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AOU AND COS JOIN FORCES, WILL BECOME THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY – At the historic NAOC VI meeting last month in Washington D.C., where more ornithologists--representing 41 countries--were brought together than ever before, the American Ornithologists' Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society proudly announced their decision to bring their membership together as the American Ornithological Society, or AOS, in the very near future. In recent years we have actively collaborated as separate organizations: meeting together, publishing our journals jointly, and working together to benefit the conservation of birds. After a year of fact-finding and due diligence, and in response to the tremendous positive feedback of our membership, our two societies have voted overwhelmingly to merge. You can learn more about the plans for the American Ornithological Society on the AmericanOrnithology.org website: <http://www.americanornithology.org/content/aou-and-cos-merger-status>.

THE NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE VI was held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C., 16-20 Aug 2016. The conference was a joint meeting hosted and organized by American Ornithologists' Union, Association of Field Ornithologists, Birds-Caribbean, CIPAMEX, Cooper Ornithological Society, Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, Society of Canadian Ornithologists, Sociedad de Ornitología Neotropical, and Wilson Ornithological Society. Along with the support of the sponsoring societies, the conference was hosted by the Smithsonian Institution and the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center. PETER MARRA, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, chaired the NAOC Steering Committee and COURTNEY CONWAY, University of Idaho, chaired the Scientific Program Committee. There were over 2100 registrants, representing 42 countries. The program included 4 plenary lectures, 398 papers in 39 symposia, and 1074 contributed papers (675 oral papers and 399 posters). Highlights of the joint meeting include the following:

- THE JOINT PRESENTATION AWARDS COMMITTEE was co-chaired by Matt Carling (AOU), Mark Deutschlander (WOS), Jill Deppe (COS), Greg Mitchell (SCO-SOC), Viviana Ruiz-Gutierrez (NOS), and Angela Tringali (AFO). Awards were given to 19

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students for excellence in the rigor and quality of their scientific papers, and these awards were unranked. American Field Ornithologists recognized GLENN SEEHOLZER (Louisiana State Univ.): "Complex patterns of population divergence underly dramatic phenotypic cline in an Andean songbird" and SANTIAGO DAVID (Univ. British Columbia): "Foraging niche structure and coexistence in a highly diverse community of Amazonian antbirds (Thamnophiliidae: Aves)." American Ornithologists' Union Council Awards went to NICHOLAS SLY (Univ. Montana): "Independent evolution among the modular subcomponents of avian plumage" and GUNNAR KRAMER (Univ. Minnesota): "Nonbreeding isolation and population-specific migration routes among three populations of Golden-winged Warblers." AOU's Nellie Johnson Baroody Award went to ALLISON LANSVERK (East Carolina Univ.): "Domestication and adaptation to captivity in the Zebra Finch (*Taeniopygia guttata*)." AOU's Robert B. Berry Award went to LAURA FARWELL (West Virginia Univ.): "Breeding songbird response to Marcellus-Utica shale gas well and infrastructure development." AOU's Mark E. Hauber Award went to PING HUANG (Univ. Florida): "Phenotypic integration among melanic morphological trait, stress hormone profiles and personality in male Northern Cardinals (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)." Cooper Ornithological Society presented the Frances F. Roberts Award to RICHARD HEDLEY (UCLA): "Is there more to song matching than meets the ear? Evidence from a complex singer," a COS Board of Director Awards to MICHELLE PEACH (SUNY): "Single-visit dynamic occupancy models: An approach to account for imperfect detection with Atlas data," the A. Brazier Howell Award to KATIE LABARBERA (UC Berkeley): "Fieldwork and computer simulation reveal cryptic life history variation along an elevation gradient in the Dark-eyed Junco in California," and two COS Board of Director Awards to ANDY BOYCE (Univ. Montana): "Live fast and die young? -- Does resting metabolic rate explain variation in adult survival probability within and across latitudes?" and MICHELLE PEACH, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, "Single-visit dynamic occupancy models: An approach to account for imperfect detection with Atlas data" NOS recognized SARA LIPSHUTZ (Tulane Univ.): "Differential aggression between hybridizing, sex-role reversed species" and RUTH BENNETT (Cornell Univ.): "Sexual segregation in overwintering Golden-winged Warblers (Vermivora chrysoptera) at multiple spatial scales." Society of Canadian Ornithologists recognized KYLE HORTON (Univ. Oklahoma): "Avian flight strategies, exploring how migrants cope with wind drift across a latitudinal gradient," KIRSTEN GROND (Kansas State Univ.): "Early-life Microbial Colonization and Succession of the Avian Gastrointestinal Tract," ANNA TIGANO (Queen's Univ.): "The genomic basis of bridling and thermal adaptation in a dimorphic seabird," and LAUREL MCDONALD (Univ. Manitoba): "Landscape composition influences area sensitivity by songbirds in Manitoba's endangered tall-grass prairie ecosystem." Wilson Ornithological Society awarded the Alexander Wilson Prize for the best student oral presentation to SAHAS BARVE (Cornell Univ.): "Elevational movement patterns drive hemoglobin concentration in Himalayan birds: A Tensing and Hillary story." The Lynds Jones Prize for best student poster presentation was awarded to JESSICA BRAUCH (Colorado St. Univ.): "Evaluation of Population Monitoring Strategies for Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) in Northwestern Colorado: Genetic Mark-Recapture as an Alternative to Traditional Lek Counts." Benjamin Van Doren, Cornell University, received the Nancy Klamm Best Undergraduate Student Oral Paper Award for "Conserved genomic landscapes of genetic diversity and divergence across an avian family." Katie Low, Oregon State University, received the Nancy Klamm Best Undergraduate Student Poster Award for "Using feathers to monitor mercury: weak correlations to internal tissues suggest limitations."

- THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS (including the AOU's Marcia Brady Tucker travel awards) was co-chaired by Matt Carling (AOU Chair), Meg Hatch (WOS), Julie Jedlicka (AFO), Dan Mennill (SCO-SOC), Dennis Siegfried (WOS), Dave Swanson (COS), and granted awards to 351 students to help defray expenses for transportation to the joint meeting
- The 135th Stated Meeting of the American Ornithological Society (representing the merged American American Ornithologists' Union and Cooper Ornithological Society) and the 35th meeting of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists - Société des Ornithologistes du Canada will be held jointly in East Lansing, Michigan, USA, 31 July to 05 August 2017.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 134th STATED MEETING OF THE AOU – AOU members elected three officers: President-Elect KATHY MARTIN, Secretary ANDREW W. JONES, and Treasurer REBECCA T. KIMBALL. Members also elected the Class of 2019 Elective Councilors MELISSA S. BOWLIN, RENEE A. DUCKWORTH, SCOTT V. EDWARDS, and NATHANIEL T. WHEELWRIGHT.

- The AOU Council re-elected MARK HAUBER as Editor of *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*.
- The William Brewster Memorial Award, bestowed each year to the author or co-authors of an exceptional body of work on birds of the Western Hemisphere, was presented to Dr. PATRICIA PARKER of the University of Missouri-Saint Louis and the Saint Louis Zoo. The last two decades of Dr. Parker's forty-year research career have focused on the evolution, diseases, and conservation of the birds of the Galápagos Islands. She has made enormous contributions to ornithology through the development of creative new applications of DNA analysis while producing more than 180 publications and training and inspiring a broad array of students and professionals early in their career.
- The Elliott Coues Achievement Award, recognizing outstanding and innovative contributions to ornithological research, was presented to Dr. MICHAEL SORENSON of Boston University. Dr. Sorenson's research focuses on the ecology of brood parasitism, and his drive to understand its origins has also led him into the study of molecular evolution and systematics; he is recognized as a leader in both fields. He is a highly productive and published scientist with broad influence in his field.
- The Ralph W. Schreiber Conservation Award, recognizing extraordinary scientific contributions to the conservation, restoration, or preservation of birds and their habitats, was presented to Dr. JOHN FITZPATRICK, head of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Under Dr. Fitzpatrick's leadership, the Cornell Lab has grown into a force for conservation, with education and outreach programs that bring bird science to the public. His work on the ecology of Florida Scrub-Jays has helped slow the decline of this threatened species.
- The Ned K. Johnson Young Investigator Award, recognizing work by an ornithologist early in his/her career who shows distinct promise for future leadership in the profession, was presented to Dr. MARY CASWELL STODDARD. Having just completed a three-year Junior Fellowship with the Harvard Society of Fellows, Dr. Stoddard is moving on to an Assistant Professorship at Princeton University. Her research brings together collaborators from many fields to study the evolution and ecology of eggs, color, and mimicry.
