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MEDEWERKING GEVRAAGD VOOR HET VERZAMELEN VAN WAARNEMINGEN AAN DE KANAALKUST

From 1965 to 1969 records from Cap Gris Nez were collected and published by the Cap Gris Nez Bird Observatory. These records were mainly those of English visitors. During that period, and increasingly so since, the Cap has become a focal point not only for the birds, but also for bird-watchers, and in the autumn scores and sometimes hundreds of bird watchers congregate at the Cap. These observers include many visitors from Holland and Belgium as well as from France and England.

In view of the large number of observations that, for the most part, are not collected in any systematic way, it has been agreed by the undersigned to attempt to collect records from as many visitors as possible. The arrangement will be as follows:

- 1 T. Milbled will act as recorder for the area, and all records should be sent to him either at the address shown below, or, if more convenient, to P. S. Redman, „Redwings”, Crowhurst, Battle, Sussex, England.
- 2 Standard recording forms will be available, free of charge, from either Milbled or Redman upon request.
- 3 Records are sought not only for Cap Griz Nez but also for the surrounding regions of the Department of Pas de Calais. Breeding records, especially of the following species will be particularly welcomed:
 all raptors, Stone Curlew, *Burhinus oedignemus*, Hoopoe *Upupa epops*, Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*, Redpoll *Acanthis flammea* and Fan-tailed Warbler *Cisticola juncidis*, Shrikes *Laniidae*.

If sufficient support is forthcoming it is hoped to publish periodic reports in French and English, commencing with the year 1976.

The County Societies and Bird Observatories on the Kent and Sussex coasts of England have already been advised of the contents of this letter and we hope from time to time we shall be able to co-operate in combined studies with them or any other research project relating to the area. We look

forward to hearing from any observer who has, or is proposing to visit Cap Gris Nez and the Pas de Calais area.

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XVII INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

On the occasion of the XVI International Congress in Canberra the International Ornithological Committee accepted the invitation of the Deutsche Ornithologen- Gesellschaft to hold the XVII Congress in Germany. It elected Professor Donald S. Farner (Seattle) as president of the Congress. In consultation with the President the German members of the International Ornithological Committee decided to hold the Congress in the Kongresshalle in Berlin (West) from June 4-11, 1978; Mr. Rolf Nöhring of the Berlin Zoological Garden was designated as Secretary-General.

For the first time, the Scientific Program Committee is an international one. Its members are Immelmann (Bielefeld) Chairman, Berthold (Möggingen), Bock (New York), Dorst (Paris), Gwinner (Erling-Andechs), Ilyichev (Moscow), Snow (Tring) and Wiltshko (Frankfurt/Main)!

Five *plenary sessions* are planned. There will be about 30 *symposia* arranged in four parallel sessions. *Contributed papers* will be presented as *poster papers* for which the Kongresshalle has excellent facilities. Instructions for preparations of materials for poster papers will be available later. Time and space for *round-table* discussions will be assigned to appropriate individuals or groups, on application to the Secretary-General. The themes and structures of these discussions are prerogatives of the organizers or organizing groups in consultation with the Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee. These themes as well as those of the poster papers will be announced in the program of the Congress. An extensive *film program* is being arranged by a committee chaired by Georg Rüppell (Erlangen). All-day and evening sessions are projected together for „replays” of those that prove to be most popular.

Excursions, no longer restricted to the inviting country, but leading to several European countries, will precede and follow the Congress. Details will be included in the *second announcement*.

The *second announcement* will be available for mailing in August 1976. It will contain forms for preliminary registration for the Congress and excursions.