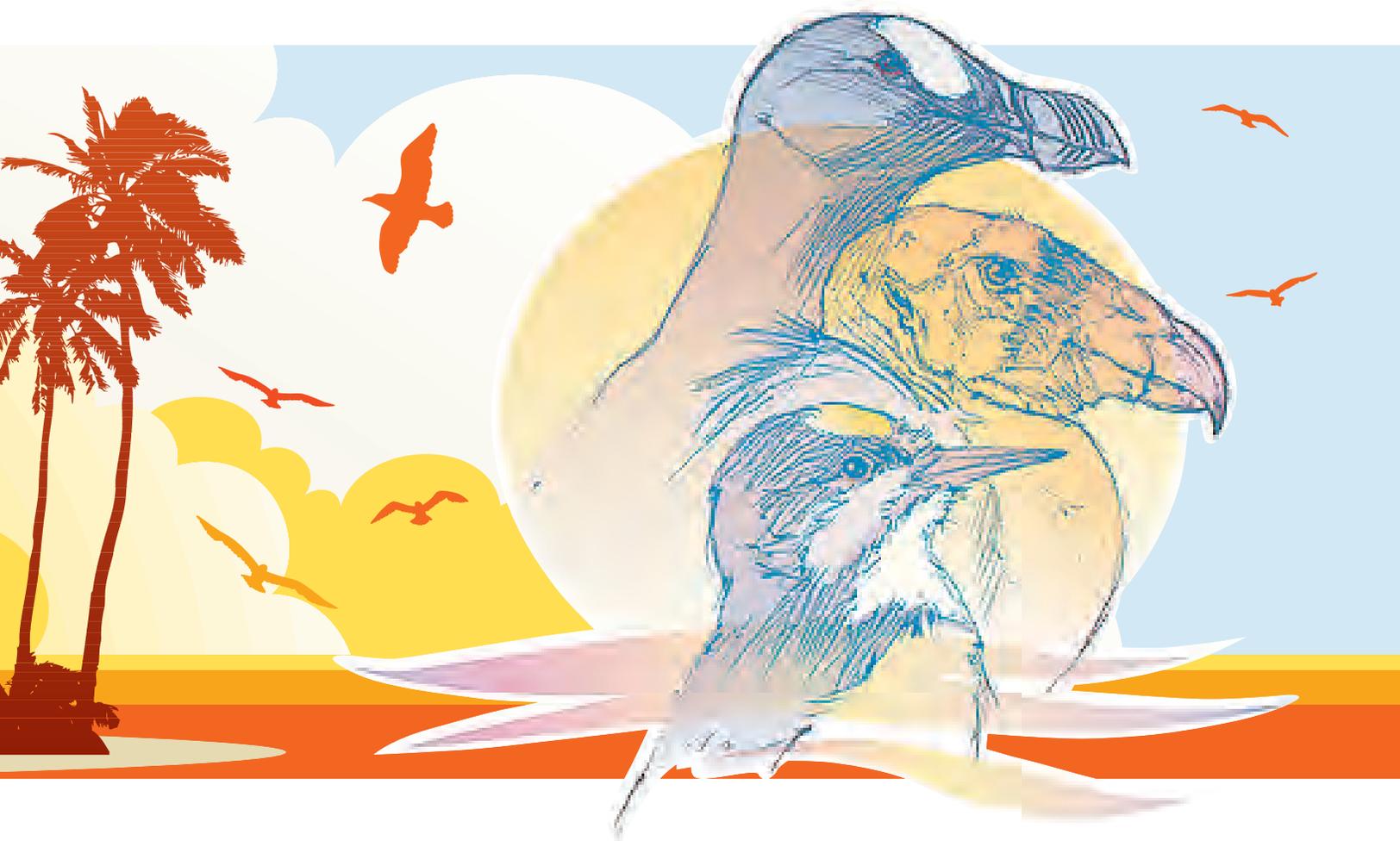


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**COS/AOU/SCO 2010 Annual Meeting**

7 - 11 February 2010 at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center, San Diego, California

The 2010 Conference will be a joint meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, The American Ornithologists' Union, and the Society of Canadian Ornithologists – Société des ornithologistes du Canada

80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society

128<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists – Société des ornithologistes du Canada

This joint meeting will be held in San Diego, California, beginning Sunday, 7 February through Thursday, 11 February 2010. The meeting will feature four days of contributed scientific papers, posters, invited speakers, symposia, and special activities for students and early career professionals. In addition, field trips are planned that take advantage of the abundant and diverse bird life in the area. The meeting will begin with an opening reception on Sunday, 7 February. All conference activities, including the opening reception, symposia, workshops, paper and poster sessions, council and business meetings, student events, and the banquet will take place at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center. A special off-site evening event also is planned at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Save money on your registration fees and travel costs by making your plans to attend early.

