEMPA/ICN) at the address below.

Details of size of posters will be forwarded later to authors.



## WORKSHOPS

If you wish to attend any of the workshops, please indicate so on the registration form.

Those wishing to attend the Kentish Plover workshop should contact Rainer Schulz for further information (details were circulated with *Bulletin 75*). Those wishing to attend the Black-winged Stilt Workshop (see below) will be given further details by the Conference organisers.

## BOOKINGS

Please send your registration form (attached to the final announcement circulated with *Bulletin 75*) **no later than 30 June** to:

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*Rui Rufino*

## BLACK-WINGED STILT WORKSHOP

On Monday 18 September, following the Wader Study Group Conference and in parallel with other round table discussions taking place as part of the Waterfowl Ecology Symposium, there will be a workshop on Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*.

Despite the research carried out over the last decade on this species, the population dynamics of the Black-winged Stilt is not yet well understood. Known to be opportunistic, using a wide variety of habitats, many of them man-made, the species shows sharp fluctuations in numbers in some areas and reasonable stability in others. On the other hand, wintering numbers in south-west Europe have recently increased although no information is available on the situation in the west African wintering grounds.

At this workshop we aim to bring together people working with this species in order to discuss recent findings and to draw up guidelines for future research. We shall have a few invited speakers, mostly from Europe, but also from Africa.

If you are interested in contributing to the Workshop, please contact Rui Rufino at the address above for further details.

## WORKSHOP FOR USERS OF THE UNDERHILL INDEX METHOD

As part of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Waterfowl Ecology Symposium, it is proposed to hold a short workshop on the use of the Underhill index for analysing trends in bird populations. The Underhill index is a technique for making optimal use of available count data in estimating relative population sizes (index numbers) and is now used routinely in examining trends in national and international waterbird populations.

The workshop is intended to be primarily a forum for the discussion of issues relating to the estimation and interpretation of index numbers for bird populations. Some recent developments to the technique will also be discussed and there will be a demonstration of some software, which will be made freely available.

Anyone interested in participating in this workshop should contact either Mike Bell at The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucester GL2 7BT, UK (Tel. 01453 890333; Fax. 01453 890827) or Paul Rose at the International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau, Slimbridge, Gloucester GL2 7BX, UK (Tel. 01453 890624; Fax. 01453 890697).

