

1. Francisco J. Vilella was named Chairperson of the Group.

2. The Group agreed to produce a document on West Indian psittacids, to be published through the Society of Caribbean Ornithology. This publication will be organized by sections for each island having parrot populations, with each section prepared by resident Group members. It will be compiled and edited by the Chairperson, with assistance from other Group members. For each island, three topics will be covered: present status of the native psittacines (*Amazona* and *Aratinga*), major recent (last 4-5 years) accomplishments, and present conservation and research needs. This document will serve not only as a source of information for persons interested in Caribbean psittacines, but will also help to identify needs that can be presented to government and non-government organizations for funding. The document will be published in early 1992.

3. A three-day workshop will be held next year following the annual meeting of the Society of Caribbean Ornithology, which will be held in Puerto Rico. The workshop will be conducted in the Caribbean National Forest and will be sponsored by the Society of Caribbean Ornithology, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service. The workshop will cover the following:

- a. Psittacine census methodology
- b. Habitat management techniques
- c. Psittacine veterinary medicine
- d. Public education

More detailed information on the workshop will be provided at a later date.

NOTICE

Dr. Joe Wunderle has assumed the duties of the Editor of the Society's journal, *Ornitología Caribeña*. Jorge Moreno and Joe are now putting together an edition of the journal. If not contacted by Joe, all authors who have submitted manuscripts to *Ornitología Caribeña* should contact him at:

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NOTICE

At the 1989 annual meeting of the Society of Caribbean Ornithology, several members pre-paid for copies of Herb Raffaele's "A guide to the birds of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands" at a special rate. Unfortunately, the list of those who purchased the books has been lost. If you paid for the Guide at the Santo Domingo meeting, please advise Ms. Catherine Levy at:

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2 Starlight Ave.
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Field Assistants (1-2) needed from March 1-July 15, 1992, at the El Verde Field Station in Puerto Rico. Successful candidates will participate in long-term banding studies in mature forest and second growth and will also assist in a study of the reproductive biology of the Puerto Rican Tody (*Todus mexicanus*). Salary is \$500/month plus free housing. Applicants should demonstrate previous field experience, including the use of mist nets. To apply, send a letter of interest detailing experience and the names and telephone numbers of three references to Robert B. Waide, GPO Box 363682, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

4-18 January 1992 - **American Birding Association Conference**, McAllen Airport Hilton Inn, McAllen, Texas. Attendance limited to ABA members and accompanying spouses. (American Birding Association Lower Rio Grande Conference, P.O. Box 6599, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80934-6599, U.S.A.).

2-5 March 1992 - **Fifteenth Vertebrate Pest Conference**, Newport Inn, Newport Beach, California. (Terrell Salmon, Business Manager, c/o DANR-North Region, Research Park Facility, University of California, Davis, California 95616, U.S.A.. Telephone: 916-757-8623; fax: 916-757-8866).

27 March - 1 April 1992 - **57th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference**, Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.A.

27-29 March 1992 - **Eastern Bird Banding Association**, annual meeting, Keller Conference Center, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. (Janet Shaffer: 814-356-3553).

9-12 April 1992 - **The Wilson Ornithological Society** will meet with **The Florida Ornithological Society** at the Hilton Inn Gateway West, Kissimmee, Florida, U.S.A. (Roberta Geanangel and Herbert W. Kale will co-chair the Local Committee. Keith L. Bildstein, Department of Biology, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29733, U.S.A., will chair the Scientific Program Committee).

20-26 April 1992 - **American Birding Association Convention**, Mobile, Alabama. (ABA Convention '92, P.O. Box 6599, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80934-6599, U.S.A.; telephone: 800-835-2473).

10-15 May 1992 - **International Symposium on the Preservation and Conservation of Natural History Collections**, Madrid, Spain. (Information available from: Cesar Romero-Serra, Department of Anatomy, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6, Canada; or Julio Gisbert & Fernando Palacios, Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Jos Gutierrez Abascal 2, 28006 Madrid, Spain).