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**WHSRN DEVELOPMENTS - AND
WHSRN WORKSHOP
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In *WSG Bulletin 77* we published transcripts of the closing speeches of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN) Workshop held in Ottawa, Canada from 11-13 May 1995. The workshop was convened to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the WHSRN programme and to evaluate its progress in North and South America.

A 94-page volume of transcripts of all talks and presentations given at the workshop is now available.

Attended by representatives from all WHSRN sites, collaborating government and private agencies and scientists, the workshop produced a clear set of conclusions, recommendations and priorities for the future. Based on the positive results of the meeting, WHSRN has become a revitalised and dynamic programme. A full-time Director (James M. Corven) is now based at the WHSRN Secretariat office at Manomet Observatory, a council steering committee was established to facilitate the formation of a new advisory Council, and in 1996 two further major WHSRN sites have been officially designated: Grays Harbour, Washington and Kachemak Bay, Alaska.

Other initiatives recommended by the Workshop are now being developed. These include proposals to develop a US National Shorebird Conservation Plan to assess shorebird habitat in US Forest Service lands, to expand the international Save Our Migratory

Shorebirds educational programmes, to convert the International Shorebird Survey (ISS) data into practical management information, and to complete assessments of critical shorebird habitats in Mexico.

Other plans include renewing publication of the *WHSRN Newsletter*, reactivating the Piping Plover Registry, a new conservation award, and completing and updating the International Directory of WHSRN sites.

Copies of the WHSRN Workshop Transcripts are available from:
*Manomet Observatory, PO Box 1770,
Manomet, MA 02345, USA or
Wetlands International, 7 Hinton
Avenue North, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y
4P1, Canada.*

Future meetings

16-20 September 1996 *International Conference in European Lowland Wet Grasslands: Management and Restoration for Biodiversity.* University of South Bohemia, Cesk Budejovice, Czech Republic. Details from Gill Giles, ICOLE, Loughborough University, Loughborough LE11 3TU, UK. Tel. + (0)1509 260753. Fax. + (0)1509 260753. E-mail: G.Giles@lut.ac.uk.

22-28 September 1996 *5th INTECOL International Wetland Conference.* Perth Australia. Details from Dr Jenny Davis, School of Biological Sciences, Murdoch University, Murdoch, Western Australia 6150. Tel. + 61 9 360 2939. E-mail: davis@essun1.murdoch.edu.au.

25-27 November 1997 *Limnology and aquatic birds. Monitoring, modelling and management.* Celestún, Yucatán, Mexico. Details from Dr Jorge A. Herrera-Silveira, km 6 Carr. Ant. Progreso, Apdo. Postal 73 CORDEMEX, Mérida, Yucatán C.P. 97310, Mexico. Fax. 52 99 812 923.

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A full report of the Brisbane Ramsar meeting and associated events will appear in the next *Bulletin*.

