

The matter of errors in banding records was discussed briefly - something which is to some extent unavoidable, but which will be greatly reduced through the increased use of IBM data processing and other streamlining procedures in the Banding Office.

Dr. H. E. McClure, from Malaya, (a frequent contributor to EBBA NEWS) mentioned the good works of the regional bird banding associations in the U. S. and their publications.

The topic usually introduced as "banding with a purpose" was discussed in its various aspects, interestingly - but without any conclusion as to desirable policy. Interesting and helpful remarks were made by the foreigners attending this meeting, particularly Mr. Spencer from England, Dr. Schifferli from Switzerland, and Dr. Goethe from Germany. In Europe, apparently banding permits (or their equivalent) are seldom if ever given to people who merely wish to band but have no definite project or study in mind. Most banders there band a particular species or group, or if they band anything they catch, then it is likely to be for a study of migration of a particular sort. In England, however, indiscriminate banding is not discouraged. According to Mr. Spencer, they find it still desirable to have as many birds banded as possible. However a considerable proportion of banders in England do so in connection with a specific purpose.

The Congress closed Saturday evening, June 23rd, with a banquet. In closing this account, it must be said that the Congress was a resounding success with remarkably smooth-working arrangements - marred only by the last-minute inability of certain Russian ornithologists to attend. And as at most comparable meetings, some of the most interesting things which occurred were not on the program - namely, the constant informal conversation and contact among ornithologists at all levels of erudition in the science.

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