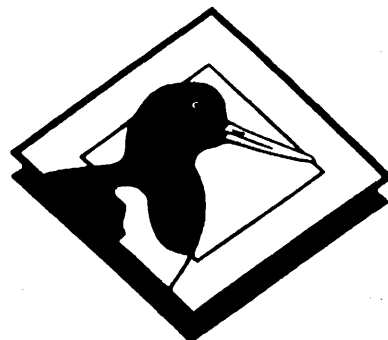


WADER STUDY GROUP



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Notice of the 1996 WSG Annual General Meeting and WSG Conference, Belgium

The 1996 WSG Annual General Meeting will be held at 09.00 hr on Saturday 9 November 1996 during the annual conference in Belgium.

The full agenda of the AGM will be published in *Bulletin 80* in August 1996.

The Conference will be held on 9-10 November with a one day workshop on 11 November. Arrival will be on the Friday evening, 8 November.

Full Conference details, booking forms, and talk and poster offer forms, together with details of the elections of Officers and Executive Committee Members will be posted separately to WSG members in early May.

Those needing urgent information concerning the organisation of the Conference before May should contact Dr Patrick Meire, Institute of Nature Conservation, Kiewitdreef 5, 3500 Hasselt, Belgium.

IWRB Research Group Questionnaire 1993-95

The Wader Study Group, whilst retaining its independence, acts in the rôle of Research Group to the International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau (now Wetlands International). These arrangements were outlined in Bulletin 73: 17-18.

As part of its reporting to IWRB's triennial Executive Board meeting (in this case in Malaysia in October 1995) WSG (acting as IWRB's Wader Research Group) prepared both a questionnaire summarising activity in the last three years and a forward plan giving the Group's objectives for the next triennium. We reprint the questionnaire and forward plan here since it provides a useful and accessible summary of WSG's recent and planned activities.

Name of Group Wader Study Group (WSG)

Co-ordinator(s) Dr Nick Davidson, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Peterborough, UK

Structure

- Under an memorandum of Agreement approved by WSG and IWRB in 1993, the WSG acts as IWRB's Wader Research Group.
- An international association of amateurs and professionals from all parts of the world interested in Charadrii (waders or shorebirds), WSG is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The interests of the group have diversified from its original focus on ringing and migration-related studies to embrace all aspects of wader biology. Membership of the WSG is currently over 600 worldwide, of which about one-third are in the United Kingdom, where the group was formed in 1970. Members now come from over 50 countries around the world, including all European countries, and the Americas, Asia, Africa and Australasia. Membership costs £17 per year. Members receive all WSG *Bulletins* and *Special Issues*.
- Business is managed by a 16-strong Executive Committee