

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Eighty-fourth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held 5-9 September 1966 at Duluth, Minnesota, on the campus of the University of Minnesota. Host organizations include the University of Minnesota, Duluth Branch, the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union, and the Duluth Bird Club. Dr. Pershing B. (Jack) Hofslund has been named Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements, which includes Dr. Richard Bernard, Dr. W. J. Breckenridge, Mr. Joel Bronoel, Dr. and Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Herman Griffith, Dr. Robert Heller, Dr. T. O. Odlaug, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Putnam, and Mr. David Tester. Further details will be published in the April issue of *The Auk*.

Fellows and Elective Members of the A.O.U. are reminded that nominations for election of Fellows (by Fellows only) and Elective Members (by Fellows or Elective Members) must be in the hands of the Secretary 90 days prior to the annual meeting. Thus **nominations**, complete with supporting data, must reach the Secretary prior to **5 June 1966**. Appropriate forms may be obtained from the Secretary.

A sum of \$474.00 is available in the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund for research grants in 1966. Any student of birds is invited to apply. Young men and women just starting their careers or others not eligible for government grants are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should prepare a brief but comprehensive description of their research projects specifying the objectives and proposed plans of procedure. Particulars of the type and amount of financial assistance needed must be indicated. A brief statement of the applicant's ornithological background should be appended. Letters of recommendation from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful.

**Applications** should be submitted not later than **1 April 1966** to the Chairman of the A.O.U. Research Committee, Dr. PAUL H. BALDWIN, Department of Zoology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.

The Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation, upon the recommendation of Mrs. Carll Tucker, has made funds available to assist a few promising young ornithologists to attend the annual meeting of the A.O.U. 5-9 September 1966 at Duluth, Minnesota. Any member of the A.O.U. may nominate candidates for these awards. It is not required that awardees present papers at the meeting. The size of each award made will depend upon personal need, distance to be travelled, and available funds.

Letters of nomination should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Student Awards (Dr. JAMES R. KING, Department of Zoology, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington) and should include: (1) name, age, and address of the nominee; (2) education and experience of the nominee; and (3) statements by the sponsor on the capabilities, special interests, and financial need of the nominee. **Closing date** for nominations is **1 May 1966**.

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund of The American Museum of Natural History is administered by a committee that meets twice annually to review applications for grants and fellowships. The Fund is intended to support and foster research in ornithology from a broad and international point of view. There are no restrictions as to the formal qualifications of applicants or the locality in which research is to be conducted. **Applications** should be submitted not later than **15 February** and **15 September**. Detailed information and application forms may be

obtained from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Committee, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, New York 10024.

The appointment of Dr. Edwin O. Willis as an Elsie Binger Naumberg Fellow was renewed for the period June, 1965, to June, 1966.

