

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

We seek male and female reproductive tracts, gonads, and cloacae from sexually mature birds of any species, except domestic poultry, for anatomical studies of the structures involved in phallic tumescence, ejaculation, and semen dilution. We plan to describe the gross anatomy, innervation, vascular supply and drainage, lymphatic system, and myology of the cloacal region in as many species as are made available. Our efforts are aimed at (1) increasing our basic understanding of the region, (2) assisting investigators who are developing and using artificial means of semen collection, and (3) verifying the presence or absence of oviductal sperm-storage tubules.

Please contact Murray R. Bakst, Avian Physiology Laboratory, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Beltsville, Maryland 20705; or call (301)344-2545 for further information.

### HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is accepting applications for its 10th annual award for raptor research. To apply for the \$750 award, students should submit a brief description of their research program (5 pages maximum), a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation by 15 October 1986 to Stanley E. Senner, Executive Director, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Rte. 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529. The Association's board of directors will make a final decision early in 1987. Only students enrolled in a degree-granting institution are eligible; both undergraduate and graduate students may apply. The award will be granted on the basis of a project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to the conservation of North American raptor populations.

### SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BREEDING BIRDS IN CAPTIVITY

The Second International Symposium on Breeding Birds in Captivity, honoring the late Jean Delacour, will be held at the Sheraton Premiere, Universal City, California, 11-15 February, 1987. For further information contact Symposium Coordinator, International Foundation for Conservation of Birds, 11300 Weddington Street, North Hollywood, California 91601, (818)980-9818.

### THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON BIRDS OF PREY

The Third World Conference on Birds of Prey, sponsored by the World Working Group on Birds of Prey (I.C.B.P.), will be held in Eilat, Israel, 22-27 March 1987. For further information contact Dr. Robin Chancellor, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7, England.