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THE AOU COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF FELLOWS AND ELECTIVE MEMBERS is beginning their work of preparing nominations for 2012. Any AOU member who would like to put forward a name for consideration by the committee should contact the committee chair, SCOTT LANYON (EM: lanyo001@umn.edu), by **1 May 2012**.

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 **14 Apr 2012**. Officers will be elected by electronic and postal ballot prior to the meeting, and the new officers will be announced at the Business Meeting of Members. Officers to be elected will be President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Elective Councilors (three-year terms). At the conclusion of the 130th Stated Meeting, Susan M. Haig will begin her first year as President. The Bylaws of the AOU require that the Secretary and Treasurer be elected or re-elected annually. The incumbent Secretary (Sara R. Morris) and Treasurer (James Herkert) 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 ending their terms at the conclusion of the 130th Stated Meeting in 2012 are Peter Arcese, Rebecca L. Hoberton, J. Michael Reed, and Michael S. Webster. Continuing to serve in 2012-2013 will be Elective Councilors Irby J. Lovette, Ronald L. Mumme, Jennifer C. Owen, Scott K. Robinson, Kenneth V. Rosenberg, Ernesto Ruelas Inzunza, Brett K. Sandercock, and Kevin Winker. 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 in writing, or electronically to the Secretary, SARA R. MORRIS, Department of Biology, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208 USA (PH: 716-888-2567, FX: 716-888-3157, EM: secretary@aou.org).

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP CLASSES OF Fellow and Elective Member of the AOU are due **14 Apr 2012**. Fellows and Elective Members are encouraged to submit nominations of deserving colleagues. Nominations and full supporting information are to be supplied by the nominators. Lists of current Fellows and Elective Members are available on the AOU website (URL: <http://www.aou.org/membership/special.php3>). Nominators seeking to endorse a nominee must first obtain the instructions and forms for 2012, available on the AOU web site (URL: <http://www.aou.org/nominations.php3>) or from the Secretary, SARA R. MORRIS, Department of Biology, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208 USA (PH: 716-888-2567, FX: 716-888-3157, EM: secretary@aou.org). For ELECTIVE MEMBER nominations, the Secretary will compile and prepare information for

electronic balloting. Current Fellows and Elective Members will be contacted in June 2012 with information about accessing the biographical information and instructions for voting. For FELLOW nominations, the Secretary will compile and prepare packets to be sent to current Fellows in early June 2012. Voting will take place at the Fellows Meeting on Tuesday 14 August at the NAOC-V. The names of the newly-elected Elective Members and Fellows will be announced at the Business Meeting of AOU members during the NAOC-V meeting (currently scheduled for 16 August).

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2012 WORLD OWL HALL OF FAME AWARDS – Three people and one owl from three continents were inducted into the World Owl Hall of Fame on 3 Mar 2012 at the International Festival of Owls in Houston, MN. Denver Holt, founder of the Owl Research Institute in Charlo, MT received the Champion of Owls Award for his extensive and long-term work with a range of owl species in North America. Prof. Dr. Michael Wink, Director of the Institute of Pharmacy and Molecular Biotechnology at the University of Heidelberg in Germany, received a Special Achievement Award for his extensive work in owl systematics around the world. Carlos and Donna Royal of San Marcos, CA also received a Special Achievement Award for welcoming 21 million people from 104 countries into the experience of Barn Owl breeding biology by broadcasting a live video feed of Molly and McGee, owls nesting in a box in their backyard. Pot Plant Owl, a Spotted Eagle Owl that has nested in a pot on a balcony in Johannesburg, South Africa for four years, won the Lady Gray! Award for not only engaging hundreds of thousands of people in her breeding biology, but for inspiring 27,000 people to sign a petition to save the local wetland where she hunts from development. The purpose of the World Owl Hall of Fame awards is to bring public recognition to those who are making this world a better place for owls in a variety of different ways. Details are available online (URL: <http://www.festivalofowls.com/2012awards.htm>).