The deadline for submission of abstracts for inclusion in the Scientific Program will be **6 November 2009**. Students and post-docs applying for travel or presentation awards must also meet a deadline of **6 November 2009**. See this circular or the conference Web site for more details.

**Host City: San Diego**

San Diego is very accessible with excellent airline rates and connections, a major AMTRAK rail station, and direct links to Interstate highways. The city offers inexpensive ground transportation. Car rental is not necessary, but if you plan to do some birding or visit the San Diego area, then you may want to consider renting a car. Avis Rental Car is conveniently located on site at the Town & Country. The parking fee at the Town & Country is \$8 per day.

San Diego's great outdoors beckons bird watchers from around the globe. The region's beautiful and diverse landscape, from 70 miles of oceanfront beaches and bay front tidelands to inland foothills, canyons, mountains and deserts, provides a permanent or migratory home to some of nature's most notable feathered friends. More than 480 species of birds have been observed in San Diego County—more than any other county or region of comparable size in North America. It is a bird haven along the Pacific Flyway—the diverse migratory route along the west coast of the United States—where many birds make their winter homes or nest. San Diego is also a birder's delight because of its year-round near-idyllic climate.

Most days are sunny and warm with an average daily temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit (21.4 degrees Celsius). Visitors to San Diego are sure to enjoy beautiful weather year round and can sample coastal, mountain and desert environments all in the span of a day. Temperatures in February range from highs in the mid to upper 60s to lows in the 50s (Fahrenheit).

**The Town & Country Resort**

Located in the heart of San Diego in Mission Valley, the Town & Country Resort hotel's convenient, central location provides easy access to all of the city's sites, business districts and attractions. The hotel is situated on 42 acres of beautiful gardens and offers five restaurants, three lounges, three pools, and a 15,000 square foot spa/salon/fitness center. The Town & Country is six miles (ten minutes) from San Diego Lindbergh Field/San Diego Airport and only ten minutes from Old Town, the world famous San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, Sea World and beautiful bays and beaches. The San Diego Trolley stops on property and offers easy travel around San Diego, stopping at Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego State University, Old Town, Seaport Village, Horton Plaza, the Convention Center and the U.S./Mexico border. You may purchase an all-day pass on the trolley for \$5. The Fashion Valley Mall, San Diego's premier and largest shopping center, is within walking distance from the hotel.

The guestroom rate at the Town & Country is \$155 for single or double occupancy. Participants are strongly encouraged to stay at the Town & Country to support the societies and help reduce meeting costs. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 619-291-7131, 1-800-772-8527 (Toll-Free) or via the reservation Web site at:

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_gi\\_new&groupID=995827](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=995827)

### **Schedule-at-a-Glance**

All three societies will have their board or council meetings as well as their annual business meetings at the conference. See the schedule for specific days. Additionally the OSNA Committee will meet for one hour on Thursday, 11 February, during lunch.

#### **Saturday, 6 February**

Afternoon                      Councils arrive

Evening                        Councils meet

#### **Sunday, 7 February**

Morning                      Field Trips  
                                    AOU Council Meeting  
                                    COS Board Meeting  
                                    Workshops

Afternoon                    AOU Council Meeting (Continued)  
                                    COS Board Meeting (Continued)  
                                    SCO Council Meeting  
                                    Workshops  
                                    AOU Fellows Meeting

Evening                        AOU Fellows Dinner  
                                    Opening Reception

#### **Monday, 8 February**

Morning                      Field Trips  
                                    Plenary Session  
                                    General Sessions  
                                    Student-Mentor Lunch

Afternoon                    General Sessions  
                                    AOU Business Meeting

Evening                        Museum Night

#### **Tuesday, 9 February**

Morning                      Field Trips  
                                    Plenary Session  
                                    General Sessions  
                                    SCO Business Meeting

Afternoon                    General Sessions  
                                  COS Business Meeting

