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NEW IN MEMORIAM AND BOOK REVIEW EDITORS FOR AOU AND COOPER SOCIETIES -- Ted Anderson has been named the In Memoriam Editor, and Jay Mager has been named the Book Review Editor, for *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* and *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*, published jointly by the American Ornithologists' Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society. Send memorial information to (EM: ted020@centurytel.net) and book reviews and suggestions to (EM: j-mager@onu.edu).

THE SIXTH NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE (NAOC), will be held in Washington DC from **16 - 20 Aug 2016**. The theme we have chosen is "Bringing Science and Conservation Together." It's an appropriate theme at an appropriate time for a conference in DC. Federal agencies and conservation partners are excited about the diverse community that will come together for this meeting. We hope to provide something of interest to a wide audience, from agency staff to young ornithologists from all over the globe. This important conference will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty (August 1916), and lay out a science agenda for bird conservation for the next 100 years. We have an extraordinary line-up of pre-conference workshops, plenary speakers, symposia, round table discussions and **social events**. **Registration opens 14 March 2016 - early registration ends 27 May 2016**. General abstracts are due **9 May**; Symposia abstracts **25 April**. Student and post doc travel awards are also available with a deadline for submission of **15 April 2016** - decisions announced 13 May 2016. Visit us on the web (<http://naoc2016.cvent.com>) or on Facebook

TRAVEL AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR NAOC 2016 -- Are you... A full time student or post-doc? Planning to present at NAOC 2016? An active member of one of the participating ornithological societies? If you answered 'yes' to all three questions, you may qualify for an NAOC 2016 Travel Award. Limited funding is available to defray travel costs for undergraduates, graduate students and post-docs attending the North American Ornithological Conference on **16-20 Aug 2016** in Washington, DC. Please visit us online (<http://naoc2016.cvent.com/events/naoc-2016/custom-143-9cca73ad2f044f8790ca08d7f1d28536.aspx?p=143>) for application details. In addition to Student and Post-doc Travel Awards, Latin American Caribbean (LAC) Travel Awards are available for residents of a Latin American Caribbean country (defined as anywhere in Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America) OR applicants of Latin American Caribbean nationality who are not currently residing in an LAC country. For additional details, visit our LAC Travel Awards page online, <http://naoc2016.cvent.com/events/naoc-2016/custom-144-9cca73ad2f044f8790ca08d7f1d28536.aspx?p=144>. Don't miss this opportunity to help fund your flight! Deadline for application submissions: **15 Apr 2016**.

NOMINATIONS FOR AOU OFFICERS AND ELECTIVE COUNCILORS must be received by the Secretary four months before the Stated Meeting. Thus, this year nominations are **due 15 April 2016**. Officers to be elected will be President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Elective Councilors. The election will occur by electronic and postal ballots prior to the meeting. At the conclusion of the 134th Stated Meeting, Scott M. Lanyon will complete his term as President and Steven R. Beissinger will begin his first year as President. AOU is actively soliciting nominees for President-Elect. The Bylaws of the AOU require that the Secretary and Treasurer be elected or reelected annually. The incumbent Secretary (Andrew W. Jones) and Treasurer (Rebecca T. Kimball) are willing to stand for re-election. Of the total of twelve Elective Councilors, four are elected annually to serve terms of approximately three years, beginning at the close of the Stated Meeting. Elective Councilors to be replaced at the conclusion of the 134th Stated Meeting in 2016 are David N. Bonter, Kevin J. Burns, Deborah M. Finch, Patricia J. Heglund. Continuing to serve in 2016-2017 will be Elective Councilors Elizabeth Derryberry, Katie Dugger, Colleen M. Handel, Kevin Omland, James W. Rivers, Viviana Ruiz-Gutierrez, Rebecca J. Safran, and David W. Winkler. The procedure for nominating AOU Officers and Elective Councilors is outlined in the Bylaws (Art. IV, Sec. 2). "Each Fellow and Elective Member shall be invited to nominate to the Secretary, persons for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Elective Councilors. These nominations shall be received by the Secretary four months before the Stated Meeting. Nominations for all Officers and Elective Councilors must be accompanied by documented consent of the nominee." Nominations may be submitted electronically or in writing to the Secretary, ANDREW W. JONES, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval Drive - University Circle, Cleveland, OH 44106 USA (EM: ajones@cmnh.org).

