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### THE GOELET STUDENT FUND

At the VI<sup>th</sup> Neotropical Ornithological Congress in Monterrey, Mexico, October 1999, Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Goelet of New York City donated \$5000 to the Society of Neotropical Ornithology, to be used as seed money for a fund, to be called the "Goelet Student Fund," which is earmarked specifically to make financial grants to students from the Neotropical Region in order for them to attend and present either a paper or a poster at the VII<sup>th</sup> Neotropical Ornithological Congress, which will be held in 2003 in Chile.

This Society of Neotropical Ornithology would like to raise additional money in order to at least double the amount in this fund by early 2003, when grants will be made to deserving students. In order to reach this important goal, donations from members are urgently solicited. Even small gifts, when made by many people, can go a long way. Thus if 200 members each were to give \$20 in addition to their annual dues in 2000, then our

goal would be nearly reached only one year after the initial donation by Mr. and Mrs. Goelet.

The status of the Neotropical Ornithological Society as a tax-exempt organization under the United States Internal Revenue Service code insures that members' donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by US law.

Gifts should be made to the Neotropical Ornithological Society, earmarked as a contribution to the "Goelet Student Fund," and sent to Dr. J. Michael Meyers, Treasurer, The Neotropical Ornithological Society, Warnell School of Forest Resources, D. W. Brooks Drive, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2152, USA.

All payments must be to the treasurer in US currency, either by credit card (VISA, MasterCard), or by cheque or international money order drawn on a US bank. *E-mail:* jmeyers@smokey.forestry.uga.edu.

### VII<sup>th</sup> NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The VII<sup>th</sup> Neotropical Ornithological Congress (VII NOC), will take place in 2003 in Chile. The VII NOC will be hosted by the Union de Ornitólogos de Chile (UNORCH) under the chairmanship of Dr. Yerko A. Vilina, of the Universidad Santo Tomas, Ejercito 146, Santiago, Region Metropolitana, Chile. The Congress will probably be held in October (austral spring) in either Valdivia or Puerto

Varas. This is an advance announcement designed to inform members of the Neotropical Ornithological Society about the VII NOC, so that they can put this date on their calendar at this early date. As more information concerning the exact place and date of the Congress and its organization becomes available it will be announced in *Ornitología Neotropical*.