Evening                    Posters

**Wednesday, 10 February**

Morning                    Field Trips  
                                  Plenary Session  
                                  General Sessions  
                                  Get to Know Your Society

Afternoon                    General Sessions

Evening                    Student-Professional Social  
                                  Student Quiz Bowl

**Thursday, 11 February**

Morning                    Field Trips  
                                  Plenary Session  
                                  General Sessions  
                                  OSNA Committee Meeting

Afternoon                    General Sessions

Evening                    Reception  
                                  Silent Auction  
                                  Banquet

**Friday, 12 February**

Morning                    Field Trips

**Other Business**

Committees or groups desiring to meet should contact Helen Schneider Lemay ([helens@sgmeet.com](mailto:helens@sgmeet.com)) prior to the meeting or at the registration desk at the meeting for time and space availability.

**Scientific Sessions**

Scientific sessions will take place at the Town & Country Convention Center. Meeting attendees will receive a paper copy of the program upon arrival. The meeting Web site also will post announcements on a daily basis during the meeting of any information that is not included in the program.

**Plenary Sessions**

Plenary sessions and society award talks will be held daily, Monday through Thursday.

**Lecture and Poster Sessions**

Concurrent paper sessions and poster sessions will be held during the meeting. Session and room assignments will be determined in November and will be posted on the meeting Web site.

**Plenary Speakers**

We will begin each morning with a plenary address at 08:00 in the Golden Pacific Ballroom. In addition to invited speakers, finalists for the COS Young Professional Award will deliver presentations during a plenary session on Thursday, 11 February 2010.

The following speakers are confirmed to date.

**Dr. Kathy Martin**

**Plenary Presentation Title: The World Wide Nest Web: How Excavators and Decay Shape Cavity Nesting Bird Communities**

*Biographical Information:* Kathy Martin [[http://farpoint.forestry.ubc.ca/FP/search/Faculty\\_View.aspx?FAC\\_ID=3155](http://farpoint.forestry.ubc.ca/FP/search/Faculty_View.aspx?FAC_ID=3155)] is a professor of wildlife ecology in the Forest Sciences Department at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and a senior research scientist with Environment Canada. She completed her BSc at the University of Prince Edward Island and graduate degrees at the University of Alberta and Queen's University, Ontario. Kathy has always been fascinated by how species persist in extreme and challenging environments. For several decades, she has conducted research on population ecology and life history variation of alpine and arctic grouse and songbirds, especially in relation to environmental variability. Since 1995, she and her students have conducted research on the community ecology of cavity nesters and other forest birds in relation to forestry activities and insect outbreaks.

*Abstract:* In forest and savannah ecosystems, 20-40% of vertebrate species depend on tree cavities to reproduce or for other critical life activities. The cavity nesting habit has arisen in a wide variety of avian families and across continents, and often varies within genera. Nest cavities in trees provide secure environments to raise offspring, but generally the supply of high quality cavities close to other life requisites is quite low. The Nest Web concept was developed to describe the interdependence of cavity producers and consumers in structured-nidic guilds where species interact through the creation of and competition for nest sites. Globally, cavity formation depends on the presence of fungus and decay in trees. In the Nest Webs of North America, some woodpeckers function as keystone species as they excavate over 90% of the holes used by secondary cavity nesting birds and mammals. On other continents, secondary cavity nesters primarily use cavities formed by decay or damage, even when woodpeckers are present. Although hole formation processes differ, especially between temperate and tropical systems, cavity nesters use remarkably consistent rules for nest site selection.

**Dr. Kenneth P. Dial**

**Plenary Presentation Title: Ecological and Evolutionary Significance of the Locomotor Development in Birds"**

*Biographical Information:* Dr. Kenneth P. Dial [<http://dbs.umt.edu/flightlab/dialcv.htm>] has been the director of the Flight Laboratory in the Division of Biological Sciences at the University of Montana for over 20 years. A native of Southern California and son of an aeronautical engineer, he grew up next to LAX and the Ballona Wetlands, fueling his interest at an early age in animal and aircraft flight. Ken is an active jet pilot holding airline transport plane (ATP), instrument, commercial, and multi-engine ratings. He obtained his bachelor's degree in biology at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, his master's degree at California State University, Long Beach, and Ph.D. at Northern Arizona University. Following a post-doctoral fellowship at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University where he studied the anatomy and physiology of bird flight, he assumed a professorship at the University of Montana. Ken continues to teach a graduate field course in Tanzania on the evolutionary ecology of East Africa. He also hosted 36 episodes of Discovery Channel's Animal Planet "All Bird TV." Ken's research activities focus on experimental studies of avian flight, specifically the ontogeny and scaling of avian locomotion, in an effort to offer new perspectives on the ecology, origin, and evolution of avian flight.

