



SCO NEWS

ONCE AGAIN there has been some delay in distributing the autumn newsletter. I planned to include the usual membership renewal form with the newsletter, but we did not have a membership secretary to whom memberships could be sent. I was also awaiting an IOC meeting in mid-November to include the latest news on that front.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ralph Morris for his efforts as membership secretary during the formative years of the SCO. I would also like to welcome John Ryder as our new membership secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--The past year has been a time of relatively little activity for the Society. In part, this has resulted from unforeseen delays in registering the Society with the federal authorities. I hope that this hurdle will be surmounted within the near future, permitting the Society to get down to business. Once we are incorporated with tax-exempt status we will be able to launch a variety of programs.

However, at least part of the inactivity has resulted from the failure of members of the Society, including myself, to take the initiative. I am certain that every member of the Society has one or two ideas about things the Society could or should be doing for Canadian ornithology. Over the past year I have received only three or four letters expressing ideas or concerns about the Society's affairs. The Society is not an entity unto itself; it consists of individual members and its viability depends on their commitment and willingness to participate in its affairs and operations.

The one bright spot in the past year has been the increased level of contributions to the Newsletter from the membership. This is largely a result of Ralph Morris' effort to solicit newsletter material along with membership renewals, and has resulted in a publication of much wider appeal. This is a happy state of affairs which must continue. If every member made a commitment to send in one item of information per year, Ross James would be swamped with material and we would probably have to consider publishing the Newsletter more frequently.

The relative inactivity of the Society must end, and will end. We are less than two years away from the International Ornithological Congress in Ottawa and the reputation of Canadian ornithologists, both individually and collectively, is at stake. Over the next few months, both the Council and the membership of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists must address themselves to the role to be played by the Society in the Congress. While many Society members are already actively involved in Congress affairs, it is essential to the well-being of the Society that we define an organizational role as well.

However, the Society must look beyond the Congress to broader questions relating to Canadian ornithology. What kind of a society do we wish to be? Currently, the majority of our members are "professional" ornithologists. Do we wish to try to change this, to increase the representation of amateur and recreational ornithologists in our membership? What other types of activities

besides a newsletter are appropriate for our Society? How do we wish to initiate projects which will require us to obtain significant new funding? These questions, and many others, must be addressed in the near future. I intend to raise these kinds of questions with both the Council and the membership over the next few months. The future viability of the Society will depend on both the kinds and numbers of answers that are received.

The Society of Canadian Ornithologists is at a watershed in its history. If every member assists in pushing it in the right direction, it will start to roll with a self-sustaining momentum. Let's get out there and push!--M. Ross Lein, Aug. 1984.

MEETINGS

NORTHERN FOREST OWLS SYMPOSIUM--An international symposium on the Great Gray Owl and other northern forest owls will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in February 1987.

Papers and workshops will cover such topics as capture and marking techniques, (including radio telemetry), sexing and aging techniques, habitat requirements and management, ecology, conservation and species status. Suggestions for other topics would be welcomed. For further information contact: Dr. Merlin W. Shoesmith, Biological Services, Manitoba Wildlife Branch, Department of Natural Resources, Box 14, St. James St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0W9.

THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION will hold its 103 Stated Meeting at Arizona State University, Tempe, 7-10 October 1985. ROBERT D. OHMART, Dept. Zoology, Arizona State Univ., Tempe, AZ 85281, will chair the Committee on Arrangements.

THE JOINT MEETINGS of the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies will be held 6-9 June 1985 at the University of Colorado, Boulder. The chair of the Local Committee is CYNTHIA CAREY, Dept. of EPO Biology, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309.

THE 2nd WORKSHOP on the Care and Maintenance of Natural History Collections will be held at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto on 21-22 May 1985 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Canadian Museums Association. For further information write to JANET WADDINGTON, Dept. of Invertebrate Palaeontology, Royal Ontario Mus., 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2C6.

