

Foundation meeting European Ornithological Union

The foundation of the European Ornithological Union will take place during this first meeting, scheduled for August 28-31 1997, in Bologna, Italy. The meeting should attract ornithologists from all over the continent, to analyse the state of the art of European Ornithology, and discuss the role, organisation and future of the Union.

The main programme will include talks by invited speakers covering a wide range of topics of relevance to European ornithologists. Plenary talks will be: Half a century with Great Tits (C. Perrins), The European-African songbird migration network: New challenges for large scale study of bird migration (F. Bairlein), Ornithology and the European conservation agenda (C. Bibby), History and evolution of European bird faunas (J. Blondel), Sexual selection and birds: Evolution, conservation and avian models of humane nature (A. Pape Møller), Micro-evolution in reproductive traits in the Great Tit (A. van Noordwijk), The EBCC atlas of European breeding birds: A contribution to science and conservation (J. Greenwood and W. Hagemeijer), Ecological, morphological and conservation aspects of spring songbird migration strategies across the Mediterranean (F. Spina and A. Pilastro).

There will also be six symposia on: Evolutionary biology and population studies, Behavioural ecology, Eco-physiology, Migration and ringing, Atlas projects, Conservation. In addition there will be ample opportunities to offer poster papers on different subjects.

During the general assembly the Union will be formally founded; the statute and aims of the Union, as well as its future activities will be discussed and its official representatives appointed by the assembly. We are sure this will be a very interesting meeting and an important opportunity for European Ornithology.

The timetable of the Congress is as follows: 28 August 1997 assemble Bologna, 29-30 August full days of meetings, 31 August full day excursion, 1 September depart. The official language of the meeting will be English; no translation will be available. The proceedings will be published by the *Istituto Nazionale per la Fauna Selvatica* as a volume of its series *Supplementi alle Ricerche della Selvaggina*.

The organising secretary of the Conference will be *Dr. Fernando Spina, Istituto Nazionale per la Fauna Selvatica, Via Ca Fornacetta 9, 40064 Ozzano Emilia (BO), Italia (tel. +39 516512111, fax +39 51796628, E-mail @iperbole.bologna.it)*, from whom further details will be available.

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