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EDITORIAL

This issue of Bird Census News is published shortly after a moment of transition for the European Bird Census Council. Following recent changes in the EBCC Board, our chair and long-standing Board member, Verena Keller, has stepped down from the Board. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Verena for her many years of dedicated leadership and her outstanding contribution to EBCC activities, from advancing large-scale monitoring initiatives to strengthening cooperation across Europe.

The articles in this issue once again highlight the diversity and relevance of bird monitoring across the EBCC network. The contribution from Denmark demonstrates the exceptional value of long-term data by documenting changes in the national bird fauna over the past century, combining historical sources with modern atlas and monitoring data. The paper from Belgium addresses the impact of Usutu virus on wild bird populations, using data from national bird monitoring schemes. From a different geographical context, the article from Armenia provides a detailed assessment of the status and conservation of the Cinereous Vulture.

We also continue our tradition of publishing interviews with EBCC Board members. In this issue, we feature an interview with Aleksi Lehikoinen, offering insights into his scientific background, motivation, and views on EBCC's role.

We hope this issue will both inform and inspire.

on behalf of the EBCC

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