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND PLENARY SPEAKERS -- The 27th International Ornithological Congress will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, **19-26 Aug 2018**. This announcement is a call for Symposia and Plenary Speakers, and notice of the meeting. To nominate a Plenary Speaker, please visit <http://www.IOCongress2018.com/call-for-plenary/>, and for Symposia proposals, <http://www.IOCongress2018.com/call-for-symposia/>. Nominations for Plenary Speakers and Symposia proposals must be received **before 1 May 2016**. For all other general meeting information and updates, including special events, field trips, local attractions, and links to social media pages, please register on <http://www.IOCongress2018.com>. Mid-Congress Tours on Friday, 24 Aug 2018 will showcase the best of birding on the spectacular west coast of beautiful British Columbia. Pre- and post-Congress tours will not only include prime Canadian, including the Arctic, destinations but also Ecuadorian Cloud Forest, Amazon and Galapagos expeditions - in celebration of this being the first Congress on the Pacific Coast of the Americas.

NEW FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN U.S. TO PROMOTE ALBATROSS AND PETREL CONSERVATION (from the Ornithological Council) -- The Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, or ACAP, is a legally binding international agreement promoting the conservation of several species of migratory seabirds. Though the U.S. is not a party to the agreement, to help promote efforts that would support the goals of the ACAP, Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) introduced on 4 February 2016 legislation (H.R.4480) that ties together existing U.S. laws and statutes to promote albatross and petrel conservation around the world by authorizing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to implement fisheries conservation measures, increase international fisheries

enforcement, restore habitat, reduce non-native species, develop educational programs, and cooperate internationally.” To learn more and learn how you can help get this bill enacted into law, visit http://ornithologyexchange.org/articles/_/community/new-federal-legislation-in-us-to-promote-albatross-and-petrel-conservation-r217

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICIES AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH: A NEW GUIDE FOR IACUCS (from the Ornithological Council) – Make Sure your IACUC knows about this! The use of vertebrate animals in research and education in the United States is subject to a number of regulations, policies, and guidelines under the immediate oversight of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs), which are charged with ensuring the ethical and appropriate use of the animal subjects. In almost all instances, this regulatory and oversight landscape of animal use has been developed for biomedical research environments and domestic animals bred specifically for research purposes. When the research activities involve wild species, especially in their natural habitat rather than a laboratory, oversight personnel and investigators alike struggle to apply these policies. A new, comprehensive review (published in the *ILAR Journal*, the peer-reviewed, theme-oriented publication of the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR) of the National Academy of Sciences) discusses the various policies, regulations, and guidance documents for animal use in the context of wildlife research. The publication, which follows the model of the highly influential *IACUC Handbook* (Silverman et al. 2014) compares the expectations of the various oversight agencies and how these expectations are met when working with wild vertebrates. The document is an important resource that will help IACUCs can use available resources to ensure that activities involving wild species are conducted in compliance with existing regulations and policies and in ways that are biologically appropriate for wildlife. It also explains the two overlapping but nonidentical federal policies (Animal Welfare Act regulations vs. Public Health Service Policy) and how to determine which of the policies should be applied. The publication, *Animal Welfare Policy: Implementation in the Context of Wildlife Research—policy Review and Discussion of Fundamental Issues*, has been made open access by ILAR. For more information or to download a copy, see http://ornithologyexchange.org/articles/_/community/animal-welfare-policies-and-wildlife-research-a-new-guide-for-iacucs-r220

BLM'S NEW POLICY WILL REDUCE THREATS TO MIGRATORY BIRDS – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in February released a new policy (http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/regulations/Instruction_Memos_and_Bulletins/national_instruction/2016/IM_2016-023.html) to reduce a common hazard to migratory birds and other wildlife that can become trapped and die in uncapped pipes on public lands. When fully implemented the new guidance could save more than 100,000 birds a year. The new policy requires agency personnel to identify pipes on BLM facilities and BLM-managed structures like fences, signposts, survey markers, outbuilding vents, and other structures. Where possible, BLM employees are directed to cap, close, remove or screen open pipes. In addition, all open pipes on future facilities are required to have permanent caps or screens to prevent harm to wildlife. The policy does not require action from public land lessees or permittees, but does provide useful guidance for those willing to take voluntary action. “This is a small change that will make a big difference,” said BLM Director Neil Kornze. “Too often birds, bats, lizards, snakes, and small mammals find themselves unable to escape from pipes and vents.” 100,000 bird deaths could be avoided annually. The American Bird Conservancy and others have been pushing for the change for years. Mining companies started utilizing the PVC pipes with 4- to 6-inch diameters as cheaper, more visible alternatives to traditional wooden stakes about 40 years ago. “A recent examination of 854 pipes found 879 dead birds — an average of more than one per pipe — as well as 113 reptiles and mammals,” said Steve Holmer, senior policy adviser for the American Bird Conservancy. “The ash-throated flycatcher and mountain bluebird were the most frequent victims, but other species commonly trapped included woodpeckers, sparrows, shrikes, kestrels and owls. A many as 30 bird mortalities were recorded in a single pipe during a similar study in Oregon in 2011,” he said.