DISTANCE SAMPLING WORKSHOPS – The Centre for Research into Ecological and Environmental Modelling (CREEM) is hosting three linked workshops in the summer of 2012 in our purpose-built facilities at the University of St Andrews, Scotland. The aim of these workshops is to train participants in the latest methods for design and analysis of distance sampling surveys, including line and point transects. The workshops are taught by leading researchers in the field, using industry-standard software. The first workshop (**21-24 Aug 2012**) will run at an introductory level, and will focus on "conventional" distance sampling methods, as described in the standard reference book "Introduction to Distance Sampling." The workshop will be a blend of theory and practice and participants will learn how to use the program "Distance." Participants will gain a solid grounding in both survey design and methods of analysis for distance sampling surveys. Note that we have moved the 'automated survey design' topic out of the advanced workshop into the introductory workshop. The advanced distance sampling workshop (**27-30 Aug 2012**) will include advanced treatment of: incorporating covariates in detection function modelling, analyses in which detectability on the transect line is not assumed to be perfect (the so-called g(0) problem) and spatial (or density surface) modelling. The aim of this workshop is to bring participants up to date with the latest developments in distance sampling methods and software. It is also an opportunity for those actively engaged in the design, analysis and execution of distance sampling surveys to discuss common issues and problems, and set future research directions. The workshop will be a combination of lectures and computer sessions, with considerable time for discussion. In addition, this year we are running a one-day introduction to density estimation from passive acoustic data (**25 Aug**

2012). Passive acoustic monitoring is often used to obtain indices of relative abundance, such as number of detections per unit time. However, for many applications, the quantity we really want to estimate is absolute population abundance (i.e., the number of animals in the population) or density (number of animals per unit area). This day-long tutorial will give an insight into methods to achieve this. For all workshops, participants are encouraged to bring their own data sets, and can expect to do some preliminary analyses with their data. Computer sessions take place in our modern computer classroom (attached to the seminar room); participants can use our computers or bring their own laptops. Additional details regarding the workshop can be found at our website (URL: http://www.ruwpa.st-and.ac.uk/distance-workshops/distance2012/workshop_overview.html).

A LIFE-HISTORY STUDY OF THE ANDEAN CONDOR in modern terms is available from the Smithsonian Museum archives (use the link below to view the entire manuscript). The investigation employs contemporary techniques in the analyses of behavior and ecology. Specific objectives are: to describe simple behavior patterns and postures and determine their functions; to describe the formation and maintenance of pair bonds and the organization of reproductive activities among parents and young; to isolate characteristic social relations among condors of different sex-and-age classes, migratory status, and populations and to isolate basic principles of social structure; to describe interspecific relations, relating variation for different species and localities to ecological factors; to describe feeding behavior of condors and other avian scavengers and determine food relations among competing species; to gain an understanding of how condors fly; to describe mortality factors; and, finally, to survey how condors have influenced various South American cultures. (URL: http://ia700802.us.archive.org/16/items/TheAndeanCondorAFieldStudy/McGahan_CondorMS.pdf)

NEWS FROM THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL

Provided by the Ornithological Council. Major funding for the Ornithological Council is provided by its twelve member societies: American Ornithologists' Union, Association of Field Ornithologists, CIPAMEX, Cooper Ornithological Society, Neotropical Ornithological Society, North American Crane Working Group, Pacific Seabird Group, Raptor Research Foundation, Society of Canadian Ornithologists, Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds, Waterbird Society, and Wilson Ornithological Society. We greatly appreciate the support of individual ornithologists; contributions can be made when you renew your membership in any of the OSNA societies (on paper or online at <http://www.osnabirds.org/>) or via paypal on the BIRDNET homepage (URL: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET>). Thank you for helping the Ornithological Council in its efforts to keep the world safe for ornithology!