Chapman grants during 1965, totalling \$29,307.50, were awarded to: Laurence C. Binford, research at the American Museum of Natural History; Biswamoy Biswas, research at the British Museum; I. Lehr Brisbin, quantitative analysis of ecological growth efficiency in altricial and precocial birds; O. Marcus Buchanan, research on *Momotus mexicanus vanrossemi*, *Chloroceryle americana hachisukai*, *Ara militaris sheffleri*, and *Forpus cyanopygius pallidus*; Dwight R. Chamberlain, a study of the characteristic calls and signals of the Common Crow; P. A. Clancey and W. J. Lawson, investigation of the birds of Mocambique; Martin L. Cody, study of co-existence mechanisms in grassland birds; Gerald Collier, study of site tenacity, productivity, and distribution of jacanas in western Mexico; Sue Ellen Conard, study of parental care behavior of the Black Skimmer; Kai Curry-Lindahl, comparative study of American and African Ardeidae; Jared M. Diamond, study of distribution and breeding of birds in the Karimui basin, New Guinea; James H. Enderson, a reconnaissance of the Peregrine Falcon nest sites in Colorado; Richard French, research at the American Museum of Natural History; Joseph M. Forshaw, the systematics of two Papuan-Australasian parrots; Herbert Friedmann, evolutionary trends in the Glossy Cuckoos, genus *Chrysococcyx*; I. C. J. Galbraith, research at the American Museum of Natural History; Peter S. Gold, study of the functional and behavioral effects of stimulation including conditioning, in the embryonic chick; Jeremy J. Hatch, study of intraspecific diversity in the songs of *Mimus* spp.; John Patrick Hubbard, study of the biosystematics of the Myrtle-Audubon warblers; Joseph R. Jehl, Jr., behavioral studies of certain subarctic Scolopacidae; Rolf A. C. Jensen, study in cytogenetics of South American cuckoos and the Hoatzin; David J. Ligon, study of the biology of the Elf Owl, *Micrathene whitneyi*; James P. Ludwig, gull populations of the Great Lakes; Averil Lysaght, research at the American Museum of Natural History and Carnegie Museum; Miles B. Markus, the neosoptile pterylosis of South African passeriform birds; Bertram G. Murray, Jr., study in comparative biology of LeConte's and Sharp-tailed sparrows; F. I. Norman, the effects of introduced mammals on island nesting sea-birds; Robert D. Ohmart, habitat requirements and nesting of the Rufous-winged Sparrow (*Aimophila carpalis*); David R. Osborne, study of the comparative anatomy and function of feather muscles in gallinaceous birds; Henri Ouellet, research at the American Museum of Natural History; Denis F. Owen, study of the seasonal abundance of insects and the breeding seasons of equatorial birds; Kenneth C. Parkes, birds of Isla Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico; James D. Rising, study of hybridization and intergradation between Kansas birds; Alexander F. Skutch, life history studies of Neotropical birds, especially the Rufous-fronted Thornbird, *Phacellodomus rufifrons*; Leonard H. Smith, research at the American Museum of Natural History; William E. Southern, research at the American Museum of Natural History and other eastern museums; James Tate, Jr., and W. L. Foster, study of the breeding biology of the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; John Terborgh, study of the ecology of feeding niches in Neotropical birds; Emil K. Urban, study of waterfowl movements and migrations in Rift Valley and high plateau lakes of Ethiopia; François Vuilleumier, study of species formation in Andean birds with research at the American Museum of Natural History; John Seddon Weske, an avifaunal study of the northern Cordillera Vilcabamba,

Cuzco, Peru; James L. Woodson, speciation in the bush shrikes, *Dryoscopus*; John L. Zimmerman, study of survival value of polygyny in Dickcissel populations.

The American Museum of Natural History, with support from the National Science Foundation, will once again consider applications from college undergraduate science majors for appointments as student participants in a summer program of ornithological research at the Kalbfleisch Field Research Station in Huntington, Long Island. **Applications** must be filed not later than **1 March 1966**. Write to Dr. WESLEY E. LANYON, Department of Ornithology, the American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York 10024.

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant, established in 1947, is devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500.00 to found the fund; later donors have provided some \$600.00. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100.00 grant annually.

Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the Editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Since its inception, the Fuertes Research Grant has been awarded to 20 persons, many of whom have continued their research work.

Application forms may be obtained from Dr. HARRISON B. TORDOFF, Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Completed **applications** must be received by **1 March 1966**.

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 is the Director (non-salaried).

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is incorporated as a non-profit, 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.

The preparations for the XIV International Ornithological 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 welcome in Rhodes House, which will be available as a "social center." 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 for application forms without delay. These, together with abstracts (if any), should arrive as soon as possible and in any case not later than **1 March 1966**. Please address N. TINBERGEN, Secretary-General, I.O.C., Parks Road, Oxford, U.K.

The Editor has received, under date of 29 October 1965, a most cordial communication addressed to the members of the A.O.U. by Dr. W. B. YAPP (Department of Zoology and Comparative Physiology, The University of Birmingham, Birmingham, 15, U.K.). Pointing out that, since the XIV International Ornithological Congress will be held at Oxford in July and accompanied by only one, highly specialized, formal excursion (the Scottish Study Cruise), American visitors will have comparatively little opportunity to see the ordinary British birds in the breeding season, Dr. Yapp adds: "I should like to do what I can . . . and am prepared to offer hospitality, in the form of accomodation and transport, so far as my teaching and other commitments allow, to as many American ornithologists as possible. If anyone interested will write to me saying when he will be in England, I will do my best to arrange something. I shall not be available from 19 June through 3 July. My chief interests are in woodland birds."

The Wilson Ornithological Society will hold its annual meeting 28 April-1 May 1966 at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, Dr. PERSHING B. HOFSLUND, Biology Dept., University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota.

The Editor wishes to take this opportunity publicly to express his appreciation to Dr. James R. King, since late 1962 an extraordinarily energetic and perceptive member of the Editorial Committee. Dr. King has asked to be relieved of his duties in order to avoid "conflict of interest" in a new and higher editorial calling. We wish him all success as the new Editor of *The Condor*, and we fully expect it.