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### **NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IX Neotropical Ornithological Congress and VIII Peruvian Ornithological Congress.** – The Neotropical Ornithological Society (NOS/SON) and the Peruvian Ornithological Union (POU/UNOP) are pleased to announce the IX Neotropical Ornithological Congress (NOC/CON) and VIII Peruvian Ornithological Congress (POC/COP) to be held in Cusco, Peru (November 8–14, 2011). Organizing for the congress is well underway and program and registration information will be available online at [www.ixconperu2011.org](http://www.ixconperu2011.org).

The Secretary General of the congress is Dr. Grace Servat. Scientific Program Chairpersons are Drs. José Tello and Thomas Valqui who have selected the plenary speakers now listed on the congress web site. Titles for symposia, workshops, and round tables and the respective organizers will be listed shortly. The editor for the congress proceedings will be Jack Eitnienar.

**Call for Nominations.** – The Neotropical Ornithological Society is required by its Bylaws to hold elections for officers (**President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer**) and **three board members** before the IXth Neotropical Congress, in Peru (8–14 November 2011). In addition, we wish to nominate and elect a person for the new position of **Corresponding Secretary**. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary will be to mail the journals to the membership and subscribing institutions, an activity currently done by the Treasurer. This new position will reduce the workload of the Treasurer.

Please suggest names of potential candidates, after verifying their willingness to serve, and provide names and e-mail contact information to the society's Secretary, Jennifer Cahill ([jcahill@fcyt.umss.edu.bo](mailto:jcahill@fcyt.umss.edu.bo)) by 30 June 2011.

**Proposals for next (10<sup>th</sup>) Neotropical Ornithological Congress.** – Please help the society identify the next country to host the next Neotropical Ornithological Congress scheduled for 2015. A formal proposal should be presented to the society's Secretary, Jennifer Cahill ([jcahill@fcyt.umss.edu.bo](mailto:jcahill@fcyt.umss.edu.bo)) prior to November 2011.

**Pdfs of recent Ornitología Neotropical articles** are now available through the year 2006 on the Searchable Ornithological Research Archive (SORA) at: <http://elibrary.unm.edu/sora/>. Many thanks to Nacho Areta for getting all the pdfs of volumes 14–17 labeled and organized to bring the SORA collection up to date. Raymond McNeil and André Weller provided pdfs and Raymond Danner also assisted and coordinated with the SORA webmaster. We are most appreciative for their assistance with this task.

**Annual Membership Fees.** – Please pay your Neotropical Ornithological Society membership annual fees, if you have not done so for 2011.

## FRANCOIS VUILLEUMIER FUND 2010 AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The Committee for the Francois Vuilleumier Fund for Research on Neotropical Birds has awarded funding to two Latin American graduate students for their research on Neotropical birds. The committee offers congratulations to the two Francois Vuilleumier Fund awardees for 2010, including: **Yarelys Ferrer Sánchez**, Facultad de Biología, Universidad de la Habana, Cuba, for the project entitled: “Modelación ecológica de las relaciones especie-hábitat en poblaciones de aves del Gran Humedal del Norte de Ciego de Ávila, Cuba,” and **María Soledad Liébana**, Centro para el Estudio y Conservación de las Aves Rapaces en Argentina (CECARA), Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Naturales, Universidad Nacional de la Pampa, Argentina, for the project entitled: “Ecología del Milano Blanco (*Elanus leucurus*) en agroecosistemas pampeanos.”

I wish to offer congratulations to the two awardees and wish them well in their research as well as to offer thanks to the members of the FV Fund committee who assisted with the evaluations this year.

The Francois Vuilleumier Fund endowment should continue to grow, despite recent downturns in the economy, and we hope to offer more student support in the future. We therefore encourage more students to apply to the fund, which has an application deadline of 15 September of each year. Fund information and guidelines are available on the Neotropical Ornithological Society website ([www.neotropicalornithology.org](http://www.neotropicalornithology.org)). Please help us circulate information about the fund to interested graduate students in Latin America and the Caribbean. Finally, I encourage all members to provide a donation to the fund when they renew their annual memberships. All donations, no matter how small are appreciated and will help the endowment to grow so that we can fund all worthy student applicants in the future.

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Chairman  
Francois Vuilleumier Fund