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES OPPOSE GRANT ACT – Sixty seven scientific societies, including the Ornithological Council, sent a letter to members of Congress voicing opposition to the GRANT Act (H.R.3433). Specifically, the letter expressed concern about a provision pertaining to peer review: "We are concerned about the provision in the GRANT Act that would require the posting of a complete copy of a funded grant proposal. Granting agencies, such as the National Science Foundation (NSF), receive proposals in confidence and protect the often proprietary nature of their contents. Reviewers are obligated to maintain the confidentiality of the proposal being reviewed and the review itself. Requiring a complete copy of a funded grant proposal to be available on a public website would seriously limit the ability of grant recipients to reap benefits from their own research. A proposal can contain intellectual property of the researcher and the institution that employs the researcher. The ideas and directions of research outlined are, in most cases, based on years of work. These ideas can also be the basis for other research performed by the proposer, including research that may not be funded by the federal government." The full letter can be read on ornithologyexchange.org (URL: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/topic/1655-urgent-notice-pending-federal-legislation-would-undermine-grant-review-process/>)

OC SUBMITS COMMENTS ON PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE - In reauthorizing the America COMPETES Act, Congress directed the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to establish a working group under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate Federal science agency research and policies related to the dissemination and long-term stewardship of the results of unclassified research, including peer-reviewed scholarly publications, supported wholly, or in part, by funding from the Federal science agencies. That legislative directive led the OSTP to issue a call for public comments (URL: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2011/11/04/2011-28623/request-for-information-public-access-to-peer-reviewed-scholarly-publications-resulting-from#p-14>). The Ornithological Council submitted comments consistent with those filed in response to similar calls for public input that have been issued over the past several years. More background and the OC comments can be found on ornithologyexchange.org (URL: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/topic/2104-the-latest-on-public-access-to-scientific-literature-reporting-federally-funded-research-for-merely-known-as-open-access/>).

ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM – On 31 Jan 2012, the OC announced to its member societies that it is initiating a small grants program. This three-year pilot program will offer grants to members of any of the OC member societies. During the pilot phase, during which OC expects to award grants totaling approximately \$7500 each year, grants will be limited to projects in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean so as to maximize the return on limited funds. Gwen Brewer has agreed to chair this committee. Dr. Brewer is one of the two representatives of the Neotropical Ornithological Society to OC board. She is a science program manager for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources was recently honored with the North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NACBI) and the Bird Habitat Joint Ventures' 2008 Bird Conservation Award. In 2011 she was accepted as an Elective Member of the American Ornithologists' Union. Dr. Brewer, who has done research on birds in Maryland, Argentina, Guatemala, Ecuador, and Chile, is currently forming the committee that will establish program policies and review proposals. Watch for a call for proposals on or about **1 April 2012**. The call will be published on ornithologyexchange.org, on the NEOORN, CIPAMEX, and SCSCB listserves, and distributed by the OC member societies (most likely via the OSNA e-mail notification system).

ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL, NORTH AMERICAN BANDING COUNCIL CALL FOR RETRACTION OF ANTI-BANDING OPINION PIECE – In the Fall 2011 issue of *The Wildlife Professional*, *The Wildlife Society* published an opinion piece by Marlene Condon calling for an end to bird banding. The Ornithological Council and the North American Banding Council along with a number of prominent banders and ornithologists submitted a letter to the publication calling for retraction of the opinion piece, pointing out that this piece does not meet the standards set by *The Wildlife Professional* that articles "are usually sent to outside experts for review to ensure completeness and accuracy of information" and that they contain "sound, verified information and well-supported arguments." The letter, which was accepted for publication in the Spring 2012 edition of *The Wildlife Professional* also asserted that "professional editorial standards dictate that an author's position and evidence underlying his or her argument—especially in a controversial opinion piece—be investigated before the piece is accepted for publication." As the author later revealed, she had no experience with bird banding beyond a single, brief visit to a banding station where, when she "saw the intense fear in the eyes of the birds being handled, I had to leave." The call for retraction also rebutted the many flawed arguments made by the author, who relied heavily on greatly simplified popular accounts unsuitable for drawing broad inferences, much less for urging changes that would have strong ramifications on scientific research. She also selectively cited a number of papers about injuries resulting from markers (some about flipper tags, not leg bands) and neglected to mention that as a result of these studies, the methods in questions had been changed. We urge anyone who finds that an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee is making use of this opinion piece to be sure to obtain a copy of the call for retraction and also urge you to contact the Ornithological Council.

