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CHANGE IN EDITOR FOR ORNITOLOGÍA NEOTROPICAL

The Neotropical Ornithological Society (NOS) is announcing that, beginning with Volume 20, Number 1, 2009, the new editor, replacing the current editor, will be Dr André-A. Weller. Therefore, after 1 November 2008, all manuscripts submitted for publication in *Ornitología Neotropical* should be sent to Dr. Weller at:

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I wish to also recognize and thank the Editor Search Committee, chaired by Dr. John Bates and assisted by Drs. Cristina Miyaki, Jorge L. Pérez-Aman, and Raymond McNeil for their efforts in identifying, evaluating, and selecting the next editor for *Ornitología Neotropical*.

The current editor, Dr. Raymond McNeil will be retiring from his position as editor of *Ornitología Neotropical*, which he has held since 1998. During Dr. McNeil's tenure as editor of *Ornitología Neotropical* the soci-

ety's journal over the past ten years has grown from two issues a year of 228 pages in 1998 (Volume 9) to four issues a year in 1999 (Volume 11) with a total of 368 pages that year. Since then the journal has been published four times a year and by 2007 (Volume 18) the number of printed pages has almost tripled (656 pages) from the first year of Dr. McNeil's editorship in 1998. In recent years, Dr. McNeil received approximately 4-5 manuscripts per week or about a total of 100-110 manuscripts per year. With assistance from the Editorial Board, Dr. McNeil has been responsible for identifying reviewers and evaluating reviewers' comments regarding suitability for publication and editing manuscripts before they were returned to the authors. In addition, to editing revised manuscripts he supervised page setting, edited the proofs before they went to authors and then did the final page setting in preparation of publication based on the authors' suggested corrections on the proofs. Besides editing *Ornitología Neotropical*, he edited the Proceedings (Actas) of both the seventh and eighth Neotropical Ornithological Congresses. In addition to maintaining the quality of the society's publications Dr. McNeil has ensured that *Ornitología Neotropical* and the congress proceedings were published in a timely manner. Therefore given all these substantial contributions as editor over eleven years, on behalf of the Neotropical Ornithological Society, I wish to thank Dr. McNeil for his leadership as editor and wish him well in his retirement. — Joseph M. Wunderle, Jr., President, Neotropical Ornithological Society.