- The Marion Jenkinson Service Award, given to an individual who has performed continued extensive service to the AOU, was presented to Dr. JAMES HERKERT, Director of Resource Conservation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Dr. Herkert, recognized for his influential research on grassland birds, served as an outstanding and forward-thinking steward of AOU's assets while Treasurer of the society for nearly a decade.
- AOU Fellows elected 21 new Fellows: ERIN MICHAEL BAYNE (University of Alberta), WILLIAM M. BLOCK (US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station), LEONARD A. BRENNAN (Texas A&M University), CARLOS DANIEL CADENA (Universidad de los Andes), ANGELO P. CAPPARELLA (Illinois State University), DEANNA K. DAWSON (US Geological Survey, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center), ROBERT H. DAY (ABR, Inc.-Environmental Research & Services), EMILY DUVAL (Florida State University), PAUL L. FLINT (US Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center), THOMAS L. GEORGE (Bird Conservancy of the Rockies), EDUARDO J. IÑIGO-ELIAS (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), JOHN T. KLICKA (Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, University of Washington), STEVEN T. KNICK (US Geological Survey, Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center), RICHARD B. LANC TOT (US Fish and Wildlife Service), KEVIN J. MCGRRAW (Arizona State University), CAROL L. MCINTYRE (Denali National Park and Preserve), ROBERT G. MOYLE (University of Kansas), MARGARET R. PETERSEN (US Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center), PETER PYLE (The Institute for Bird Populations, Point Reyes Station), GREGORY J. ROBERTSON (Environment and Climate Change Canada), and REBECCA SAFRAN (University of Colorado).
- AOU Fellows and Elective Members elected 33 new Elective Members: JUAN IGNACIO ARETA (Instituto de Bio y Geociencias del Noroeste de Argentina), MATTHEW GREGORY BETTS (Oregon State University), MICHAEL WILLIAM BUTLER (Lafayette College), SANTIAGO CLARAMUNT (American Museum of Natural History), EMILY B. COHEN (Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, National Zoological Park), MATTHEW A. ETTERSON (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), DAVID CHARLES EVERS (Biodiversity Research Institute), VALENTINA FERRETTI (Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales), ELIZABETH A. GOW (University of British Columbia), JENNIFER L. GRINDSTAFF (Oklahoma State University), SEBASTIAN K. HERZOG (Asociación Armonía/BirdLife International), PETER A. HOSNER (University of Florida), JERRY W. HUPP (Alaska Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey), ALVARO P. JARAMILLO (San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory), ERIK I. JOHNSON (Audubon Louisiana), JEFF A. JOHNSON (University of North Texas), JOHN N. MAGER III (Ohio Northern University), RYAN D. NORRIS (University of Guelph), GAIL LISA PATRICELLI (University of California, Davis), ANNA M. PIDGEON (University of Wisconsin), MARGARET A. RUBEGA (University of Connecticut), VIVIANA RUIZ-GUTIERREZ (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), JANET M. RUTH (U.S. Geological Survey), DAIZABURO SHIZUKA (University of Nebraska), ALISON R. STYRING (The Evergreen State College), COREY ELIZABETH TARWATER (University of Wyoming), JOSE G. TELLO (Long Island University), ELAINA M. TUTTLE (Indiana State University), AL UY (University of Miami), MAREN N. VITOUSEK (Cornell University), JARED D. WOLFE (Pacific Southwest Research Station, U.S. Geological Survey), L. LAREESA WOLFENBARGER (University of Nebraska, Omaha), and JEAN L. WOODS (Delaware Museum of Natural History).

THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY HELD ITS 86TH ANNUAL MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH NAOAC VI IN WASHINGTON, D.C. KIM SULLIVAN was the Cooper Society representative on the meeting planning committee along with representatives of the other societies.

- The Society's Young Professional Award recognizes early-career researchers for their outstanding scientific research and contributions to the ornithological profession. In 2016, the society awarded Young Professional Awards to DANIEL BALDASSARRE, University of Miami, "Sexual selection and speciation in the red-backed fairywren", and PETER HOSNER, University of Florida, "Continental" bird speciation in an oceanic archipelago".
- The Society's Loye and Alden Miller Research Award for lifetime achievement in ornithological research was presented to WALTER KOENIG, for his foundational contributions to ornithology, ecology, and behavioral ecology and the uniting of these and related disciplines through his integrative, interdisciplinary investigations of birds and their environments. His long-term study of Acorn Woodpeckers, which he continues to lead after more than four decades of continual investigation, is among the most influential of such studies, in part because it has continued to evolve as new generations of field and lab techniques provided opportunities to ask new questions at all levels of biological organization, from proximate to ultimate.
- The Katma Award, for an outstanding paper related to ornithology that offers unconventional idea or innovative approaches, was presented to Drs. MUHAMMAD ASGHAR, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, DENNIS HASSELQUIST, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, BENGT HANSSON, Lund University, PAVEL ZEHTINDJIEV, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria, HELENA WESTERDAHL, Lund University, STAFFAN BENSCH, Lund University, for their paper "Hidden costs of infection: Chronic

malaria accelerates telomere degradation and senescence in wild birds" which appeared in 2015 in *Science* (347:436-438).

- The Society's Grinnell Award went to SHEELA TURBEK, University of Colorado, for her proposal "The relative significance of migration and sexual signaling in gene flow across replicate hybrid zones".
- The Society's Mewaldt-King Awardees were: IAN AUSPREY, University of Florida, "How does habitat fragmentation regulate the composition and genetic connectivity of high elevation Andean forest bird communities", and BRAD WOODWORTH, University of Guelph, "Year-round environmental drivers of population dynamics in a migratory songbird". Honorable mentions were given to: VITEK JIRINEC, Louisiana State University, "Space use phenology in a tropical understory insectivore: Implications for climate change effects", ROSE SWIFT, Cornell University, "Eco-evolutionary consequences of reproductive investment in a changing world", ANDREW TITMUS, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, "Modeling Habitat Preferences of Tahiti Petrel (*Pseudobulweria rostrata*), Herald Petrel (*Pterodroma heraldica*), and Tropical Shearwater (*Puffinus balloni*) in American Samoa", BRAM VERHEIJEN, Kansas State University, "Effects of habitat heterogeneity on movements and survival of fledgling Dickcissels", and JAMES WRIGHT, Ohio State University, "Habitat use and migratory stopover ecology of the Rusty Blackbird".
- Two colleagues were nominated and elected to Honorary Membership: CARLA CICERO and JEFF KELLY.
- The members of the Society, through online balloting, elected ELI BRIDGE, HELEN JAMES, and KIM SULLIVAN to three year terms as members of the Board of Directors. Many thanks go to retiring board members ALICE BOYLE, KEVIN MCGRAW, and JOHN ROTENBERRY.
- In the Board of Directors' meetings, the following individuals were elected to or continue in office: MARTIN RAPHAEL, President; ANNA CHALFOUN, President-elect; ABBY POWELL, Secretary; T. J. Fontaine, Assistant Secretary; BARBARA KUS, Treasurer; MARY WHITFIELD, Assistant Treasurer; PHIL STOUFFER, Editor-in-Chief of *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*, and KATE HUYVAERT, Editor of *Studies in Avian Biology*.

THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS held its Annual Meeting in Washington DC, USA, in conjunction with the North American Ornithological Conference, 16-20 August 2016.

- The Best Student Publication Award in *The Journal of Field Ornithology* was presented to KRISTEN G. DILLON, University of Arizona, for her paper (with coauthor COURTNEY J. CONWAY) "Elevational gradient in clutch size of Red-faced Warblers".
- Bergstrom research awards were presented to DANIEL PASCUAL CÁCERES APAZA, Universidad Nacional de Cuyo; EMILIANO AGUSTIN DEPINO, Universidad Nacional de Tucumán; CRISTIAN ANDRÉS GOROSITO, Centro de Investigación Esquel de Montaña y Estepa Patagónica; FERNANDO HENRIQUE TEÓFILO DE ABREU, Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia; ALE JANDRO ALBERTO SCHAAF, Universidad Nacional de Salta; CLAYTON DELANCEY, Ball State University; ELIZABETH AMES, Ohio State University; KATIE SCHROEDER, East Carolina University; JAMES WRIGHT, Ohio State University; LEE BRYANT, Arkansas State University.
- A Pamela and Alexander F. Skutch Fund Research Award was given to RENATA BIANCALANA, Mackenzie Presbyterian University, to study cypseloidine swifts in Brazil.
- Elected to a new term as AFO officer: PAUL RODEWALD, President; DANIEL ARDIA, Vice President; DALE GAWLIK, Secretary; SCOTT SUTCLIFFE, Treasurer.
- Elected to new or continuing term on the AFO Council, Class of 2019: MATTHEW SHUMAR, JULIE JEDLICKA, DANIEL CRISTOL, ROBERT ALDREDGE, AND IAN AUSPREY.
- The 2017 annual meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists will be held **8-12 August** as a joint meeting with the Society of Brazilian Ornithology and Aves Argentina in Puerto Iguazu, Argentina.

THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY held its annual meeting in joint session with the NAOC-VI, 15 to 20 August, 2016, at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC.

