

NEWS—NOTICIAS—NOTÍCIAS

VIIth NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

General Information. – The VIIth Neotropical Ornithological Congress (NOC) will take place from Sunday, 5 October through Saturday 11 October 2003. The NOC will be held in conjunction with the VIIth Congreso Chileno de Ornitología of the Unión de Ornitólogos de Chile (UNORCH). All information, including a downloadable announcement, can be found on the NOC website at <http://www.nocchile.cl>. Registration and hotel reservations will be taken through the website, which has a secure payment system.

Venue. – The beautiful Puyehue National Park is situated in a extraordinarily beautiful zone in Chile's Lakes region. Its 100,000 ha, situated in the foothills and mountains of the Andes, with some volcanoes within its borders, offers a stunning, varied landscape and a wide array of the flora and fauna of the region.

Congress Languages. – English and Spanish will be the working languages of the congress. Translators will be provided for most, if not all sessions.

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Scientific Program. – The scientific program will include plenary lectures, concurrent symposia sessions, oral papers, poster sessions, and round-table discussions. **Submit** proposals of contributions through the NOC web-page <http://www.nocchile.cl>. **Deadline: 30 June 2003.** A rolling acceptance system is in use. The Scientific Program Committee will notify submitters of acceptance or rejection shortly after receipt of each abstract or proposal.

Proceedings. – The Congress proceedings will be published after the congress as a special issue of *Ornitología Neotropical*. This publication will be peer-reviewed and edited (see Proceedings Committee, above) and will include the full texts of the plenary lectures and of the symposia papers.

Student Travel Funds

The Goelet Student Fund. – The Goelet Student Fund was established in 1999 with a gift of US\$ 5000 from benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goelet. The fund provides travel grants to Latin American students to enable them to attend and present their research at the NOC. The Fund stands at nearly US\$ 22,000 – far from the intended goal. Donations are urgently needed. Send your contribution to NOS Treasurer J. Michael Meyers,

USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Warnell School of Forest Resources, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2152. Please note that your contribution is intended for the Goelet Student Fund. Donations can be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or American Express), using the printable membership form on the NOS website <http://www.neotropicalornithology.org>. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by US law.

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24th INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

Invited by the Institute of Avian Research “Vogelwarte Helgoland”, Wilhelmshaven, and the Deutsche Ornithologen-Gesellschaft (German Ornithologists’ Society), the 24th International Ornithological Congress will be held at the Congress Centrum Hamburg,

Germany, 13–19 August 2006. For further details, contact the IOC home page at <http://www.i-o-c.org>, or Institute of Avian Research, An der Vogelwarte 21, D-26386 Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Fax + 49 4421-968955; *e-mail*: info@i-o-c.org.