THE 1985 RAPTOR RESEARCH Foundation International Meeting and Symposium on the Management of Birds of Prey will be held at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento, California, 2-10 November 1985. The conference will consist of ten days of symposia, workshops, field trips, and training sessions as well as regional meetings of many organizations.

For more information, or if you are interested in presenting a paper, please contact: Dr. Richard R. Olendorff, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

A SYMPOSIUM on the Conservation and Management of Bald Eagles will be held at the 1985 American Ornithologists' Union meeting in Tempe, Arizona, 7-11 October.

Symposium papers will be peer reviewed and published as a monograph in an appropriate outlet. Program space is not dependent on submission of a publishable paper but papers accompanied by manuscripts will be given

preference. Deadline for manuscripts and program space is 1 June 1985. Contact: Dr. Robert D. Ohmart, Center for Environmental Studies, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

CONTINGENT ON FUNDING, Spencer G. Sealy will be continuing studies of natal philopatry and dispersal of primarily Yellow Warblers on the forested dune ridge along the southern shore of Lake Manitoba. This study is being conducted out of the University of Manitoba Field Station (Delta Marsh). The work will involve mist netting and banding birds, intensive nest searches and monitoring their contents, and observations of behavior. Two or three research assistant positions hopefully will be available, for which inquiries and applications are now being received. Applicants should have a background in field biology, and be able to work both within a group and independently. A salary, and possibly room and board, will be provided. Interested persons should send letter stating interest, CV, and names and addresses of references to Dr. S.G. Sealy, Department of Zoology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2.

RAPTOR-UTILITY LINE INFORMATION SOUGHT--The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company are assembling available published and unpublished information concerning collisions of raptors with power lines and other utility lines. Actual case histories - no matter how circumstantial or fragmentary - are needed. Please acknowledge that you have such information by writing to Dr. Richard R. Olendorff, Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. A form on which to record your information will be sent by return mail. A few case histories of line strikes by raptors are documented and the collisions often are portrayed as a significant mortality factor. Such portrayals are not always convincing. Therefore, a comprehensive review of the problem is needed to determine if appropriate techniques should be developed to avoid such collisions.

SHOREBIRD COUNTS required from within a 100 km radius of Winnipeg with emphasis on southern shores of Lakes Manitoba and Winnipeg. Please contact Stewart Holohan, 267 Talbot Avenue, Apt. 17, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2L 0P7.

DURING THE BREEDING SEASON of 1984, Sabine's Gulls were colour-banded and dyed (yellow) at the colony at Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island, Canada. In autumn 1984 they may be recorded either from the Pacific or Atlantic oceans or even in interior North America. We are trying to locate the migratory divide in northern Canada and would be grateful to receive records of sightings of marked Sabine's Gulls, specifying locality and date. THIJES KNOL and JAN WATTEL, Zoologisch Museum, Postbus 20125, 1000 HC Amsterdam, Netherlands, or Bird Banding Office, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E7, Canada.

DURING THE PAST SUMMER and early fall, New York has conducted its largest release yet of young bald eagles. During August and September, 32 Alaskan eagles were fledged at two hacking sites.

All of our eagles are marked with a single yellow wing tag (also containing a smaller individual counter-color patch), a blue tarsal band with yellow alphanumeric on one leg, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service aluminum rivet band on the other leg, and a tail-feather mounted radio transmitter.

Please report all sightings as quickly as possible to Peter Nye, Endangered Species Unit, Wildlife Resources Centre, Delmar, New York, 12054-9767. Phone (518) 430-7635.

I AM COMPILING DATA and references on avian road kills. In the Columbia Mountains of British Columbia, winter mortality can be very high. Pine Siskins and Red Crossbills are frequently killed. The literature on avian road kills appears not to be large and I am requesting anyone with data on road kills at any season to contact me. JOHN G. WOODS, Chief Park Interpreter, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks, P.O. Box 350, Revelstoke, B.C. VOE 2S0.