- The 2016 WOS Margaret Morse Nice Medal was awarded to John Wingfield, who presented the plenary lecture "Nomads, pioneers and fugitives: on the move in a capricious world." Edward H. (Jed) Burt, Jr., was chosen for the 2016 William and Nancy Klamm Service Award. Joint NAOC/WOS Student Travel Awards were presented to all 372 eligible applicants.
- The recipients of the first annual Jed Burt Mentoring Grants were Kathryn Marshall, Saint Mary's College, and her mentor, Joel Ralston, for "Documenting regional variation in genetic diversity in boreal forest bird populations threatened by climate change," and Madison Sutton, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and her mentor, Mark Deutschlander, for "Orientation and energetics of migrant warblers during spring at a northern stopover site."
- Two Louis Agassiz Fuertes Grants were awarded this year, to Jaime Coon, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for "Grassland birds, an invasive grass, and arthropods: a potential trophic cascade in an actively managed landscape," and to Isabel Rojas, University of Wisconsin, for "The effect of landscape corridors on birds with varying traits." Wanyoike Wamiti, National Museums of Kenya, won the George A. Hall/Harold F. Mayfield Grant for the study "Examination of macro and haemoparasites in a Kenyan avian community."
- Paul A. Stewart Grants were received by Alicia Brunner, The Ohio State University, for "Seasonal changes in habitat utilization of a wintering migrant songbird in response to moisture and prey abundance"; Bryant Dossman, Cornell University, for "Migratory behavior and winter habitat quality: can birds compensate for migratory delays?"; Natasha Hagemeyer, Old Dominion University, for "Examining the long tail: long distance dispersal in a cooperatively breeding species"; and Charles van Rees, Tufts University, for "Integrating molecular tools and automated telemetry to test hypotheses for connectivity in a tropical habitat specialist."
- Wilson Ornithological Society Research Grants were received by Eleanor Diamant, Columbia University, for "Characterizing female-limited polymorphisms across the Trochilidae phylogeny"; Mariamar Gutierrez Ramirez, University of Massachusetts Amherst, for "The effect of lean body mass on migratory decisions of Nearctic-Neotropical migrants after crossing an ecological barrier in spring"; Jennifer Phillips, Tulane University, for "What are the functional consequences of urbanized songs for female choice?"; and Joshua Robertson, McMaster University, for "Brood parasitism as an evolutionary route to cooperative breeding in birds."
- The Edwards Prize for the best paper published in volume 127 (2015) of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* was awarded to Peter A. Hosner, Michael J. Andersen, Mark B. Robbins, Abraham Urbay-Tello, Luis Cueto-Aparicio, Karen Verde-Guerra, Luis A. Sánchez-González, Adolfo G. Navarro-Sigüenza, Roger L. Boyd, Jano Núñez, Jorge Tiravanti, Mariela Combe, Hannah L. Owens, and A. Townsend Peterson for "Avifaunal surveys of the Upper Apurímac River Valley, Ayacucho and Cuzco Departments, Peru: new distributional records and biogeographic, taxonomic, and conservation implications."
- The Storrs L. Olson Prize for the best book review published in volume 127 (2015) of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* was awarded to Donald C. Dearborn for his review of "The book of eggs: a life-size guide to the eggs of six hundred of the world's bird species" by Mark E. Hauber.
- The following officers were elected: Sara R. Morris, President; Mark E. Deutschlander, First Vice-President; Jameson F. Chace, Second Vice-President; John A. Smallwood, Secretary; and Melinda M. Clark, Treasurer. The following candidates were elected as Members of Council for 2016-2019: William Brown, Joel Ralston, and Todd Underwood.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VITAL RATES OF NORTH AMERICAN LANDBIRDS WEBSITE – The Institute for Bird Populations announces the completion of the Vital Rates of North American Landbirds website, which provides results of temporal and spatial modeling of capture-mark-recapture and constant-effort capture data on 158 landbird species collected as part of the Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) program between 1992 and 2006. These analyses provide year- and BCR-specific estimates of, and pairwise correlations among, annual population change (λ), adult apparent survival, recruitment, residency, and indices of adult population density, productivity (young/adult), and post-breeding effects (recruitment/productivity) for each of the 158 species. Species account narratives for each species discuss the results of these analyses, and provide hypotheses regarding the demographic drivers of temporal and spatial variation in annual population change and where in the annual cycle these drivers may act, along with suggestions for research and management efforts to reverse population declines and maintain stable or increasing populations. This resource, that may help to inform conservation efforts for these species, may be accessed at <http://www.vitalratesofnorthamericanlandbirds.org>

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

BROKEN WING DISPLAY SURVEY – Our mission is to create a phylogenetic tree based on the presence of the broken-wing display in birds of the world, along with determining whether this behavior is a learned or inherent trait in these birds' populations. In order to properly research these questions, we need a huge amount of data from a broad range of observers. The broken wing display is defined as a parent feigning an injury to the wing in order to lure an intruder and potential predator away from a nest, nestlings, or young. The severity of the reaction varies, but the theme of dragging wings and moving steadily away from the nest is consistent in literature. We would like this survey to be filled out by anyone who has witnessed the broken wing display. The survey is located at <https://goo.gl/forms/lDCb1wJvJ4hDyzJl2> We appreciate your participation, Cal Poly SLO Broken Wing Team (EM: brokenwingteam.calpoly AT gmail.com)

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 AT andrews.edu) in the body of the email message.

