

Newsletter 2009/2



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The latest news about monitoring and atlas work in Europe

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"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, and the EBCC. This conference is a key event of the EBCC and we therefore hope to see all EBCC delegates there!

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 16 November, and the deadline for early registration is 20 January 2010. The 2nd conference announcement has been sent to all EBCC delegates and we encourage you to advertise the conference to your colleagues and come along. All necessary info can be found at www.seo.org/EBCC2010.

There are now EBCC delegates for most of Europe's countries. However, if you know of good potential candidates from Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Liechtenstein and Serbia, please contact the EBCC Delegate Officer Åke Lindström ake.lindstrom@zoekol.lu.se

The European Bird Census Council (EBCC) is an association of like-minded expert ornithologists cooperating 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.



The big news is that The Pan-European Common Bird Monitoring Scheme (PECBMS) now has a funding contract from the European Commission for another three years (ending July 2012). Indicators and species trends, including data up to 2007, are in a final state of quality control and will be out by the end of October 2009. The collation of data including 2008 is in progress; deadline for national indices submission is the end of October 2009. Contact: Petr Voříšek (EuroMonitoring@birdlife.cz) or Jana Škorpilová (skorpilova@birdlife.cz).

The proceedings of the 2007 Conference in Chiavenna, Italy is in the final phase of editing and is scheduled for publication in *Avocetta* late 2009, or early 2010. There will be around 30 papers in total. Six more papers presented at the meeting have been forwarded for publication to BCN.

The next issue of Bird Census News (BCN 2009/2) is due out in December 2009. Among other things, there will be articles about the new breeding bird monitoring schemes in Latvia and

Luxembourg. BCN is sent out to all EBCC delegates and published as a pdf file on the EBCC homepage. Please contribute with ideas, articles and news about EBCC related work, by contacting Anny Anselin (anny.anselin@inbo.be).

The Board of the EBCC meets twice a year and the latest meeting was held in Lund, Sweden on 8-10 October, putting particular focus on plans for the upcoming 18th international conference in 2010.



The participants at the EBCC Board meeting in Lund, Sweden in October 2009. From left: Richard Gregory, Ruud Foppen, Virginia Escandell, Ian Burfield, Anny Anselin, Petr Voříšek, Kate Risely, Åke Lindström, Juan Carlos del Moral, Jana Skorpilova, Hans-Günther Bauer and Lorenzo Fornasari.

A new EBCC Board will be elected at the EBCC General Meeting during the Conference in Cáceres in 2010. EBCC delegates are invited to suggest suitable names. Board would very much welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please note that proposals for a board member should be accompanied by a letter of support from two EBCC delegates, as well as a letter confirming his/her willingness to act as a Board member. In the proposal, please also indicate interest in any Board roles, such as Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary,

Treasurer, or coordinator roles for e.g. delegates, website, data requests, conferences, policy and profile raising. Please send your suggestions by the end of 2009 to Richard Gregory (richard.gregory@rspb.org.uk).

A new Breeding Bird Atlas for Europe?

The EBCC breeding bird atlas of 1997 is a landmark publication for the EBCC that still attracts a lot of scientific interest. In times of ongoing and forecasted changes in European bird distributions, the time may be ripe for a second breeding bird atlas for Europe? The topic was discussed at the Board meeting in Lund and the plan is to devote some time at the Cáceres conference to talking about this together.



from the bird census world

- The Romanian Ornithological Society has recently won a government contract to take forward bird monitoring over the next five years, and importantly, this includes their common bird monitoring scheme.
- In October 2009 there was an introductory workshop to the Common Bird Monitoring scheme in Serbia, led by Dragan Simić (League for Ornithological Action of Serbia) and Jordan Hristov (BirdLife Bulgaria and the coordinator of the Bulgarian monitoring scheme). This is a good example of bilateral exchange between EBCC countries and will hopefully contribute to the growth of the CBM scheme in Serbia.

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