FOR WHOOPING CRANES, LEARNING THE MIGRATION PATH IS NOT ENOUGH –15 years ago, the USFWS and Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP), began using ultralight aircraft to teach young captive-reared whooping cranes a migration path between Wisconsin and Florida. It was quite an involved process: the caretakers raising the young whoopers wear long white gowns with hoods and phony beaks in an attempt to prevent the chicks from imprinting on humans. While still very young, the cranes are introduced to the plane and its costumed pilot and taught to follow it around. When the cranes start learning to fly, it is the ultralight that serves as the surrogate parent, ultimately leading a small flock of youngsters on their first annual migration to Florida. In the 15 years of this experiment, the partnership appears to have been successful at reaching the migratory component of the goal of establishing a self-sustaining migratory population of whooping cranes in the eastern United States. The migratory flock now number about 100 birds. But, a key component for a self-sustaining flock is missing: reproductive success is almost non-existent. Although they mate and lay eggs fine, fewer than 1 in 10 reproducing pairs have a chick that lives more than four months. Current captive rearing techniques may not give whooping cranes the characteristics they need to successfully reproduce in the wild. WCEP has examined various tools over the years to increase reproductive success. An external review of WCEP operations in 2010 recommended reducing artificiality and giving priority to release methods that rely less on exposure to humans. In 2013, the WCEP guidance team amended their existing 5-year strategic plan to reflect these recommendations. Additionally, a “Science Re-boot” workshop, held in spring 2015 with scientists working on wildlife restorations throughout the world, also raised concerns about the artificiality of captive rearing. The Service now believes it is appropriate to focus on rearing and release tools that are less artificial, and which have the greatest potential to increase reproductive success in the population. Operation Migration, one of the members of WCEP, has made an invaluable contribution to the effort to establish the EMP by pioneering novel reintroduction methods, recreating a whooping crane migration route, engaging communities and educating thousands of people about whooping crane conservation. However, ultralight-led rearing and release is more artificial and costly than any other currently used release method and does not appear to yield substantially better results. The USFWS supports minimizing anthropogenic effects of captive rearing on whooping cranes by using methods that mimic the conditions experienced by wild whooping cranes as closely as practicable. The Service will work closely with partners to phase out ultralight-led rearing and release methods and revise other rearing and release methods to more closely mimic the conditions experienced by wild hatched whooping cranes. In WCEP’s next 5-year strategic plan, the Service will prioritize the allocation of eggs for use in methods with shorter periods of captivity and more limited exposure to costumed humans. The 2015 fall release was the last of the ultralight-led releases.

POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Positions and Opportunities section is available only in the on-line edition. It can be accessed at (<http://osnabirds.org/Jobs.aspx>). Submissions can be made any time and are posted free of charge. Members may post directly to the board after logging in to OSNA using their OSNA member log in. Non-members may submit announcements on-line and the announcements will be posted after approval by a moderator. If problems occur with online submission, please send your announcement to the Ornithological Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Trine (EM: ctrine@andrews.edu) in the body of the email message.

E-LIST SERVICE is available. Subscribers to this list will receive the same announcements that appear on-line in a weekly/biweekly list. To subscribe, send the following message to: <lyris@cornell.edu>, in the body of the message type: join Birdjobs-L “your name”. The subject line should be blank. Please use the “plain text only” e-mail format option, include your own name in the message, and put quotation marks around your name.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

FOR INFORMATION ON CONTINUING GRANTS PROGRAMS relevant to ornithological research, visit: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/grants/index.html>. For other grant opportunities, visit: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/139-grants-awards/>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

ECOLOGY AND PRESERVATION OF LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKENS, David A. Haukos and Clint W. Boal, 2017. (Volume 48 of the *Studies in Avian Biology*) CRC Press and Cooper Ornithological Society. 376 pp., 8 color and 50 black and white illustrations. ISBN: 9781482240221 (Hardcover, \$179.95) (eBook, \$125.97). Ecology and Conservation of Lesser Prairie-Chickens provides a compendium of data, analytical results, and synthesis generated among expert wildlife biologists, conservation biologists, and ornithologists. It thoroughly reviews the life history, genetics, and ecology of the species, and is ultimately directed toward developing and establishing appropriate conservation management strategies. It presents a detailed analysis of the issues and risks relative to conservation as well as an overview of potential conservation tools. It also addresses the challenges that natural resource managers continue to face in their current conservation efforts.

PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS BIRDS IN PHOTOS AND AUDIO by Mark Oberle available on the App Store – <http://tinyurl.com/prandvibirds> Read reviews, compare customer ratings, see screenshots, and learn more about Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Birds in Photos and Audio. Download Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Birds in Photos and Audio and enjoy it on your iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch. Although useful for the general user, the app has features for advanced users and professionals: an extensive bibliography, breeding bird atlas maps, and some novel features including animated spectrograms of most species. Background review from *BirdsCaribbean*: <http://www.birdscaribbean.org/2015/10/the-birds-of-puerto-rico-and-the-virgin-islands-in-your-pocket/>

MEETINGS

A 'permanent' meeting list is maintained on BIRDNET (URL: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/ornith/birdmeet.html>) showing planned ornithological meetings as far into the future as possible.

* in this section indicates new or revised entry

SATELLITE CONFERENCE ON EGGS (BIRDS, REPTILES), **3 Jul 2016**, funded by the Society for Experimental Biology, to run the day before the Society for Experimental Biology's (SEB) Annual Main Meeting (AMM) in Brighton (UK) next year. This conference is being organized by Dr Steve Portugal (Royal Holloway, UK) & Prof Mark Hauber (Hunter College, USA). The Satellite Meeting aims to cover a range of topics, from physiology, behaviour and biotechnology, to biomimetics, parasitology and evolution. Confirmed speakers include Claire Spottiswoode (Cambridge), Charles Deeming (Lincoln), Caren Cooper (North Carolina Museum), Brani Igic (Akron), Wendy Reed (North Dakota) and David Booth (UQ). There is a poster session, and those submitting posters can also submit a lightening (Pecha Kucha) talk abstract, where the speaker has 3 minutes to present a poster oral abstract ahead of the poster session. More information can be found via the following website, http://www.sebiology.org/meetings/Egg_Satellite_2016/Egg_Satellite_2016.html, and the attached flyer. More details (inc registration fees) will follow shortly, and be available on the website. More information about the SEB AMM and Brighton, which runs for 5 days following the Egg Satellite Meeting, can be found at: http://www.sebiology.org/meetings/Brighton_2016/Brighton_2016.html. We hope you can join, and consider submitting an abstract for a talk.

THE SIXTH NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE (NAOC VI), Washington, D.C., **16-21 Aug 2016**. The theme we have chosen is "Bringing Science and Conservation Together." It's an appropriate theme at an appropriate time for a conference in DC. Federal agencies and conservation partners are excited about the diverse community that will come together for this meeting. We hope to provide something of interest to a wide audience, from agency staff to young ornithologists from all over the globe. You'll not want to miss this meeting where we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (August, 1916), and lay out a science agenda for bird conservation for the next 100 years. We have an extraordinary line-up of pre-conference workshops, plenary speakers, and symposia. Oral Presentation Abstracts Due: **15 Apr 2016**. Poster Abstracts Due: **6 May 2016**. Early registration through **1 May 2016**. Visit us on the web (<http://naoc2016.cvent.com>) or on Facebook.

6TH INTERNATIONAL ALBATROSS AND PETREL CONFERENCES (IAPC6), **19-23 Sep 2016**, at Paraním de la Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. Abstract Submission Deadline: **31 Mar 2016**. Early Bird Registration Deadline: **31 Mar 2016**. Website: <http://www.iapc6.info/>

THE 40TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY, New Bern, North Carolina, **20-23 Sep 2016**. Because the Waterbird Society is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2016, we are planning a celebration of the first 40 years of the Society, complete with displays of the Society's early formative days, so please make plans to join us in New Bern. Meeting information, including details on the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, field trips, accommodations, and special events is posted on the Waterbird Society web site (<http://www.waterbirds.org/>). Daily early morning and evening birding trips will be offered, as well as longer field trips on 24 and 25 September. Historical New Bern, a city of approximately 30,000 people, is located at the confluence of the Trent and Neuse rivers as they flow into the Pamlico Sound, bordered by the Outer Banks chain of barrier islands; it is a water wonderland! We look forward to seeing you in New Bern in 2016.

*RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION CONFERENCE on **16-20 Oct 2016**. New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Bird Observatory will host the annual conference at historic Cape May, New Jersey. The conference will be held on the oceanfront at the Grand Hotel of Cape May and will commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the Raptor Research Foundation and the 40 year anniversary of the Cape May Hawk Watch. Plenary speakers will include raptor ecologist Dr. Ian Newton, Dr. Carol McIntyre (Wildlife Biologist with Denali National Park in Alaska), and Dr. Yossi Leshem (Director of the International Center for the Study of Bird Migration in Israel). The 70th annual NJ Audubon Cape May Autumn Birding Festival will be held immediately following the RRF Conference, allowing conference attendees to take advantage of being in one of North America's top birding destinations during peak migration. Call for papers and symposia plus conference information may be viewed at: <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference>

QUAIL 8 – NATIONAL QUAIL SYMPOSIUM, **26-28 Jul 2017**, Knoxville, Tennessee, US. Sponsored by the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative & National Bobwhite Technical Committee, Quail 8 is part of a series of quail symposia dating back to 1972, featuring management and research. For more information see, <http://www.quailcount.org/quail8/home.html>

2017 JOINT MEETING AOU / COS and SCO/SOC, **31 Jul - 5 Aug, 2017**, Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan. The American Ornithologists' Union, Cooper Ornithological Society, Society of Canadian Ornithologists will meet jointly at Michigan State University, Lansing, MI

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*5TH WORLD OWL CONFERENCE, **22-26 Mar 2017**. NOTE REVISED DATES. Conference will take place in Italy, where it was held in 2007 the last time. Save the date and start thinking about what kind of research you would like to present during the most rich and interesting convention about owls ever. Apart from the plenary convention session, the 5th World Owl Conference will take place in a location, Venaus, that will give you the chance to attend many side events and owl-and-nature-themed initiatives. Soon we will give you all the technical information about travelling and overnight stay, and all the practical information about the scientific reports. Follow us on our official website, <http://www.woc2016.it> and on our official facebook page. The deeds of this important conference will be published in an elegant volume that will be released as a supplement to an important Italian ornithology magazine. The convention will take extra care of anyone who will come with you: families, friends, wives, children, etc. During the whole conference, special guided tours will be arranged to visit stunning Italian locations. An owl conference in Italy is also a unique chance to visit the most beautiful country in the World! For information you can write to (EM: info@woc2016.it). We are waiting for you in Italy! Organizing Committee, World Owl Conference 2016.

*27TH INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, **19 - 26 Aug 2018**, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The meeting venue is the Vancouver Convention Centre. Nominations for plenary speakers and proposals for symposia must be received on or before **1 May 2016**. For general meeting information and updates, including special events, field trips, local attractions, and links to social media pages, please register on <http://www.IOCongress2018.com>. Mid-Congress Tours on Friday, 24 August 2018 will showcase the best of birding on the spectacular west coast of beautiful British Columbia. Pre- and post-Congress tours will not only include prime Canadian, including the Arctic, destinations but also Ecuadorian Cloud Forest, Amazon and Galapagos expeditions - in celebration of this being the first Congress on the Pacific Coast of the Americas.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

BRINA KESSEL, a member of the AOU since 1948 (Elective member 1954, Fellow 1973), AFO since 1983, COS since 1951 and WOS since 1946, passed away on 1 Mar 2016. She was president of the AOU from 1992 to 1994. Born in Ithaca, NY, in 1925. After obtaining her Ph.D. from Cornell, she journeyed to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, in 1951 and never looked back. Among various positions she held, she was Dean of the College of Biological Sciences and Renewable Resources for a decade and served as the Curator of Terrestrial Vertebrate Collections (birds and mammals) for which her research took her to nearly every corner of Alaska. Brina published numerous ornithological papers and books and received many honors.

THE FLOCK - SPECIAL SECTION

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THE MOST RECENT NUMBERS of the Society journals and the month of mailing are: *Auk*, 2015, Vol. 133, #1 (Jan); *Condor*, 2015, Vol. 118, #1 (Feb), *J. Field Ornith.*, 2016, Vol. 87, #1 (Mar), *Raptor Res.*, 2015, Vol. 49, #4 (Dec), *Waterbirds*, 2015, Vol. 38, #4 (Dec), *Wilson J. Ornith.*, 2015, Vol. 127, #4 (Dec). Numbers follow at about 3-month intervals. If you are missing an issue, please contact OSNA. New members receive the first issue of the volume year. Please check your address label to confirm membership information and address.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in June. Items you wish to have included must reach the Editor, CHERYL L. TRINE, 3889 E. Valley View, Berrien Springs, MI 49103 (PH: 269-471-7886; EM: ctrine@andrews.edu), by **1 May 2016**. Please submit announcements by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file). Items sent to the OSNA office may not reach the Editor in time. Items with deadline dates should be submitted at least four months in advance of that date to allow time for response.