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THE RING -- REQUEST FOR HELP

This is a request for help. The RING, the quarterly international bird banding journal, would like American banders to submit for publication notes and articles on banding techniques, ideas, and unique recoveries.

At the recent XIIIth International Ornithological Congress I discussed with Prof. Dr. Rydzewski, the editor of the RING, why Americans have not been contributing as frequently as would seem warranted by the highly advanced status of banding in the United States.

Our conclusions were that Americans *do* have important and interesting items to contribute to the world knowledge of banding, but they have been hesitant to submit them for many minor reasons.

If you have difficulty getting your ideas into writing, both Prof. Rydzewski and I would be most happy to help you in every way we can. Your ideas, methods, and unusual recoveries are of interest to others both here in the U. S. and abroad. May we help you make them available to other banders? Please feel free to contact either:

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XIV INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

Preliminary Announcement

It was decided at the close of the XIII International Ornithological Congress at Ithaca, N. Y., that the next Congress would be held in Great Britain in 1966, with Dr. David Lack as President. At a meeting of the British members of the International Ornithological Committee Dr. N. Tinbergen was elected as Secretary-General and, after full consideration of various possibilities, it was decided to hold the Congress in Oxford. A British Executive Committee was formed.

In view of the decision of the full International Ornithological Committee that there was no need to hold the Congress in the breeding season (the intention being that, if practicable, it should be held outside the breeding season), the British Committee decided that the meeting should take place in late July. It is not possible to meet in Oxford during August.

In view of the further decision of the full International Committee that the 1966 Congress need not be preceded nor followed by excursions, the British Executive Committee decided that, if it proved practicable, only one excursion would be organized—a week's cruise of Scottish sea-bird islands in a ship of sufficient size