

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1985 NOW DUE

Members are reminded that their 1985 annual subscription becomes due on 1 January 1985. For the third year in succession the subscription is £10 (or US \$17 or Canadian \$21). There are, however, new rates for institutions and payment through subscription agencies (see below). A subscription renewal form, giving full details of all rates, is enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

A substantial number of members delay their subscription payment until reminded in the

April *Bulletin*, and some fail to pay until they receive a final reminder (but no *Bulletin*) in August. We remind members that these delays result in a great deal of extra work and anxiety for the Membership Secretaries. Please pay your 1985 subscription promptly - your co-operation will be much appreciated. One way, in which members with British bank accounts can ensure prompt payment is to pay their subscription by Banker's Order. A form is included on the Subscription Renewal form.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR INSTITUTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTION AGENCIES

The Annual General Meeting of the Wader Study Group on 19 November 1983 instructed the Officers of the Group to arrange for the introduction of a subscription rate for institutions and libraries 2.5 times that for individuals (Minutes in *WSG Bulletin* 40: 3-4). This rate will be introduced from the start of 1985. The institutional subscription rates for 1985 are:

<u>Surface rates:</u>	£25	US \$42	Canadian \$52
<u>Airmail rates:</u>	£28	US \$47	Canadian \$58

The higher subscription is directed towards libraries and institutions where a single copy of *WSG Bulletin* may be read by many persons. The present library subscription rate is, of course, far lower than library rates for many comparable publications. The Executive Committee remains anxious, however, not to deter subscriptions by, for example, small groups of amateur workers. It is difficult to be sure, from the membership list, of the nature of existing subscribers. Therefore we are writing to each of those who appear to be institutions, to advise them of this change. Any who receive such a letter and who consider

that their subscription should remain at the individual rate should write to the Membership Secretaries, giving their justification for this.

In recent years, a few members have begun to pay their annual subscription through a subscription agency. Although this is of undoubted advantage to the members concerned, it unfortunately causes the Membership Secretaries a great deal of additional effort and time to recover these subscriptions. We must stress that this is in no way the fault of members. Rather it stems from an apparent inability of some subscription agencies to comprehend the membership administration of the Wader Study Group. Despite our best efforts to satisfy such agencies, in extreme cases it takes many months before the subscription is forthcoming, and can mean that *Bulletins* are not mailed on schedule. To cope with the additional administration needed, annual subscriptions paid through subscription agencies will in future be set at the institutional rate of 2.5 times individual subscription. This is effective for the 1985 annual subscription, and rates are given above.

ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS : AN IMPORTANT REQUEST

The last complete membership list appeared in 1978 (*WSG Bulletin* 23: 56-72). Since membership has changed considerably since that time, we plan to publish a complete new listing shortly. Therefore would all members please check that we have their correct address. This address

appears on the envelope in which this *Bulletin* was posted (and which has probably be consigned to the waste-bin by the time you read this!). If any corrections are needed to our rendering of your address, please inform the Membership Secretaries as soon as possible.

WADER BIBLIOGRAPHIES

WSG now has a stock of the two wader bibliographies compiled by Sven Blomquist and published by Ottenby Bird Observatory - see the review in *Bulletin* 40: 72. These can be ordered direct from WSG at a price of £4 for the

Bibliography of the genera *Calidris* and *Limicola*, and £2 for the Bibliography of the genus *Phalaropus*. Both prices are inclusive of postage. An order form is included on the Subscription Renewal Form with this *Bulletin*.