

## NOTES AND NEWS

### 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIRD CENSUS WORK AND ATLAS STUDIES

HELSINKI, 24–28 AUGUST 1987

The history of quantitative bird censuses in Finland extends more than half a century back. This tradition owes much to Professor Pontus Palmgren's pioneering work in the 1920s and 1930s. The censusing of birds for ecological, biogeographic and monitoring purposes is still very active in Finland today.

With this background, the Finnish Ornithological Society and the Department of Zoology, University of Helsinki, in collaboration with the International Bird Census Committee and the European Bird Atlas Committee, will organize the 10th International Conference on Bird Census Work and Atlas Studies in Helsinki on 24–28 August 1987. The congress is dedicated to Pontus Palmgren.

The central theme of the conference will be "Monitoring bird populations in varying environments," but this does not exclude other topics. With this emphasis, the organizers wish that practical and biological problems, as well as results from short- and long-term studies, will be discussed in detail. Possible topics include:

- the significance of long-term studies, in monitoring and bird community ecology
- the implications of short-term fluctuations and spatial heterogeneity for monitoring
- studies of long-term population changes by censuses at long intervals
- spatial scale problems in bird censuses
- applicability of atlas methodology to ecological, biogeographical and monitoring studies.

The conference fee is set at FIM 500. It includes a congress folder, an abstract booklet, a one-day field excursion, and the Conference Proceedings, to be published in *Acta Zoologica Fennica* in 1988. The accommodation in a summer hotel, booked by the organisers, will cost approximately FIM 100 per night (no meals included). FIM 1 equals ca. 0.20 USD (April 1986).

All those interested in participating in the conference are requested to send preliminary registrations, using the attached form, **immediately** to:

*IBCC/The Finnish Ornithological Society, P. Rautatiekatu 13, SF-00100 Helsinki, Finland.*

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