DURING THE 1981-84 breeding seasons the Canadian Wildlife Service, Ontario Region, has carried out a program of colour marking Common Terns at 2 colonies in the lower Great Lakes to determine post-breeding dispersal, migration routes, and winter range. Tags with combinations of letters and numbers were put on both wings of all birds. Each year different tag colours were used for adults and fledglings; colours changed from year to year. When you observe a tagged tern, please report date, location, colour of tags, and if possible the number/letter combination to Banding Office, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0E7.

HOSPITALITY FOR IOC PARTICIPANTS--One of SCO's projects for the 1986 International Ornithological Congress is to prepare a list of SCO members willing to house IOC delegates who may be touring Canada before or after the Congress. Very few people have signed up thus far, and we would like to have at least 4 or 5 people listed from each province (so far there are none in B.C., Nova Scotia, or Newfoundland).

The chances are you are not going to be overwhelmed with visitors if you sign up. On the other hand, some delegates will plan to spend the summer in Canada, and may well welcome contacts far from Ottawa. Don't hesitate to sign on just because you feel no one will come your way. Prospective visitors will contact you directly to make arrangements, and you are under no obligation to take in everyone who asks.

The information we need from you is: name, address, distance from nearest large city, number of people you can put up at a time (and notes on facilities - e.g. private room, 2 beds, floor space for 3, etc.), and any further comments or restrictions (e.g. non-smokers only).

Please take care of this soon, by sending your information to Erica Dunn, Ministry of Natural Resources, Wildlife Research Section, P.O. Box 50, Maple, Ontario L0J 1E0.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Macdonald Raptor Research Centre of McGill University is offering 4 to 6 non-salaried summer student internships with free residence (not board). Internships provide experience in public education, care and rehabilitation of captive raptors as well as an opportunity to pursue personal research. Interested candidates should submit two letters of recommendation, a resume of experience and interests, and an unofficial transcript of college academic records by March 1st, 1985 to: Dr. David M. Bird, Director, Macdonald Raptor Research Centre, 21,111 Lakeshore Road, Ste-Anne de Bellevue, Quebec H9X 1C0, Tel: 1-514-457-2000, ext. 345.

NEWS OF PEOPLE

DOUGLAS J. TORRANCE, has begun Ph.D. work at the University of Manitoba under the supervision of Roger Evans.

PUBLICATIONS

Theses

Hjertaas, Dale G. 1984. Colony site selection in Bank Swallows. M.Sc., U. of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

Torrance, Douglas J. 1984. Reproductive success of Swainson's Hawks in two habitats in southwestern Alberta. M.Sc., U. of Calgary.

Other Publications

"BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF BALD EAGLES AND OSPREYS." Proceedings of 32 refereed papers (325 pp.) on topics including taxonomy, distribution, winter and breeding population dynamics, nesting habitat and nest site selection, nutritional ecology, prey selection, and management of the North American Bald Eagle and the cosmopolitan Osprey. Order from David M. Bird, Raptor Research Centre, 21,111 Lakeshore Rd., Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec H9X 1C0 (\$18 plus \$3 handling).

CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE--publishes for series of scientific and technical documents. The progress notes which contain interim data and discussions and the occasional paper series which contain short reports on specific aspects of CWS projects are available free from Distribution Section, Canadian Wildlife Service, Department of the Environment, Ottawa K1A 0E7. Sale publications include the report series which present complete results of CWS field studies and Monographs which describe complete studies of wildlife species indigenous to Canada. These must be ordered from Publishing Centre, Department of Supply and Services, Ottawa K1A 0S9. Recent releases on avian topics include:

The Thick-billed Murres of Prince Leopold Island. By A.J. Gaston and D.N. Nettleship. Cat. No. CW65-7/6E price \$32.00

The breeding birds of Long Point, Lake Erie: A study in community succession. By J.D. McCracken, M.S.W. Bradstreet and G.L. Holroyd. Cat. No. CW65-8/44 price \$11.75

Fourth and fifth tour of inspection of Quebec heronries, 1980-81. By J.-L. DesGranges and P. Laporte. Progress note 139. Free

A possible migration route for Trumpeter Swans in B.C. By R.W. McKelvey and C. Burton. Progress note 138. Free

Distribution of postbreeding diving ducks on southern boreal lakes in Manitoba. By R.O. Bailey. Progress note 136. Free

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS/ASSISTANTSHIPS

THE JAMES L. BAILLIE MEMORIAL FUND for Bird Research and Preservation invites applications for grants to support projects on Canadian birds in 1985. While grants have previously been restricted to Ontario, the Fund will now consider applications from other parts of Canada.

