

Newsletter 2009/1



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The latest news about monitoring and atlas work in Europe

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The Board of the EBCC met in Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain on 21-22 April 2009. The key topic for the EBCC Board was to visit the venue for the upcoming 18th international conference in 2010 and to discuss the conference programme.

"Monitoring, indicators and targets"



BIRD NUMBERS 2010

The 18th EBCC conference in 2010 will be held on 22-26 March in Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain, and organised by SEO, the Spanish Ornithological Society. The conference venue is an old but beautifully restored monastery in the city centre, providing us with a superb facility for this important meeting. Please reserve the 22nd and 27th as travelling days and look for more conference information on www.seo.org/EBCC2010.

The Annual General Meeting of EBCC was held on 22nd April in connection with the EBCC Board Meeting. During the AGM there was a short presentation from the Chairman and a financial report. EBCC

The European Bird Census Council (EBCC) is an association of like-minded expert ornithologists co-operating in a range of ways to improve bird monitoring and atlas work and thereby inform and improve the management and conservation of bird populations in Europe. Each European country can be represented by two delegates.

activities and finances are in good order. The following **new EBCC delegates** were ratified by the AGM: Sancar Baris (Turkey), Jean-Yves Paquet (Belgium), Elchin Sultanov (Azerbaijan), Mamikon Ghasabyan (Armenia), Ivan Budinski (Croatia), Yann Kolbeinsson (Iceland), Georg Willi Renat (Liechtenstein) and Arco van Strien (The Netherlands). The next AGM, discussing key questions and electing a new board, will be held during the conference in March 2010.

There are now EBCC delegates representing 43 different countries. The latest list of delegates is on the EBCC homepage. There are presently no delegates for Albania, Andorra and Georgia and only one each for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Liechtenstein and Serbia. If you have information about potential delegates for the latter seven countries, please contact the EBCC Delegate Officer Åke Lindström ake.lindstrom@zoekol.lu.se

The Pan-European Common Bird Monitoring Scheme (PECBMS) held a workshop in Prague, Czech Republic in January 2009. Indicators and species trends for 135 species, including data up to 2006 are published on the website. The



View from the venue of the upcoming 2010 EBCC conference in Cáceres, Spain, including several breeding pairs of White Storks on the roof.

European Commission has confirmed financial support for 2009-2012. Contact: Petr Voříšek on EuroMonitoring@birdlife.cz.

The proceedings from the 2004 EBCC Conference in Kayseri, Turkey were published in the Catalan Journal of Ornithology in 2008. The proceedings of the 2007 Conference in Chiavenna, Italy are in progress and are scheduled for publication in *Avocetta* later in 2009.

The next issue of Bird Census News (BCN 2009/1) is due out in July 2009. The articles will deal with census work in Catalonia, Ukraine, Moscow, Latvia, Malta, Eastern Europe (the SEED-project), Luxemburg and Poland, as examples of the diverse activities carried out in Europe connected to the EBCC. BCN is sent out to all EBCC delegates and published as a pdf on the EBCC homepage. Send contributions to: anny.anselin@inbo.be

As a follow-up of the SEED project the initiative was taken at the PECBMS workshop in January to 'pair-up' established national schemes with new and developing schemes. Some work is already

underway, such as between ICO (Spain) and Andorra, and between Aves-Natagora (Belgium) and LNVL Luxembourg. Contact: sylvia.barova@gmail.com

A new EBCC Board will be voted in at the EBCC Conference in Cáceres in 2010. While several of the present board members have indicated that they will step down, others are prepared to continue for another three years. All EBCC Delegates are free to suggest delegates as new Board members. Please send our suggestions to richard.gregory@rspb.org.uk



from the bird census world

- Information on the Breeding Bird Monitoring Programme in the *Czech Republic* has been added to the EBCC homepage. Please check whether *your* country's page is up-to-date, there are still countries with no information at all!
- A new monitoring scheme is starting up in Luxemburg; www.lnvl.lu
- The first ever USA State of Birds report has been produced; www.stateofthebirds.com
- An indicator of the impact of climate change on European birds using PECBMS data has been published in the online journal *PLoS One*: <http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0004678>
- A surprisingly large population of globally threatened Eastern Imperial Eagles *Aquila heliaca* has been found in Eastern Thrace (European Turkey)! Contact: dimitar.demerdzhev@bspb.org

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