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7th International Conference on Cormorants
4th Meeting of Wetlands International Cormorant Research Group

23 - 26 November 2005
Villeneuve (VD), Switzerland

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Visit the website of the Cormorant Research Group for updates of the programme:
<http://web.tiscali.it/sv2001/index.htm>

We are very glad to announce that the 7th International Conference on Cormorants on behalf of the Cormorant Research Group will be held in Villeneuve (VD), Switzerland, from 23 to 26 November 2005. It will be the 4th meeting after the Cormorant Research Group was formalised as a Wetlands International specialist group. There will be four main sessions and one round-table discussion. Workshops will be organised on specific themes. The CRG meeting will be organised and discussion on progress of Cormorant studies and future developments will be scheduled. Cormorants will be seen at the famous roost at “Les Grangettes”, where the Rhone River meets Lake Geneva, as we are organising the meeting in Villeneuve, near Montreux.

Call for Papers

There will be ample opportunity to present papers on all topics mentioned in the programme. Talks will be ca. 20 min. long. Poster size (maximum): 60 cm wide, 120 cm high. To submit a talk or a poster it is necessary to send an abstract no longer than 250 and 150 words, respectively. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 September. Abstracts should follow the example below. Please, provide name(s), post address(es) and email address(es) of the author(s). Indicate speaker with an asterisk. Put the title in capital letters. Then followed by the text. All abstracts must be submitted by email to the following address:

s.vrijn@riza.rws.minvenw.nl

example:

JONES, THOMAS F.* and G. HENK KERK, Zool. Department, University of Lelystad, NL-8241AC Lelystad, The Netherlands.

t.jones@prt.nl and University of Lelystad, Lelystad, The Netherlands.

Daily food requirements of Great Cormorants wintering at a Dutch canal.

The daily food intake (DEE) of wintering Great Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*) was studied using the method of direct observation of.....

Language

All communication will be in English.

Proceedings

We are currently investigating the possibility of producing the conference proceedings, preferably in 2006. To achieve this goal it is necessary that all authors make their final papers available soon after or, preferably, during the conference.

Registration Fee and accommodation

Conference registration fee is € 100. It includes the conference information package and proceedings (incl. abstracts of papers, etc.), coffees as well as the excursion and the conference dinner.

Preliminary Programme

23 November (Wednesday)

Arrival

The registration desk at the church hall will be open from 16.00 to 20.00.

Evening:

- Film and technical workshop (ringing schemes, catching techniques)

24 November (Thursday)

Morning:

- European census 2003-2005 (Population dynamics in summer and winter, progress reports)
- Cormorant management (Parallels between Europe and North America/Canada)

Afternoon:

- Food and fish stocks revisited (Feeding ecology, recent developments)

Evening:

- Reception by local authorities
- Conference dinner

25 November (Friday)

Morning:

- Interaction with human interests: what is new? (fisheries, fish farms, forestry etc.)

Afternoon:

- Telemetry and remote control studies
- Round-table discussion on the future activities of the Cormorant Research Group

Evening:

- Poster session, photo and slide show "Cormorans aux Grangettes"

26 November (Saturday)

Morning:

- Excursion to the Ramsar site "Les Grangettes" (lake Geneva)

Afternoon:

- Departure of participants

Practical information

Venue

The village of Villeneuve (VD) is situated at the upper end of Lake Geneva, 4 km south of Montreux. The conference will be held at the "Maison de paroisse catholique" (church hall), 1, av. De Byron, 1844 Villeneuve. To get there:

When you get out of the railway station take the first road to the right (direction of Montreux). After c. 400 m turn right at the sign "Eglise catholique". The church hall is situated behind the church.

For a map of the region and additional tourist information visit the website of the regional tourist office: www.montreux-vevey.com.

How to get there:

Villeneuve can be reached easily by train from Geneva airport, which is the closest, as well as from the airports at Zurich or Basel-Mulhouse. Between Montreux and Villeneuve there is a train every half hour as well as a bus service VMCV (bus n° 1 – runs every 10 min. close to the lake, bus stop in Villeneuve: "La Plage").

