Whangarei, New Zealand) will review his extensive studies in New Zealand's South Island, the Himalayas and the Andes on "Specialist foraging adaptations in the shorebirds of braided river habitats".

Arrangements for lodging and meetings are according to those for the Annual Conference, and bookings for the Symposium-day can be made on the same forms. We hope that many attendents to the WSG Annual Conference will be able to extend their stay on Texel with one more day. Offers for 15-20 min contributions can be made on one of the booking forms inserted in this issue of WSG Bulletin.

Theunis Piersma & Jan J. Beukema



The 1991 WSG Annual General Meeting to be held at 9.00 hrs on Saturday 5 October during the Texel meeting (see above for details). The full agenda will be published in *Bulletin* 62 in August.

Notice of election of Officers

The Co-ordinator, Hermann Hötker, and Treasurer, Steve Sutcliffe, complete their terms of office this year and their positions fall vacant. During the year Petra de Goeij was co-opted onto the Executive Committee following the resignation of Phil Ireland as General Secretary and she has been covering this position.

The Executive Committee therefore propose the election of the following officers:

Co-ordinator: Hermann Hötker Treasurer: Steve Sutcliffe General Secretary: Petra de Goeij

The Executive Committee also propose the election of the following member to the Executive Committee: *Gerard Boere*

Alternative nominations for the officers listed above and for ordinary members of the Executive Committee may be made by any members of the Wader Study Group. Nominations must be signed by the proposer and seconder and must include a signed statement by the candidate that they are willing to stand. All these people must be paid up members of the Wader Study Group. Nominations should be sent to the acting General Secretary, Petra de Goeij, to arrive by 30 September 1990.

Last Bookings for Odessa

Will intending paticipants wishing to be included on this exciting Wader Conference in Odessa, in 1992, please contact Herman Hötker at the address below. Further details can be found on page 19 *Bulletin* 59.

The additional WSG meeting will be held at the University of Odessa, the most likely dates being 12-16 April, 1992.

The themes of the conference are;

Biology of waders in the Soviet Union

Comparison of the East Atlantic and East Mediterranean wader flyways

Productivity and mortality of waders

Population changes in waders

Strategies for the conservation of waders

Costs, still approximate at the moment, will be in the region of £150. This includes conference fee, accommodation, meals and the excursions. Travel will hopefully be by group flight from Amsterdam to Odessa via Moscow. Cost approx. £300.

If you wish to go, if you have not, please contact

Herman Hötker, c/o WWF Wattenmeerstelle, Norderstrasse 3, 2250 Husum, Germany Telephone; 04841-65143 STOP PRESS - LATEST

We are hoping to arrange a special ornithological tour timed to follow this conference ! This will be a 5 to 7 day tour of the Azov and Black Sea area - a once- in- a- lifetime opportunity. For further information please contact Herman at the above address.

