

Preface

This volume, No. 27, of *Marine Ornithology* is devoted entirely to papers presented at the Third International Penguin Conference, held in Cape Town, South Africa, 2–6 September 1996. All papers received were independently refereed by two persons and then revised by their authors before acceptance. Editing was a shared exercise, with each of the four Volume Editors, J.-J Brossy, John Cooper, Robert Crawford and Norbert Klages dealing with a group of papers. Lynne Shannon acted as Coordinating Editor, keeping track of the refereeing process and communicating with the authors.

The First and Second International Penguin Conferences were held in Dunedin, New Zealand in 1988 and Cowes, Australia in 1992, respectively. The Fourth Conference is to be held in Chile in 2000. So a tradition has been established, one that we hope will continue well into the new century, for 'penguin get-togethers' at four-year intervals in different parts of the southern hemisphere. Perhaps the Fifth International Penguin Conference will be held in The Galapagos in 2004, allowing an opportunity for participants to view one of the least studied of the family, the Galapagos Penguin.

Collections of invited papers emanating from the first two conferences have been published as books (Davis & Darby 1990, Dann *et al.* 1995). This volume of *Marine Ornithology* is somewhat different in that it considered all submitted papers for publication. Twenty-eight papers are published here of the no less than 96 oral and poster presentations made at the conference. Approximately 55 papers were presented at the First Conference, and 57 at the Second, so interest in penguins is apparently on the increase.

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We dedicate these proceedings of the Third International Penguin Conference to two penguin enthusiasts who are sadly no longer with us: Stephen Masahiro Aoyanagi of the Penguin Fund Japan, which has helped sponsor all three penguin conferences by auctions of penguin memorabilia, and Bruno Penguin Zehnder, who died in a blizzard while photographing his beloved Emperor Penguins in Antarctica, not long after he attended the Third Conference in Cape Town.

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“If you are depressed, look at the penguins; they are innocent, positive and humorous birds and they will make you happy!”

Bruno Penguin Zehnder