The Fund's aim is to encourage field studies by amateur naturalists and to support projects which increase or disseminate knowledge of birds in their natural environment and/or contribute to their preservation. Priority will be

given to projects which utilize the efforts of volunteer naturalists in conducting research or fieldwork and to applicants who have little or no access to other sources of support.

Two types of grants will be offered in 1985: (a) Project Grants and (b) Ontario Atlas Fieldwork Grants. Any project which has a volunteer component and otherwise meets the Fund's objectives is eligible for a type (a) grant. Type (b) grants provide partial support for travelling expenses to remote central and northern areas for fieldwork on the Ontario Atlas of Breeding Birds. Requests for funding of atlas projects elsewhere in Canada should be directed to type (a) grants.

Grants do not normally exceed \$1000. Applications for Project Grants are due by 31 December 1984 and for Atlas Fieldwork Grants by 28 February 1985. All applications should be submitted on forms obtainable from the Secretary, The James L. Baillie Memorial Fund, c/o Long Point Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario NOE 1M0.

The Fund is financed in part from proceeds of the Baillie Birdathon. Donations to the Fund are tax deductible and may be sent to the address given above.

DELTA WATERFOWL RESEARCH STATION FELLOWSHIPS and ASSISTANTSHIPS--R. Howard Webster Fellowships and H.R. MacMillan Memorial Fellowships are available to students with a serious interest in pursuing graduate studies in any area of waterfowl or wetland ecology. About 6 of each of these will be awarded to individuals in the final year of work towards their bachelor's degree, or between M.S. and Ph.D. programs.

Webster Fellowships are specifically intended for students interested in problems of waterfowl ecology such as waterfowl behaviour, energetics, feeding ecology, etc. Students are assigned to work closely with a sequence of on-going waterfowl research programs being conducted through the Station by other students of by Station staff.

MacMillan Fellowships are awarded to students interested in wetland ecology research related to marsh plants, invertebrates, nutrient cycling, etc. These students work primarily with the Marsh Ecology Research Program, a long-term marsh ecosystem study headquartered at the Delta Station. Some opportunities are also available for MacMillan Fellows to work with other students conducting their own graduate research.

The stipend for Fellowships is \$750/month (Can) and assignments can last from one to six months, usually between April 15 and October 31. The intention of the Fellowship programs is to give potential graduate students opportunities to further explore their own interest in conducting research on waterfowl or wetlands. Fellows gain hands-on experience with a variety of tools and methods of research. They have an excellent library at their disposal and through seminars, discussions and visits from many other students and practicing professionals, they obtain broad exposure to many facets of waterfowl and wetland research.

Preference is given to those students who indicate a specific interest in immediately pursuing a graduate program in which they will study some aspect of marsh or waterfowl ecology. Students accepted in a graduate school program before coming to Delta are in the best position to take advantage of these opportunities. However, acceptance of a student as a Webster or MacMillan Fellow carries no assurance that the Station will support that individual's graduate research. Likewise, applicants do not commit themselves to conducting graduate study through Delta.

DELTA RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS are available to about 6 students to fill requirements for research assistance not filled by Webster or MacMillan Fellows. Assistants can be at any stage of university training and need not be so clearly committed to graduate school. Appointments range from one to six months. The stipend for these assistantships is also \$750/month.

There is normally heavy competition for Fellowships and Assistantships so it is very important that applicants provide all the requested materials by February 29th.

