

institutions where one copy of the Bulletin was read by a large number of people, and most publications charged a rate up to five times that to individual members for such subscriptions. The Committee was, however, anxious not to deter subscriptions by institutions which were interested but suffering severe financial constraints. The Meeting approved a subscription to such institutions of 2.5 times the individual rate and authorized the Officers to implement this in the most appropriate way.

8. The Editor, Dr N.C. Davidson, reported that sufficient material was now arriving to fill a Bulletin of up to 52 pages, but that it had not been necessary to hold over any items for reasons of shortage of space. Findings of the questionnaire circulated in 1982 have been acted upon, including turning the Ringing Totals listing into an annual feature, and extending its coverage to allow easier inclusion of totals from outside Europe.

The Editor expressed his regret over the delays in appearance of recent Bulletins. These were due to a combination of the gradually increasing volume of material, the availability of time of those involved in the production coupled with the need to remain topical, and delays at the circulation stage. The Officers were examining thoroughly the whole production process of the Bulletin, and were hopeful of considerable improvement in the near future.

The Editor reported on informal discussions between himself, the North American Editor (Dr J.P. Myers) and the Vice-Chairman during a recent visit to Britain by Dr Myers. Among matters raised had been the question as to whether the name of the Bulletin might be changed to encourage wider appreciation of its contents. "Wader Research" or "Shorebird Research", retaining the present title as a subtitle, were two possibilities on which

members' views were invited. The Meeting was very strongly against any such change. Reasons for this were the increasingly well-established reputation of the Bulletin under its present name and the fact that the term "wader" is better understood in many non-English-speaking countries than is "shorebird".

9. The Co-ordinator, Th. Piersma, highlighted from his report the renovation and revision of the Advisory Panel, to reflect the changes in membership of the Group in recent years. Although for practical reasons, such as the production of the Bulletin by voluntary labour, it was necessary to have several officers in one country, he wished to make sure - as did the other Officers - that the British were kept in order by a Panel with wide representation. He envisaged that the Panel would play an important part in future co-operative projects.

10. Other business. In response to further enquiries from several members, the Chairman reported that the Officers would be pursuing urgently the question of a Giro account which would ease payments by members in several European countries. The Officers apologised for the lack of progress on this matter; this had resulted partly from the lack of replies from the British National Girobank to numerous enquiries made by WSG over several years.

11. Future Meetings. Several Members from European countries confirmed the view expressed at the 1981 AGM in Munster, that it was appropriate, in view of the present composition of membership, for Annual Meetings to be held alternately in Britain and other European countries. The meeting gratefully accepted an invitation from French members to hold the 1985 AGM in Rochefort on a date to be agreed. The meeting asked the Officers to arrange a suitable venue and date in southern England in 1984.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WADER STUDY GROUP : WORCESTER, U.K., 1 SEPTEMBER 1984

The AGM of the Wader Study Group will take place during the 1984 WSG Conference to be held at Worcester College of Further Education (see elsewhere in this Bulletin).

### Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 19 November 1983 at Haamstede, Netherlands (see elsewhere in this Bulletin).
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Editor's Report
7. Co-ordinator's Report  
(Reports will be published in the August Bulletin)
8. Election of Secretaries  
(Officers serve for 3 years and are eligible for re-election. The term of office of the Secretaries ends at this AGM.)

Because of the increasing work-load on the Secretaries, the Officers propose that the post be divided into (i) a Secretary and (ii) a Membership Secretary. Therefore, they propose Stephen Baillie as the Secretary and Nigel & Jacquie Clark to continue as joint Membership Secretaries, the occupants of both posts to be members of the Executive Committee.

Any other nominations should be received by the Chairman by 15 June 1984. Any such nominations should be accompanied by a statement from the nominee indicating that he or she is willing to stand for election and to serve if elected.)

9. Date and venue of next year's AGM: the Group has accepted an invitation from French members to Rochefort.

10. Any other business.

(Any member wishing to raise other items at the AGM should inform the Chairman in writing as soon as possible.)

## WADER STUDY GROUP MEETING 1984 : WORCESTER , U.K., 31 AUGUST TO 2 SEPTEMBER

The WSG Annual General Meeting 1983 asked the Officers to find a location for the 1984 meeting in the south or east of Britain, to allow ease of transport by members from continental Europe. Suitable locations at low prices have proved rather difficult to find, but we have been fortunate to find accommodation at the Worcester College of Higher Education, Worcester, England. The meeting will be held from the evening of Friday 31 August until the afternoon of Sunday 2 September.

Worcester is situated in the south-western part of the English Midlands, astride Britain's largest river - the Severn. Renowned for Worcester Porcelain (now part of an international company) and Worcester Sauce (now engulfed in a national nonentity) and the manufacture of gloves, Worcester is a medium-sized cathedral city of moderate distinction! It suffers from the blight of suburban expansion, typical "high-street"