



NEOTROPICAL
ORNITHOLOGICAL
SOCIETY



VIIIth Neotropical Ornithological Congress
Maturín, Venezuela, May 13 – 19, 2007

***CALL FOR PLENARY SPEAKERS - deadline June 15, 2006.-
SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS and ROUND-TABLES – deadline July 15, 2006 -***

The Neotropical Ornithological Society, NOS, and the Venezuelan Ornithologists' Union, UVO (the local host), are pleased to announce the VIIIth Neotropical Ornithological Congress (NOC). The Congress will be held in Maturín, Estado Monagas, Venezuela, from **May 13-19, 2007**, and will honor the memory of William H. Phelps and William H. Phelps Jr, pioneers of Venezuelan Ornithology. The Co-chairs of the Scientific Program Committee (SPC) invite ornithologists working in the Neotropics to submit proposals (in English or Spanish) for plenary speakers, symposia, workshops and round-tables.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Suggestions for plenary speakers should include a brief statement of support emphasizing the relevance of the proposed speaker's research to the shaping of current Neotropical ornithological knowledge. Five plenary speakers will be selected. Presentations may be given in either Spanish or English.

SYMPOSIA

Suggestions for symposia should address new topics or significant syntheses of major avian research fields conducted in the Neotropics. Symposia will be chaired by one convener and one co-convener and will be organized in 2-hr blocks. Each symposium will consist of a 10-min introduction, five presentations of 20 min each, and a 10-min conclusion. Each speaker will have 15 min for presenting and 5 min for questions. A total of 18 symposia will be accepted. Requests for symposia must be submitted by conveners or co-conveners, and should include a one/two-page synopsis (English or Spanish) with details on goal and purpose, a tentative list of speakers, titles of their contributions, their addresses, and a note regarding whether they have agreed to participate. Symposium talks may be given in Spanish or English. Symposia papers, if properly reviewed, corrected and delivered on due time, will be published in the Proceedings. Symposia organizers will be notified of the decision of the SPC by July 31, 2006.

WORKSHOPS, ROUND-TABLES AND OTHER CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Proposals for one- or one and a half hour workshops and round-tables will also be considered. Workshops should concentrate on discussions of new concepts or methods. Round-tables should cover new or controversial issues. Organizers should provide a one-page synopsis that includes a title, name and contact information of organizer(s), goal or purpose, structure, expected number of

participants and particular facilities needed. Other requests by specific interest groups, or societies, should also be submitted to the SPC for scheduling and allocation of meeting rooms to minimize overlap with other activities of the Congress. Proponents of workshops and round-tables will be informed of the decision of the SPC by July 31, 2006.

PROCEEDINGS

The full texts of Plenary and Symposium presentations (excluding introductory and concluding remarks), properly peer-reviewed and delivered on due time, will be published in the Proceedings of the VIIIth Neotropical Ornithological Congress, as a supplement to Volume 19 (2008) of *Ornitología Neotropical*, the quarterly journal of the Neotropical Ornithological Society. A maximum of approximately 15 or 8 printed pages (including tables, figures, and references) will be devoted to each Plenary and Symposium paper, respectively.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The deadline for suggestions of plenary speakers is **JUNE 15, 2006**. The deadline for submission of proposed symposia, workshops, and round-tables is **JULY 15, 2006**. Symposium, workshop and round-table organizers will be notified by 31 July, 2006 of whether their proposal is accepted.

Submit proposals by e-mail (Word documents in rtf format, font size 12) to **both** Co-chairs of the Scientific Program Committee:

Jorge Luis Pérez

Scientific Program Co-chair
jlperez@strix.ciens.ucv.ve

Instituto de Zoología Tropical
Universidad Central de Venezuela
Caracas
VENEZUELA.

Joseph Wunderle

Scientific Program Co-chair
wunderle@coqui.net

Intl. Institute of Tropical Forestry
USDA Forest Service
Palmer, PR 00721
U.S.A.

*PLEASE NOTE that the general call for oral communications and posters will be sent out later in 2006. Submission will take place from **AUGUST 15, 2006 TO JANUARY 15, 2007**, through the web page of the Congress.*

*All participants must be registered. Registration will open on **AUGUST 15, 2006**. Registration can be made after acceptance of the contribution.*

For additional information about the Congress a web site will be available in early April 2006.