

WSG ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP ON THE CONSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL FLYWAY POPULATIONS OF WADERS, OATRIDGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, SCOTLAND, 12-14 SEPTEMBER 1986

The WSG Annual Meeting and Workshop on the Conservation of International Flyway populations of Waders will take place very shortly after this *Bulletin* goes to press. Full details of the meeting, the Annual General Meeting, and booking forms, were included in *Bulletin* 46: 1-6.

A report of the meeting, and abstracts of the talks and poster papers will appear in *Bulletin* 48 (December 1986). The Proceedings of the Workshop will be published, in association with the International Waterfowl Research Bureau, as a *Bulletin Supplement* early in 1987.

WSG MEETING 1987-A REQUEST TO MEMBERS

The Wader Study Group has received an invitation from the Ornithological Station in Gdansk, Poland to hold the 1987 WSG Annual Conference at their research station in autumn 1987. We anticipate that the costs of accommodation for the weekend meeting will be similar to those of other recent WSG conferences, at approximately £30.

To help us in assessing the feasibility of this invitation, and in planning the logistics of holding the meeting in Poland, we need to make a rough estimate of numbers attending. Therefore it would be of great help if those members who would intend to go to such a meeting in Poland would indicate their interest

to us now. Obviously we are not asking for a firm commitment from members now, but we would ask that you to give us an clear indication of intent if you would aim to attend.

The opportunity to visit Poland offers WSG a most valuable opportunity to meet members from eastern Europe, and to see some of the exciting wader sites in that country. If you would intend to go to the meeting, please complete the form enclosed with this *Bulletin*, and return it as soon as possible to the *General Secretary, Dr. Steven Baillie, 8 Little London, Whitchurch, nr. Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 4LE, U.K.*

BREEDING WADERS IN EUROPE

This mammoth undertaking, compiled by Theunis Piersma on behalf of the Wader Study Group, is now nearing completion. It comprises the first attempt to bring together estimates of the size of breeding wader populations throughout northern and western Europe, and will be of considerable value in the conservation of these often vulnerable populations. We know of no other publication that has attempted to assess the size and distribution of breeding bird populations over such a large and multi-national area.

The review of population sizes is backed by a bibliography of 3356 sources, covering breeding biology studies of general interest, species-specific studies, and breeding wader surveys listed by country. Many sources listed are unpublished papers and reports.

We anticipate that *Breeding Waders in Europe* will be published as a Supplement to *WSG Bulletin* 48 (December 1986).

CORRECTION

In the paper by Piersma, T. entitled "Abundance of waders in the Nakdong Estuary, South Korea, in September 1984" in *WSG Bulletin* 44 (August 1985), some of the counts in Table 1 (p. 23) for Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Eurynorhynchus pygmaeus* and Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* were reversed. The correct counts were as follows:

	Galmaegi	Deung elsewhere	total
Spoon-billed Sandpiper	11	0	11
Broad-billed Sandpiper	4	0	4