



Editorial: The *Wader Study Group Bulletin* – changes and needs

In an effort to make the *Bulletin* as interesting and useful as possible and to encourage more people to contribute, it has been arranged for four leading wader researchers to act as **Regional Bulletin Co-ordinators (RBCs)**. They are:

- ❑ Russia: Pavel Tomkovich
- ❑ North America: Robert Gill
- ❑ South America: Patricia González
- ❑ Africa: Les Underhill

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The function of the RBCs will be to give advice and assistance to people who would like to write articles or papers for the *Bulletin* from within their region and to keep an eye open for and to encourage potential contributions. They will not act as editors and contributions can still be sent direct to the *Bulletin* editors in the usual way. However, the RBCs have agreed to make themselves available to help resolve the many problems that face potential authors. These may range from advice on the contents and scope of a paper to obtaining statistical advice and arranging translation into English. This will not necessarily be done by the RBC himself/herself, but it is hoped that he/she will be in a position to point people in the direction of the help that is needed.

Another innovation is a new series, starting in the current issue: **Research News and Comment**. This will provide an informal means for disseminating news about the activities of wader researchers and their results as well as encouraging comment and debate, airing views, floating theories and stimulating research in new directions. Tamás Székely (Dept. of Biology and Biochemistry, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY, UK, phone: (0) 1225 383676, fax: (0) 1225 386779; e-mail t.szekely@bath.ac.uk) will act as co-ordinator of this series. Contributions can be sent either to him or to the Editor.

Finally, there is an urgent need for new material for the *Bulletin*: articles, papers, and short notes covering preliminary findings as well as final results, the development and application of new study methods, synopses of long-term studies by different study groups and research institutes, report abstracts and expedition summaries. There is also a need for more pictures of waders and their habitats to fill odd spaces and make the *Bulletin* look more attractive.

The *Bulletin* is a readily accessible source of information and means of exchanging ideas for professional and volunteer “waderologists” alike. Let’s all do what we can to make it even better!

Humphrey Sitters