OC SUBMITS COMMENTS ON FEDERAL DATA SHARING POLICIES

- In reauthorizing the America COMPETES Act, Congress directed the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to establish a working group under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate Federal science agency research and policies related to the dissemination and long-term stewardship of the results of unclassified research, including digital data. The Ornithological Council submitted comments supporting the development of data archiving and data sharing policies, subject to the availability of adequate funding and the need to allow researchers to have exclusive access to and use of their data for reasonable time after the grant period has ended, so as to allow them to complete their publications. We pointed out that the "reward system" for scientists in both academia and in federal agencies stresses publications. The number and quality of publications is a large factor in determining promotion and tenure, and also strongly affects the researcher's success in obtaining grant funding. A copy of the Ornithological Council letter can be found on ornithologyexchange.org (look in the forums under *From the Ornithological Council*).

THE PEREGRINE FUND BECOMES A SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL - The Ornithological Council is pleased to welcome The Peregrine Fund as a supporting member. The agreement, which covers a trial period of six months, reflects an informal relationship between the two organizations. The OC welcomes the stature that results from a formal affiliation with The Peregrine Fund. At the same time, this formal association give the OC an opportunity to help the Peregrine Fund achieve its mission by assuring that the Fund's scientists navigate successfully the maze of permit and animal welfare regulations and that the Fund's voice is heard when government policies pertaining to the work undertaken by the Peregrine Fund are proposed or revised. In addition, OC will facilitate the Peregrine Fund's own policy efforts, much as it does for its other member societies.

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 can post directly to the board after logging in to OSNA using their OSNA member log in. Non-members may have announcements posted by sending them to the Ornithological Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Trine (EM: ctrine@atandrews.edu) in the body of the email message.

AN 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>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

COTINGAS AND MANAKINS, Guy M. Kirwan & Graeme Green, 2012. Princeton University Press. 624 pp., 7" x 9", 34 color plates, 400 color photos, 130 maps. ISBN: 9780691153520 (cloth, \$55.00 / £37.95). Complete with detailed species accounts describing key identification features, *Cotingas and Manakins* is the authoritative illustrated guide to these magnificent Neotropical birds. It covers more than 130 species of cotingas and manakins, features 34 color plates and about 400 color photos, and includes detailed species accounts and distribution maps. (URL: <http://press.princeton.edu/>).

BIRDS OF MELANESIA: Bismarcks, Solomons, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia, Guy Dutton, 2012. Illustrated by Richard Allen, Adam Bowley, John Cox & Tony Disley. Princeton University Press. 448 pp., 6" x 9", 86 color plates. ISBN: 9780691153506 (Paper, \$49.95 / £34.95). Melanesia harbors an amazing range of endemic bird species and subspecies, many of which are poorly known. *Birds of Melanesia* is the first comprehensive field guide to all species found in the Bismarck Archipelago, Bougainville, the Solomons, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia. This volume covers all 501 species recorded in Melanesia, 204 of which are endemic. It provides detailed species accounts and features 86 color plates that illustrate almost every species. In addition, it includes distribution bars for all species except extreme vagrants. (URL: <http://press.princeton.edu/>).

HOW TO BE A BETTER BIRDER, Derek Lovitch, 2012. Princeton University Press. 208 pp., 6" x 9", 53 color illus., 10 maps. ISBN: 9780691144481 (Paper, \$19.95 / £13.95). In this book, Derek Lovitch offers an effective way to go about identification—he calls it the "Whole Bird and More" approach—that will enable you to identify more birds, more quickly, more of the time. He demonstrates how to use geography and an understanding of habitats, ecology, and even the weather to enrich your birding experience and help you find something out of the ordinary. Lovitch shows how to track nocturnal migrants using radar, collect data for bird conservation, discover exciting rarities, develop patch lists—and much more. This resource is targeted to intermediate and advanced birders. (URL: <http://press.princeton.edu/>).

BIRDS OF INDIA: Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives, 2nd Ed., Richard Grimmett, Carol Inskipp & Tim Inskipp, 2012. Princeton University Press. 528 pp., 5½" x 8½", 226 color illus., 1375 maps. ISBN: 9780691153490 (Paper, \$39.50 / £27.95). Thoroughly revised, with 73 new plates and many others updated or repainted, the second edition of *Birds of India* now features all maps and text opposite the plates for quicker and easier reference. Newly identified species have been added, the text has been extensively revised, and all the maps are new. 1375 species illustrated and described, including all residents, migrants, and vagrants; 226 color plates depict every species and many distinct plumages and races; and concise text and accurate distribution maps are opposite plates for easy reference. (URL: <http://press.princeton.edu/>).