For train connections check the website of the Swiss railways: www.sbb.ch

Some train connections:

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| Genève aéroport | dep. | 14.36 | Every hour until | 19.36 | 19.44 | 20.47 | | | |
| Lausanne | arr. | 15.18 | | 20.18 | 20.40 | 21.40 | | | |
| Lausanne | dep. | 15.33 | | 20.33 | 21.00 | 22.00 | | | |
| Villeneuve | arr. | 16.05 | | 21.05 | 21.40 | 22.40 | | | |
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| Genève aéroport | dep. | 15.01 | Every hour until | 18.01 | | | | | |
| Montreux | arr. | 16.04 | | 19.04 | | | | | |
| Montreux | dep. | 16.33 | | 19.33 | | | | | |
| Villeneuve | arr. | 16.40 | | 19.40 | | | | | |
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| Zürich Flughafen | dep. | 12.33 | 13.13 | 13.43 | 14.13 | 14.43 | 15.13 | 15.43 | 16.13 |
| Biel/Bienne | arr. | | | 15.13 | | | | 17.13 | |
| Biel/Bienne | dep. | | | 15.16 | | | | 17.16 | |
| Lausanne | arr. | 15.15 | 15.40 | 16.15 | 16.40 | 17.15 | 17.40 | 18.15 | 18.40 |
| Lausanne | dep. | 15.33 | 16.00 | 16.33 | 16.56 | 17.25 | 17.56 | 18.33 | 19.00 |
| Villeneuve | arr. | 16.05 | 16.40 | 17.05 | 17.23 | 17.53 | 18.23 | 19.05 | 19.40 |

Accommodation

In Villeneuve, several hotels in different price ranges are available. Some participants may also stay in hotels in Montreux, depending on demand. Montreux-Vevey Tourisme offers its support to organise accommodation. Special prices have been negotiated for the conference. Bookings therefore have to be made with the attached form. Rooms have been prebooked for the conference and will be reserved until **15 October 2005**. Rooms and prices cannot be guaranteed after this date.

You will get the Riviera card at the hotel at check-in. Using this card, you can travel free of charge on the VMCV bus network and at half-fare on train excursions and buy museum and theme park entrance tickets with a 50% reduction.

Visa

Participants should check themselves whether they need a visa to enter Switzerland.

Currency

Currency in Switzerland is the Swiss franc (CHF). Exchange rate: 1 CHF equals c. 0.67 EUR (so 1 EUR equals about 1.59 CHF). In some places it is possible to pay in Euro. Money can be exchanged in Villeneuve.

Weather

The weather at the end of November can be cold (but usually above freezing point). Water- and windproof clothing is recommended for the excursion.

Insurance

We recommend that participants arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property. The organisers will not accept any liability for personal injury or loss of, or damage to property.

Electricity

Electricity supply is 220 V. You may need an adapter for Swiss sockets.

Conference Excursion

A half-day excursion will be organised by the Fondation des Grangettes. Apart from cormorants, a wide variety of waterbirds can be seen along the shore (from great crested grebes to tufted ducks and eider ducks). Management measures taken within the Ramsar site will be presented.

Participants from low-income countries

A limited amount of money is available to assist participants from low-income countries. If you need funds for travelling and/or accommodation, please send a written request to the organisers at the Swiss Ornithological Institute (cormorant@vogelwarte.ch).

Registration

Please register by sending the attached form by 31 October 2005 via e-mail to: cormorant@vogelwarte.ch or by fax to: +41 41 4629710. You will receive a confirmation of receipt. If you do not get a confirmation within 48 hours, please try again or phone the Swiss Ornithological Institute. Your contact persons: Verena Keller: +41 41 4629720 or Elisabeth Wiprächtiger (+41 41 4629723).

Website of the Cormorant Research Group

Registration and hotel booking forms, a map of Villeneuve, the programme and additional information can also be downloaded from the CRG website:

<http://web.tiscali.it/sv2001/index.htm>