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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/>

HOLOHILL GRANT PROGRAM – For more than 30 years Holohill Systems Ltd. has supported endangered species research and educational work for a variety of agencies and researchers. We have donated transmitters and services predominately for bat and raptor research. While we still have a strong commitment to these two groups of animals, we wish to extend our support to other species that have not previously been included. To this end, we wish to extend our support to research projects that have of high value for their species, a sound research design, and a positive conservation intention. We are proud to introduce our new Holohill Grant Program which aims to offer Holohill transmitters at a reduced (or no) cost to projects deserving of support. Holohill Grant Program would like to support projects that generally meet the following criteria: *The project makes significant use of Holohill transmitters for data collection. *The project aims to advance scientific knowledge. *The project contributes to conservation. *The project engages/educates the public. *The project involves underrepresented study species of high research or conservation value. Applications submitted to the Holohill Grant Program will be judged for suitability by outside (impartial), skilled researchers and experienced professionals invited to participate as HGP Review Committee Members. Submissions will be accepted from all parts of the globe and support will be awarded four times a year. For full details visit our website: <http://www.holohill.com/grant-program/>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

THE BLACK SWIFT IN IDAHO AND BIOGRAPHY OF EARL J. LARRISON PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATURALIST by John W. Weber, 2016. The Black Swift in Idaho was originally an article accepted for publication in the journal *Western Birds*. This is the original unedited manuscript. The bulk of the publication consists of a biography of E.J. Larrison, a prolific author of books and articles on the natural history and ecology of the Northwest: mammals, birds, wildflowers, and more; illustrated with a map of the Panhandle Lake area in Washington. Stapled paperback, available for sale from Buteo Books, \$5.00 plus \$4.99 S&H: Buteo Books, 2731 Arrington Road, Arrington, VA 22922. <http://www.buteobooks.com/product/14694.html>

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

THE WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING at Point Reyes Station, California, **6-9 Oct 2016**. The 2016 meeting's theme is "Making ornithological history: past and present". The meeting will include demonstrations and workshops on a diverse array of bird research, banding, data management, and analysis of banding data. Visit the meeting webpage for information regarding registration and abstract submission: http://westernbirdbanding.org/meeting_2016.html

IV NEOTROPICAL RAPTOR CONFERENCE AND II SYMPOSIUM ON NEOTROPICAL OWLS, La Fortuna, Costa Rica from **10-13 Oct 2016**. Hosts for the conference are The Neotropical Raptor Network, The Peregrine Fund, Fundacion Rapaces de Costa Rica, and Grupo de Especialistas de Buhos Neotropicales. The conference hotel is home to gorgeous tree-top walkways that provide breath-taking views and spectacular birding opportunities.! Visit <http://nrm.peregrinefund.org> for conference details and to register online today.

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. For conference information and registration go to: <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference>

24TH SWAN CONFERENCE, 16-18 Nov 2016, Duncan, British Columbia, Canada. Swan experts and enthusiasts will gather in British Columbia's beautiful Vancouver Island to discuss the latest in swan research, conservation, management and protection at a joint conference of The Trumpeter Swan Society and the Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society. Special attention will be given to the status, management, and conservation of Trumpeter Swans in the Pacific Flyway and potential conflicts between swans and agriculture during winter. The conference will be held in Duncan, British Columbia at the Aboriginal Quw'wutsun' Cultural Centre honoring the ancient roots of the Coast Salish in the valley. World famous wildlife artist, Robert Bateman, will be the Friday night Gala's keynote speaker. Stay for the WildWings Festival as Trumpeter Swans and other birds return for winter. Follow us on our official website: <http://www.trumpeterswansociety.org/2016-conference.html>

*THE 2016 ALASKA BIRD CONFERENCE will be held in Cordova, **6-8 Dec 2016.** Online registration is now open at <http://www.alaskabirdconference.org/registration/>, and deadlines for abstract submission (15 Oct), nominations for student travel awards (9 Sep), and the Pete Isleib Award (15 Oct) are fast approaching. Please see our flier, http://www.alaskabirdconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ABC_flier.pdf, for more information. Please contact us (EM: 2016alaskabirdconference@gmail.com) with any questions.

