



## RECENT ADVANCES IN UNDERSTANDING KNOT MIGRATIONS

The workshop on Recent Advances in Understanding Knot Migrations was held during the joint WSG Annual Meeting and 8th International Waterfowl Feeding Ecology Symposium in Denmark in September 1989. The workshop produced some intriguing comparisons between the migrations of the different Knot subspecies, much new information about their migration phylogeny and identified some surprising gaps that need filling.

So that the information and discussions from the workshop can be made available to a wider audience than those able to attend the Ribe meeting we are planning to publish proceedings of the workshop as a *WSG Bulletin Supplement* during 1990. Work is already well underway in editing these proceedings. The proceedings will include reviews of the migration systems of each of the subspecies of Knots, reports of the findings of recent Knot research and digests of the general and round-table discussions held during the workshop. We hope that the proceedings will provide a valuable source of reference about what is known and has been recently discovered about Knot migrations, and will give guidance for those planning to carry out further studies to fill in the gaps in our current understanding.

To make the proceedings as comprehensive and useful to Knot workers as possible we are prepared to include brief papers giving reports of recent research from people who could not attend the workshop. For anyone preparing such a contribution the paper can be either a summary of previously published studies or give new analyses of data, even if the data was collected some years ago. To keep the various contributions as comparable as possible, papers should cover one or more of the following topics:

- Location of study site(s), population(s) involved, years of study etc.;
- Arrival and departure timings;
- Duration of stay, population turnover;
- Originations and destinations;
- Body mass, reserve storage and use;
- Correlates of food supply, body condition, weather conditions and behaviour.

Papers should not exceed 2000 words (4 *Bulletin* pages) in length.

We would also like to compile a listing of current and recent research on Knots, and those interested in Knot studies. For inclusion in the listing please send brief details of research projects, their aims, locations, participants and findings, or a note of more general interest in Knot studies.

We have already been in contact with some potential additional contributors to the proceedings. If you have not yet heard from us but would like to contribute, please send papers and information for research interest listing to either Nick Davidson or Theunis Piersma before 31 March 1990.

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