*Abstract:* Despite over a century of debate, the evolution of avian flight remains one of the most fiercely contested topics in evolutionary biology, and resolution cannot be possible without a more rigorous method for assessing the validity of competing hypotheses. Until recently, essentially all published efforts on the origin of avian flight fell into one of two traditional camps, arboreal or cursorial, a distinction considered by some to represent a false dichotomy. As it becomes increasingly evident that conventional avenues of investigating locomotor transitional stages are unable to discriminate between alternative or even plausible scenarios, a more incisive experimental approach is required to limit the proliferation of non-falsifiable hypotheses. The time appears ripe for young scientists from diverse disciplines to delve into this volatile subject and energize our thinking beyond the traditional scope. Mining new data derived from extant species (e.g., behavior, life history biology, developmental biology, genetics, experimental

functional morphology and physiology) that can be phylogenetically integrated with the wealth of fossil proto-avian theropod material will lead to more comprehensive and useful theses regarding adaptive states of transitional forms. In addition, by employing “biological uniformitarianism” we can limit the proliferation of countless permutations of arboreal and cursorial variants – and rely on integrative, observable, and/or testable theses on the origin and evolution of flight. The *ontogenetic-transitional wing hypothesis* is presented as the first attempt toward offering an integrative and observable hypothesis regarding transitional stages leading to avian flight.

**Dr. Scott R. Derrickson**

**Dr. Renee Duckworth**

### **Symposia**

Topics include (with proposers listed):

S01: Saving Hawaii’s Birds

*Organizers: Thane Pratt and David Leonard*

S02: Tri-national Bird Conservation: Shared Strategies for a Shared North American Avifauna

*Organizers: Ken Rosenberg, Andrew Couturier, Humberto Berlanga, Peter Blancher, and Terry Rich*

S03: Population and Community Responses of Cavity-Nesting Birds to Natural and Anthropogenic Disturbance

*Organizers: Andrea Norris, Kristina Cockle, and Kathy Martin*

S04: Assessments of Habitat Selection and Quality: Perspectives and Future Directions

*Organizer: Anna Chalfoun*

S05: Birds and Ecosystem Services

*Organizers: Daniel Wenny and Christopher Whelan*

S06: Advances in Shorebird Conservation

*Organizers: Roy Churchwell, Abby Powell, and Stephen Brown*

S07: Rusty Blackbird: Range-Wide Perspective on a Short-Distance Migrant in Decline

*Organizer: Paul Hamel*

S08: Marine Birds: Dynamic Responses to Inter-annual to Interdecadal Climate Variability and Change in the Gulf of California and Southern California Current: Models and Applications

*Organizers: Enriqueta Velarde, Daniel Anderson, Exequiel Ezcurra, and William Sydeman*

S09: Ornithological Applications

*Organizers: Tom Gardali and Nat Seavy*

S10: Women in Ornithology: History, Current Roles, Future Opportunities and the Role of Societies in Professional Development

*Organizers: Bonnie Bowen and Kim Sullivan*

S11: Yellow-billed Cuckoos: Biology and Conservation in the Western United States

*Organizer: Matt Johnson*

S12: Avian Immunity: Resilience in the Face of Emerging Zoonoses and Climate Change

*Organizer: Caldwell Hahn*

## **General Sessions**

G01: Behavior

G02: Sexual Selection

G03: Song and Vocalizations

G04: Foraging

G05: Breeding Biology

G06: Parental Care

G07: Mating Systems

G08: Brood Parasitism

G09: Migration and Stopover Biology

G10: Movements and Dispersal

G11: Ecological Models and Survey Methods

G12: Habitat Relationships

G13: General Ecology

G14: Landscape Ecology

G15: Community Ecology

G16: Tropical Ecology

G17: Urban and Agricultural Ecology

G18: Molecular Ecology

G19: Conservation

G20: Climate

G21: Physiology, Hormones, and Immunology

G22: Diseases and Parasites

G23: Ecotoxicology and Pollution

G24: Population Biology

G25: Life Histories

G26: Evolution

G27: Systematics, Taxonomy, and Morphology

G28: Phylogenetics

G29: Phylogeography

G30: Biogeography

G31: Professional Development

G32: Other

### **Workshops**

Although not yet scheduled, five pre-meeting workshops will be held on Sunday, 7 February 2010. There is no charge to attend the workshops, but sign up is appreciated. Expanded information on each of the workshops listed is available at:  
<http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosaousco2010/workshops.htm>

