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2005 SCO/SOC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN HALIFAX NS OCT. 20-22, 2005

The 2005 SCO/SOC meeting will take place at the Delta Halifax Hotel (www.deltahalifax.com) in Halifax, Nova Scotia from 20 to 22 October, 2005. A block of 50 rooms have been reserved at a reduced rate for conference participants. October is a busy conference month for Halifax so you may wish to book early to ensure availability and the best rates. If you book a room, please mention that you are with the SCO. Alternate budget accommodations are available at the Halifax Heritage House Hostel (<http://www.hostellingintl.ns.ca/>), a 10 minute walk from the hotel. Rooms have not been set

aside at the hostel specifically for the conference.

The formal meeting announcement, including registration and submission deadlines, will be circulated in the Spring.

For general inquiries about the meeting please contact the co-chairs Marty Leonard (marty.leonard@dal.ca) or Andrew Boyne (andrew.boyne@ec.gc.ca), and for inquiries related to the scientific program please contact the program chair Greg Robertson (greg.robertson@ec.gc.ca).

ANNOUNCING ACE/ECO

Avian Conservation and Ecology Écologie et conservation des oiseaux

The Society of Canadian Ornithologists (SCO) and Bird Studies Canada (BSC) are pleased to announce the launch of a new journal: Avian Conservation and Ecology - Écologie et conservation des oiseaux (ACE-ECO). This will be an open-access, fully electronic scientific journal whose publication is intended to reflect the broader interests of the sponsoring partners and supporting organisations.

It will publish papers that are scientifically rigorous and relevant to the bird conservation community, to exacting editorial and production standards, in a cost-effective electronic approach that makes them widely available in real-time. Although ACE-ECO is intended in part to enhance the international profile of Canadian ornithology and applied avian science, contributions will be welcomed from all over the world.

ACE-ECO will focus on the conservation, ecology, and status of birds. It is intended to complement other publications, such as traditional ornithological journals, conservation publications, general ecology journals and those focused on specific groups of birds.

The name of the journal – Ecology AND Conservation – further defines its intended publication niche. Distinctions between research with origins in "pure" ecology or in "applied" conservation and management are blurring, as ecologists better appreciate the need to address societal issues of practical concern, and managers require research to address ecological uncertainties that underpin conservation efforts. ACE-ECO will publish papers that report on research in the "radical middle ground" that is simultaneously pure and applied avian ecology. For example, papers will not require a special section on "management or conservation implications", as these will be evident from the nature of the research problem, whether the field be molecular, behavioural, population, community or landscape ecology.

The Editors-in-Chief are now finalizing a Board of Associate Editors. The first official call for papers is expected by mid-February 2005. With this announcement, we are asking authors to consider this new journal for papers that meet this philosophical thrust. Our next announcement and the web-site (<http://www.ace-eco.org>) will identify the process for electronic manuscript submission.



