

## *NEWS—NOTICIAS—NOTÍCIAS*

### **THE GOELET STUDENT FUND**

At the VIth Neotropical Ornithological Congress in Monterrey, México, in October 1999, Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Goelet of New York City donated \$5000 to the Neotropical Ornithological Society (NOS), to be used as seed money for a fund to be called the “Goelet Student Fund.” This fund is earmarked to make financial grants to enable students from the Neotropical Region to attend and present a paper or poster at the VIIth Neotropical Ornithological Congress in Chile in 2003.

The NOS needs to raise additional money to at least double the amount in this fund by early 2003 when grants will be made to students. In order to reach this goal, donations from members are solicited. The status of the

NOS as a non-profit organization under the United States Internal Revenue Service code insures that donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by US law. Gifts should be made to the Neotropical Ornithological Society as a contribution to the “Goelet Student Fund” and sent to J. Michael Meyers, Treasurer of the Neotropical Ornithological Society, Warnell School of Forest Resources, D. W. Brooks Drive, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2152, USA. Payments may be made by check (drawn on a US bank), by international money order, or by credit card (VISA or MasterCard). For more information please contact NOS Treasurer J. Michael Meyers ([jmeyers@smokey.forestry.uga.edu](mailto:jmeyers@smokey.forestry.uga.edu)).

### **BRAZILIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL EVENTS**

#### **IXth Brazilian Congress of Ornithology “Ornithology Without Borders”**

The IXth Brazilian Congress of Ornithology will take place at the Catholic University in the city of Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil, from 22–27 July 2001. Ornithologists from Brazil as well as from the MERCOSUL countries of Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay will gather in Curitiba to present the most recent research carried out in those countries and to discuss topics of conservation of species or groups of birds. The scientific program will comprise symposia, round-table discussions, and contributed papers. Excursions are being planned to Important Bird Areas (IBAS) in the State of Paraná at the end of the Congress. Additional information can be obtained

from the web-page (<http://www.ararajuba.hpg.com.br>), or from Pedro Scherer Neto ([schererneto@bbs2.sul.com.br](mailto:schererneto@bbs2.sul.com.br)) or Fernando Costa Straube ([juruva@milenio.com.br](mailto:juruva@milenio.com.br)).

#### **IIInd MERCOSUL Ornithologists’ Meeting**

This meeting, which will be held simultaneously with the IXth Brazilian Congress of Ornithology, is convened to permit ornithologists from Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay to discuss current ornithological concerns and to define Important Bird Areas (IBAS).

#### **VIIth Bird Banders Meeting**

This meeting will take place in conjunction

with the IXth Brazilian Congress of Ornithology and the IIInd MERCOSUL Ornithologists' Meeting, and will allow bird banders

working in Brazil to discuss the results of bird banding activities and to celebrate the 23rd year of the bird banding program.

## VIIth NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The VIIth Neotropical Ornithological Congress (VIIth NOC) of the Neotropical Ornithological Society will take place in October 2003 in Puerto Varas, Xth Region, Chile. The VIIth NOC will be hosted by the Unión de Ornitológos de Chile (UNORCH), which will jointly convene the VIIth Chilean Congress of Ornithology (VII Congreso Chileno de Ornitología). The President of the VIIth NOC is François Vuilleumier (vuill@amnh.org). The Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee of the VIIth NOC is Luis Espinosa (legpvar@entelchile.net or legpvar@hotmail.com). The co-Chairmen of the Scientific Program Committee are Karl-L. Schuchmann (kl.schuchmann.zfmk@uni-bonn.de) and Jaime Jiménez (jjimenez@ulagos.cl). UNORCH has formed an Organizing Committee, comprising Cristián Estades and Charif Tala, in addition to Luis Espinosa and Jaime Jiménez. The scientific program will include plenary lectures, symposia, oral presentations, posters, and round-table discussions. Because of the Congress location in southern South America, special emphasis will be on ornithological research in the Southern Cone, although the scientific program will include all aspects of Neotropical ornithology. A Proceedings volume is planned, which will be edited by an Editorial Committee chaired by Raymond McNeil (Raymond.McNeil@umontreal.ca). Excursions to points of ornithological interest will be organized during the mid-Congress day break, as well as pre- and post-Congress. As more details concerning the VIIth NOC become available, they will be announced in

Ornitología Neotropical, in the Society's webpage, and elsewhere.

UNORCH, the official host of the VIIth NOC, is the national ornithological society of Chile. Created in 1987, it was incorporated as a non-profit organization under Chilean law in 1989. The principal objectives of UNORCH are to promote the conservation and protection of birds and their habitats, to further ornithological research in Chile, and to advance the diffusion of ornithological knowledge and education throughout Chile. UNORCH is the Chilean representative of BirdLife International, a worldwide alliance of organizations dedicated to the conservation of birds. Among the activities of UNORCH are the publication of a journal, the Boletín Chileno de Ornitología, which includes scientific articles on Chilean birds (Editor: Juan Carlos Torres-Mura), and of a newsletter (Boletín Informativo), which publishes information and commentaries about Chilean and international ornithological matters, and the organization of the Chilean Congresses of Ornithology. The VIth Chilean Congress, which took place in Antofagasta 11–13 November 1999, was attended by two representatives of the NOS, François Vuilleumier and Vickie McDonald. The President of UNORCH is Juan Carlos Torres-Mura (jtorres@mnhn.cl) and its Secretary Charif Tala G. (unorch@entelchile.net). UNORCH's office is located at Avenida Providencia 1108, Local 32, Providencia, Santiago, Chile; its mailing address is: UNORCH, Casilla 13.183, Santiago-21, Chile, and *E-mail*: unorch@entelchile.net.