Applicants should submit a complete curriculum vitae including copies of all academic transcripts. The covering letter should explain the applicant's reasons for applying to the program and indicate academic and career aspirations. Two letters of reference are required, at least one from a recent academic advisor. For Fellowships, the referees should indicate the applicant's academic standing and potential for graduate studies. Referees writing for Assistantship applicants should provide an evaluation of the student's career motivation and his/her ability to work independently and responsibly.

Students should also indicate when they can report to Delta since the Fellowships can begin at various times after the first of April. Some MacMillan or Webster Fellowships can be extended until the end of October, however, most terminate between mid-August and mid-September. All applicants will be notified as soon as final selections have been made, in early March. Applications should be sent to: Dr. Bruce D.J. Batt, Assistant Director, Delta Waterfowl Research Station, Rural Route 1, Portage La Prairie, Manitoba R1N 3A1, Phone: 204-239-1900.

CWS PROGRAMS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION--The announced reduction of CWS by 84 person years and \$3.8 million will eliminate most of the Wildlife Research and Interpretation Branch, one of the three branches in CWS. To be discontinued will be the operation of five Interpretation centres (32 person years and \$1.2 million) and most of a series of projects grouped together in a program called "Wildlife Research" (50 person years and \$2.2 million). The staff of the Wildlife Research group is composed of scientists trained in a variety of biological specialities: wildlife ecology, ornithology, mammalogy, toxicology, veterinary medicine, parasitology, freshwater ecology and fisheries biology. The projects they undertake are strongly problem-oriented and are aimed at providing information and advice to a wide range of clients, including other federal agencies, provincial and territorial governments, industry, university scientists, inter-governmental wildlife management boards, citizen's groups and environmental assessment panels. In the Migratory Birds Program, the Habitat Acquisition Fund (\$0.4 million and 2 person years) will also be eliminated.

The proposed staff reduction will almost completely eliminate the Federal Government's activities and commitments conducted under the Canada Wildlife Act. The Act authorizes the purchase of lands, cooperative agreements with other parties, research on species other than migratory birds including endangered species, and interpretation.

The major projects that will disappear because of the budget reduction are described below. Many of these projects are directed at migratory birds or endangered species or both. Specific ornithological programs which will be eliminated are as follows:

1. Identifying and monitoring the occurrence and biological effects of toxic substances in Herring Gulls and other fish-eating birds on the Great Lakes.

2. Monitoring effects of forestry insecticides on migratory birds in New Brunswick.
3. Monitoring effects of agricultural insecticides and herbicides on the Prairies.
4. Monitoring of contaminants in birds on the St. Lawrence River and its Estuary (Quebec).
5. Reintroduction of Peregrine Falcons in eastern Canada (Quebec and New Brunswick).
6. Reintroduction of Greater Prairie Chicken (and Swift Fox and Black-footed Ferret) to the Prairie Provinces.
7. Ecology of shorebirds on the Fraser River Delta, B.C.

All SCO members are urged to write to the Honourable Dr. Suzanne Blais-Grenier, Minister of the Environment if you have concerns regarding these program cuts. Copies of letters should be sent to the Prime Minister; Mr. Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance; and to your local MP. All MPs can be reached c/o House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0X6. No postage necessary on Parliamentary mail.

MISCELLANEOUS

Excerpts from The EYAS - Newsletter of the Institute for Wildlife Research's Raptor Information Centre. Available from National Wildlife Federation, 1412 Sixteenth St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

TWO YOUNG PEREGRINE falcons were successfully raised this year by a pair nesting on the 32nd floor of Place Victoria. But this is the only known pair of peregrines known to nest south of the treeline in eastern Canada.

SEVEN PEREGRINE FALCONS were hacked from the Canada Life Assurance Company Building in Toronto this summer. A total of 85 peregrines have been released in Ontario since 1977; 58 in Algonquin Park, 20 in downtown Toronto and seven in the Brockville District. Ontario's Endangered Species Act was amended in May 1984 to protect all peregrines, not just the anatum subspecies.

