

organisation and smooth running of the group over the last four years.

There had been no further nominations following those of the Executive Committee published in Bulletin 52, and the following were therefore declared to have been elected:

General Secretary	P.L.Ireland
Editor	Dr. N.C.Davidson
Co-ordinator	H.Hotker
Treasurer	S.J.Sutcliffe

The Executive Committee had made no proposals for the election of further ordinary members of the Executive Committee this year. Election of a number of ordinary members next year would provide a better spread of elections than at present.

## NOTES AND NEWS 5

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### Telephone number changes for WSG Officers

Please note that the telephone numbers for two WSG officers have recently been changed. The new numbers are as follows:

Membership Secretary (Jeff Kirby): home number is now UK 0442-874446.

Vice-Chairman (Theunis Piersma): home number is now The Netherlands 02220-12384; work numbers are now The Netherlands 02220-19541 or 050-632028.

These and other officers' numbers are given also on the inside front cover of the *Bulletin*.



### Asian Wetland Bureau

The Asian Wetland Bureau - Indonesia has a new mailing address, as of October 1988:

Asian Wetland Bureau, P.O. Box 254/800, Bogor 16001, Indonesia.

Their office address remains the same:

Asian Wetland Bureau, Jl. Arzimar III No. 17, Bogor, Indonesia (tel. 0251-25755).



### IWRB News

The International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau (IWRB), is publishing a new newsletter, *IWRB News*. The first issue will be published at the end of January 1989. *IWRB News* is a 12 page, A4 format bulletin which will be published twice yearly, in January and July.

The first issue contains feature articles on wetland management and the contribution that feeding ecology studies have made to wetland conservation. There are also articles on the history of IWRB, the current state of wetlands in the Sahel, the International Waterfowl Census, a recovery plan for the White-headed Duck and much more. There is also news from IWRB's research groups, and diary dates for forthcoming symposia.

### Date and Venue of the next Annual General Meeting

It was planned to hold the next conference and Annual General Meeting in September or October 1989 in Denmark. The meeting would be held in conjunction with the Waterfowl Feeding Ecology Workshop. It was hoped that the 1990 conference would be held in north Italy in the autumn.

No members wished to raise items under Any Other Business, and the Chairman therefore closed the meeting.

Stephen Baillie - General Secretary



IWRB have been compiling an extensive mailing list that will certainly include many WSG members. If you do not receive a copy in the initial mailing and would like a complimentary copy, please write to "*IWRB News*", IWRB, Slimbridge, Gloucester GL2 7BX, UK. Subscription will begin in 1990, and will be US\$ 20.00 or UK £10.00 per annum.



### WHSRN Network News

The Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN), a voluntary system of recognising sites important to migratory shorebirds, began in the early 1980s (see *WSG Bulletin* 49, Suppl.: 122-124). It is now a thriving network, with the number of reserves in the network increasing rapidly. We report on the dedication of one of these (Minas Basin in the Bay of Fundy in Canada) elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

WHSRN now publishes *Network News*, and we have just received the November 1988 issue (Vol. 1 No. 2). This is 6 pages packed with reports about WHSRN reserves, news of counting, catching and marking activities, and exciting sightings of marked birds. For example, *Network News* reports that Brian Harrington and the Manomet Bird Observatory staff sighted approximately 50 (!) blue-flagged Red Knots in Delaware Bay this spring. All these birds had been marked at Lagoa do Peixe in Brasil. To cap this success they saw also a flagged Knot from Punta Rasa, Argentina, and a Ruddy Turnstone and three Sanderlings from Brasil.

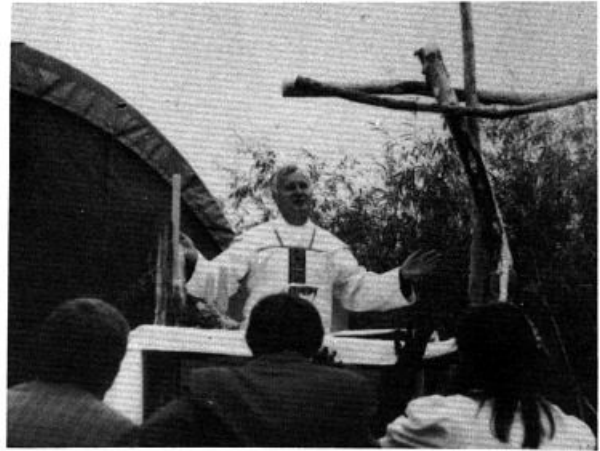
There is even an offer of a WHSRN T-shirt, for only \$10 (plus postage and handling)!

Further information about WHSRN and its *Network News* from: WHSRN, 550 South Bay Avenue, Islip, NY 11751, USA.

### Waderologist ringing?

*WSG Bulletin* abounds with news about "waderologists" catching and ringing waders. We have never before been able to report a case of waderologists ringing each other, and certainly not at a ringing camp over one kilometer from the nearest road ...

Members lucky enough to participate in the 1987 WSG meeting in Gdansk, Poland, will remember the beautifully sited wader ringing camp at the mouth of the Vistula river run every autumn by the staff of the Ornithological Station. As the accompanying pictures show, it was there that two members of the Ornithological Station and ringing team were married on 23 July 1988. Our congratulations to Anna Zawadzka (née Czerniakiewicz) and Mirek Zawadzki. We wonder how this species will be reported on the next Ringing Totals form!



### STOP PRESS Congratulations!!

Congratulations also to *WSG Bulletin* Assistant Editors David and Judy Stroud on the birth of a daughter on 16 January 1989.

### **SLENDER-BILLED CURLEWS: HELP NEEDED**

The Slender-billed Curlew *Numenius tenuirostris* has suffered a drastic decline this century. It is now almost certainly the rarest migratory bird in the Western Palearctic, with perhaps only 100 individuals surviving. In order to investigate the reasons for this decline and to attempt to counter it, the International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) has launched a two-year project on the species. As the species has been recorded from over a dozen countries in the last decade, surveys of the species will necessitate a large cooperative effort between ornithologists throughout Europe.

Birdwatchers visiting areas where the Slender-billed Curlew has been recorded in recent years can contribute important information to ICBP's efforts to conserve the species. It must be emphasised that no funds are available from ICBP for such surveys. The countries in which the Slender-billed Curlew has been regularly recorded on passage include Turkey, Hungary, Yugoslavia (Vojvodina), Romania (Dobroudgea), Greece, Austria and Italy, although there have been also accidental records from most non-Scandinavian European

countries. The main wintering sites appear to be in Tunisia and Morocco with scattered records in the Middle East. Anyone willing to spend time surveying suitable wetlands for the species should contact the project coordinator for further details, specifying which country they will be visiting and at what time of year. Any confirmed Slender-billed Curlew records would also be gratefully received, preferably with descriptive details and any information recorded on habitat and behaviour.

Please send records and offers of help to: Adam Gretton, International Council for Bird Conservation, 32 Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0PJ, UK. (Tel: 0223-277318).

### **RINGING TOTALS FOR 1988**

A Ringing Totals form for the submission of ringing totals for the period January - December 1988 inclusive is enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

Please complete and return this to the Editor by 1 March 1988.