*44TH PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP ANNUAL MEETING will be held in Tacoma, WA, **22-25 Feb 2017.** In keeping with the locale for the meeting, the theme is "Sound to Sea: Marine Birds Across the Seascape". Registration and abstract submission opens **30 Sep 2016.** Abstract submission deadline is **18 Nov 2016.** For more information, please consult the meeting webpage (<http://www.pacificseabirdgroup.org/index.php?f=meeting&t=Annual%20Meeting&s>).

*THE 129TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held from **9-12 Mar 2017** on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers, Florida. The campus is located just east of I-75 (between exits 123 and 128) and about 3 miles south of the Regional Southwest International Airport in a pine flatwoods setting crossed by a baldcypress slough and dotted with small lakes and baldcypress domes. Access to campus habitats is made possible by a nature trail through wooded areas and boardwalks through wetlands. Timing of the meeting coincides with the university's spring break and-more importantly-with the best birding of the year in southwest Florida. Winter residents will still be present and Neotropical migrants such as warblers, vireos, and Swallow-tailed Kites will be arriving daily. Resident Loggerhead Shrikes, Northern Mockingbirds, and others will be nesting. It will be well into the dry season in southwest Florida and wading birds will be concentrated at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Six-mile Cypress Slough, and the famed STA-5 (Stormwater Treatment Area-5). Nearby Bunche Beach and Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting wintering shorebirds and others arriving from the south en route to breeding grounds. Come prepared for a birding extravaganza and share with us the fruits of your ornithological research at paper sessions on Friday and Saturday. Frank Moore will present the Margaret Morse Nice plenary lecture. DEADLINES: Student Travel Grants applications, **early Dec**; abstracts, **20 Jan.** Early (discounted) registration will be open from **5 through 31 Jan.** The local host, JERRY JACKSON, may be reached at (EM: jjackson@fgcu.edu).

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. 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. For information you can write to (EM: info@woc2016.it). We are waiting for you in Italy! Organizing Committee, World Owl Conference 2016.

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>

*THE 135TH STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (representing the merged American American Ornithologists' Union and Cooper Ornithological Society) and the 35TH MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS - Société des Ornithologistes du Canada will be held jointly in East Lansing, Michigan, USA, **31 Jul to 05 Aug 2017.**

*THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS will be held **8-12 Aug 2017** as a joint meeting with the Society of Brazilian Ornithology and Aves Argentina in Puerto Iguazu, Argentina.

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

HEINZ MENG, member of AOU since 1944 and Fellow, COS since 1945, and WOS since 1943, passed away 13 August 2016 at the age of 92. Heinz was one of Arthur Allen's last students at Cornell and earned his Ph.D. in 1951. Dr. Meng taught biology at The State University of New York at New Paltz for fifty years. As a teacher he inspired many to appreciate the natural world, as a conservationist and falconer he was instrumental in developing the first regulations allowing the practice of falconry in New York state. Many of his students pursued careers in education and science.

LUC HOFFMANN, a member of AOU and Honorary Fellow since 2004, COS since 1952, WB since 1983 and WOS since 1955, passed away at the age of 93 on 21 July 2016 at his home in the Camargue wetlands of southeastern France. He served as director of Wetlands International, vice-president of IUCN and BirdLife. He was the driving force behind the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and was also a co-founder of World Wildlife Fund. His love for birds led him to secure incredible gains for conservation.

HUGH BOYD, a member of the AOU since 1992, passed away at the age of 91 on 3 July 2016. A pioneer of waterbird science and conservation, Hugh was a dedicated field researcher; he published close to 200 papers, notably on Arctic breeding geese and waders, introduced key monitoring schemes and was in the forefront of moves to improve international cooperation on wetland conservation which led to the development of the Ramsar Convention on wetlands in 1971. In 1997, he received the Doris Huestis Speirs Award from the Society of Canadian Ornithologist.

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in December. 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 AT andrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@andrews.edu)), **by 1 November 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.