BURROWING OWL productivity was apparently lowered in southern Manitoba following heavy snowstorms in the springs of both 1983 and 1984. Brian Ratcliff's study located only 35 young in 1984 compared to 76 in 1982. Brian also located the first Ferruginous Hawk nest in Manitoba in 57 years.

MEMBERSHIP

Please take this opportunity to renew your membership and consider asking a colleague to join.
Also, please take time to jot down any news items you may have for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP-1985-DEMANDE D'ADHESION

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P7B 5E1.

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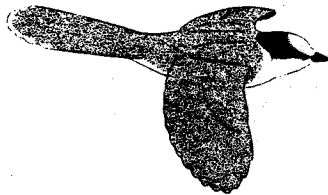
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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in April 1985. Send items for inclusion to
the editor Ross D. James, Dept. of Ornithology, Royal Ontario Museum, 100
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C6 by 15 March 1985.

XIX CONGRESSUS
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Secretary General's Report

Since my last report, much progress has taken place in various sectors related to the planning and organization of the Congress because committee members have been very active and very productive.

The National Organization Committee met on 17 and 18 November in Ottawa to review progress and take appropriate initiatives where needed. President Immelmann was able to attend all sessions of that meeting which was held jointly with that of the Scientific Programme Committee, which was attended by its North American members.

The scientific programme has been nearly finalized with the approval of fifty symposium topics, the preparation of guidelines for contributed papers, posters, symposia, oral presentations, and round table discussions. Five plenary speakers have accepted an earlier invitation and will be listed in the next circular along with the symposia in the forthcoming second and final circular due in January 1985. If you have not received it in February do not hesitate to inform me. All members of SCO are on the mailing list.

To this date nearly 700 completed provisional registration forms have been received which provided a sound basis for several planning decisions. As a result a few pre and post-congress excursions and workshops had to be cancelled. Co-chairmen of the Pre and Post-Congress Excursion Committee (Phil Stepney and Raleigh Robertson) invested a great deal of work in enlisting leaders and in preparing an excellent excursion programme. At this point 17 excursions and workshops are offered and cover the major avian habitats of the country (see forthcoming circular). Those retained should prove to be very popular. The Local Committee under the chairmanship of Roger Taylor has planned for an interesting local programme which will include five early morning bird walks in five different locations on five days during the Congress. Similarly, three morning fresh air outings are planned each morning for five days. An exciting programme of field trips, excursions, shopping and sightseeing is planned for the day-off during the Congress. These should be very attractive to many of our foreign members, as well as Canadians who are not familiar with the Ottawa area. The accompanying members's programme is being developed and should offer a variety of activities for individuals who are less interested in birds.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. James Murray of CBC has agreed to chair the Film Programme Committee. We are all looking forward to a fascinating series of ornithological films. If you know of films of interest please let me or Jim Murray know.

The National Gallery and the Postal Museum have informed me that they will not be able to prepare special exhibits on the occasion of the Congress. However, the National Museum of Natural Sciences will be preparing a special exhibition on P.A. Taverner in recognition to his contribution to Canadian Ornithology and another one on Canadian Bird Artists and Illustrators. I should have more details for the next newsletter.

Post Canada has indicated a firm intention of issuing a series of four stamps on which birds will be represented on the occasion of the Congress. More details will be available later.

The official carillonneur has agreed to provide short carillon concerts from the Peace Tower. The schedule will be worked out later.

In the area of social events, a reception will take place on Sunday evening 22 June after the presidential address. On this occasion we also hope to have a multiscreen presentation of Canadian birds and Canadian habitats to introduce congress members to our bird fauna.

The Editorial Committee for the Proceedings (Acta) has been formed as follows:

Secretary General (Editor)
Jon Barlow
Tony Erskine

Allen Keast
Bruce McGillivray
John Richardson

A number of deadlines (registration, excursions, contributed papers, etc.) will appear in the forthcoming circular. Make sure that you do not miss them if you want to participate in any of the Congress events.

I am still looking around for additional sources of funding and hope to form a fund raising committee early in the new year. Your suggestions will be much appreciated.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Henri Ouellet