

NEWS AND NOTES

Authors preparing manuscripts intended for publication in *The Condor* should note that some minor changes of usage and format have been instituted with the current issue. Conformance with these new practices and with the suggestions contained in the revised "Preparation of Manuscripts for *The Condor*" appearing on the back cover of this issue will significantly reduce the delay in the preparation of manuscripts for the press.

The cost of publication of the exceptionally long paper by Richard T. Holmes in this issue of *The Condor* was met in part by special subsidy. For a statement of policy concerning page charges for articles exceeding 20 printed pages refer to *The Condor*, volume 67, page 72.

We welcome *Pavo*, *The Indian Journal of Ornithology* to the ranks of the world's serial publications in avian biology. Now in its second volume, *Pavo* is published semiannually (March and September) by The Society of Animal Morphologists and Physiologists. The annual subscription rate is \$4.25. Correspondence should be directed to the Editor, Professor J. C. George, M. S. University of Baroda, Faculty of Science, Baroda 2, India.

The Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in 1966 is tentatively scheduled for 4 to 9 April at San Francisco State College. Dr. Robert I. Bowman is Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements. More detailed information concerning the meeting will be distributed to members of the Society at a later date.

XIVth International Ornithological Congress, Oxford, England, 24-30 July 1966.—Preparations for the Congress and the preceding Scottish Bird Island Study Cruise are well advanced. Bookings for the cruise have been very satisfactory, and the organizers can promise unusual opportunities for bird study. After an official opening of the Congress itself in the Sheldonian Theatre on Sunday night, 24 July, there will be five plenary sessions in the mornings of the following week, at which a number of prominent research workers will report on recent advances in the fields of Ecology, Vocal Communication, Orientation, Systematics and Reproductive Physiology. Five afternoons will be devoted to sectional sessions. Various excursions will be organized on Wednesday, 27 July. Throughout the Congress members will be wel-

come in Rhodes House, which will be available as a "social centre." The Congress will end with a traditional Garden Party in Trinity College.

The organizers will do their utmost to ensure prompt publication of the Proceedings. It is hoped to have the Volume of Abstracts available at the opening of the Congress, and to publish the full text of the papers read by invitation at the Plenary Sessions in a volume of Proceedings, to appear as soon as possible after the Congress.

To help with the above and because the time is approaching for definite confirmation of provisional bookings with colleges, lecture halls, etc., colleagues who are intending to participate but have not yet registered are requested to write to me for application forms without delay. These, together with abstracts (if any), should reach us as soon as possible and in any case *not later than 1 March 1966*. N. Tinbergen, Secretary-General, IOC, Parks Road, Oxford, U.K.

Point Reyes Bird Observatory, a facility for the study of bird migration and bird population ecology, was established in early 1965 on Point Reyes National Seashore in California. It occupies a 15-room, modified-barracks-type building on a special use permit from the National Park Service. It is being furnished and equipped and the grounds landscaped by members and friends of the Western Bird Banding Association. It provides office and bird-banding laboratory space, quarters for the Resident Biologist, and dormitory and kitchen space for volunteer workers and investigators.

Regular year-round programs of bird-banding, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and of field observations are conducted by PRBO members who volunteer their services. Most volunteers are amateur ornithologists. Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt of San Jose State College contributes his services as Director.

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is incorporated as a nonprofit, tax-exempt scientific and educational facility. It is dependent upon its membership and friends for financial support. PRBO issues a periodic Newsletter and an Annual Report of operations. Persons interested in active participation or in supporting the program with their membership may write for details to W. T. Van Velzen, Biologist, Point

Reyes Bird Observatory, Star Route, Lighthouse Road, Inverness, California.

At the regular bimonthly meetings of the Southern Division of the Society, the following have been featured speakers: Dr. George A. Bartholomew, "Birds of the Galapagos Islands" (26 May); Dr. Nicholas E. Collias, "Bioenergetics of behavior in a weaverbird" (22 September). At the latter meeting, a motion was approved to demand redress from the Division's commercial mailing service for failure to post notices for the September meeting sufficiently in advance to allow members to make plans to attend.

Notice to Members of the Southern Division.

—A new mailing service has been engaged to send notices of the bimonthly meetings held in Los Angeles, and a complete revision of the Southern Division mailing roster has been necessary. Beginning with the November notices, the new service and roster will be utilized. Those members living in the Southern Division area who did not receive the November notice and who desire to be placed on the mailing list for the bimonthly meeting notices are urged to send their name and complete address (including "zip code") to the Secretary, O. M. Buchanan, Department of Zoology, University of California, Los Angeles 90024.

Ornithologists may wish to note that the Bowdoin Scientific Station announces that its facilities are again available for investigations of avian biology in the summer of 1966. Located on Kent Island in the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, the Station is unique in North America in providing facilities for population and behavioral studies of a variety of species of colonial seabirds. The Station affords laboratory space, living quarters, and certain items of scientific equipment. Twelve people can be accommodated comfortably, and a few more can be housed for short periods. The National Science Foundation supports a program of undergraduate research participation, supervised by members of the Bowdoin faculty at Kent Island. It is expected that the program in 1966 will emphasize investigations in avian ecology. Applications for participation in this program must be received by *1 March 1966*. Requests from other investigators desiring to use facilities at Kent Island will be given priority if received before *15 March 1966*. Requests for application forms and additional information should be sent to: *Charles E. Huntington, Department of Biology, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine 04011.*