BIRDS OF KERALA: Status and Distribution, C. Sashikumar; Praveen J., Muhamed Jafer Palot, P.O. Nameer, editors, Kottayam: DC Books: Distributors, Current Books. 835 pp. col. ill., col. maps, 22 cm. Bibliographical references and indexes. ISBN: 9788126429219 (hardcover, \$58.05). Although it has over 400 bird photographs, this volume is not field guide. Its main purpose is to provide accurate status and distribution of the birds of the southern Indian state of Kerala. It brings together scattered records from various media and covers all 453 species of birds found in the state and an additional 49 birds that could occur as strays. Species accounts include a photograph of the species and information on habitat, status, distribution, breeding, threats and conservation and historical records. It also includes a lot of supplementary information, such as bird communities, conservation-related topics, and an exhaustive bibliography of existing literature on Kerala birds, etc. The depth of research makes it an excellent handbook. (URL: <http://www.dkagencies.com/doc/from/1023/to/1123/bkId/DK5536523320157451169431371/details.html>).

BIRDS OF ARUBA, CURAÇAO, AND BONAIRE, Bart de Boer, Eric Newton & Robin Restall, 2012. Princeton University Press. 192 pp., 5½" x 8½", 71 color plates. ISBN: 9780691153360 (paper, \$27.95 / £19.95). This compact and portable book is the first comprehensive field guide to the birds of the region. It contains close to 1,000 color illustrations on 71 color plates and detailed descriptions of every species. Concise text on facing pages highlights key identification features, including voice, habitat, behavior, and status. (URL: <http://press.princeton.edu/>).

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

AVAILABLE (for cost of shipping): *Ornitologia Neotropical*, Vols 10 - 19 (missing Vol 13, No.3). Assortment of about 25 *Auklets* (1947 - 1983). Please contact STEVE RUSSELL, (EM: srussell@u.arizona.edu).

MEETINGS

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

LOOKING FOR THE WEB SITE of an ornithological meeting or conference? Visit <http://www.birdmeetings.org> to find links and to post a link to your meeting.

* in this section indicates new or revised entry

*WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING (**22-24 Jun 2012**) will be held at the Running Y Ranch near Klamath Falls, Oregon. This will be a joint meeting with the Oregon Field Ornithologists. Activities planned will include oral presentations, posters, landbird banding, demonstrations of field techniques, and field trips to productive banding sites and birding hotspots in beautiful southern Oregon. For additional information on abstract submission and about WBBA's 2012 meeting, please visit the WBBA website (URL: <http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/next-meetings.html>).

5TH NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, **14-18 Aug 2012**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. NAOC web site (URL: <http://www.naoc-v2012.com>).

THE 130TH STATED MEETING OF THE AOU will be held as part of the Fifth North American Ornithological Conference (NAOC-V) at the University of British Columbia, **14-18 Aug 2012** (see above).

*THE 13TH PAN-AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS will be held in Arusha, Tanzania from **14-21 October 2012**. A call for abstracts has just been published on the website (URL: <http://www.paoc-africa.org>).

INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA - Phuket, Thailand, **27-29 Nov 2012**. This bird conference is the first organized specifically for Southeast Asian birds. It is our hope that it will become a regular event in the region in future years. If you are interested in this bird congress and would like to be kept updated with further information, please send us your details (URL: <http://www.sc.psu.ac.th/iocsea/registerinterest.html>). All ornithologists are invited to contribute oral and/or poster presentations to the scientific sessions. The deadline for submission of oral/poster presentations is **15 Jun 2012**. For details, deadlines and news please have a look at the webpage which will be updated regularly (URL: <http://www.harrison-institute.org/IOCSEA/index.html>).

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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 AT andrews.edu), by **1 May 2012**. Submission by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file) or on diskette (PC format: Word-Perfect or ASCII) with hard copy; e-mail preferred. 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.

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