### **Avian Interactions with Power Lines: An Overview of Avian Protection Plan Guidelines, Regulations, and Techniques for the Protection of Avian Species**

*Organizers:* Kara Donohue ([Kara.Donohue@sce.com](mailto:Kara.Donohue@sce.com)) and Sherry Liguori

This workshop addresses impacts of energy infrastructure and development on migratory birds. It will review the causes of bird electrocutions and collisions with power lines, regulations protecting migratory birds, recent changes to eagle regulations due to bald eagle de-listing, measures to reduce bird mortality associated with power lines, management of raptor nests on power lines, and the development of avian protection plans that allow utilities to protect migratory birds while enhancing power reliability.

### **Getting Involved with Non-academic Institutions**

*Organizers:* Wendy Lenhart, Dan Barton ([daniel.barton@grizmail.umt.edu](mailto:daniel.barton@grizmail.umt.edu)), Andrea Norris, and Kristina Cockle

This workshop will aim to bridge the gap between academics and non-academic institutions. Objectives are to inform students on how to get experience and training at non-academic institutions (non-profits, government agencies, and NGO's). Representatives will include AZA institutions, Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Society, USGS, etc.

### **North American Ornithological Atlas Committee (NORAC)**

*Organizers:* Andrew Couturier ([acouturier@bsc-eoc.org](mailto:acouturier@bsc-eoc.org)) and Charles M. Francis

The objectives of the workshop are to facilitate the exchange of information on atlases and to develop a compendium of "best practices." This compendium, or atlas handbook, will function as a central resource for those considering implementing a breeding bird atlas. The agenda will consist of a mixture of short presentations and informal discussions throughout the day.

### **Avian First Aid for the Field and Captive Setting**

*Organizer:* Lynn Miller ([mbeland@securenet.net](mailto:mbeland@securenet.net))

With the decline in avian populations world-wide, we can not afford to lose individuals impacted through human interaction. This workshop aims to give solid practical advice in managing injuries, allowing the attendee to evaluate an injury, to stabilize it, and to transport the bird to the appropriate site for care.

## Phylogenetic Methods for Estimating Species Trees

*Organizers:* Scott Edwards ([sedwards@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:sedwards@fas.harvard.edu)) and Liang Liu

A computer workshop focused on new methods for estimating phylogenetic trees from multilocus DNA sequence data. A new class of phylogenetic methods is emerging for the estimation of so-called “species trees,” trees of species, populations and lineages that can be estimated by combining the information from multiple, independently segregating genes or DNA sequences. The workshop will focus on implementing and running two software packages (Bayesian Estimation of Species Trees (or BEST), and Species Trees Estimated by Average Ranks of Coalescence Times (or STAR)), and will allow participants to analyze their own or example data sets.

### Audio-Visual Materials

All meeting rooms will be equipped with PowerPoint on Windows PC computers. Presenters should bring files on CD, a USB thumb drive, or a flash drive to upload their presentation file in advance of scheduled sessions. Specific instructions for preparing and loading presentations will be sent by e-mail to authors of accepted abstracts and also will be available on the meeting Web site. Slide projectors and other AV equipment will NOT be available unless requested in advance when submitting an abstract. A preview room will be available to preload presentations.

### Internet access

Internet access will be available for participants in various locations during the meeting at no charge. Guest room access is available at a cost of \$9.95 per day.

### Call for Papers

Members of the sponsoring societies and other ornithologists are invited to contribute to the scientific sessions. To apply for a place on the program, follow instructions for online submission found on the Web site; abstracts will not be accepted by fax or e-mail.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS BY THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE IS **6 NOVEMBER 2009**. THIS IS ALSO THE DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION RATES. Authors are strongly encouraged to register by the abstract deadline as presentations will not be placed on the final program until the presenting author is registered.

A full scientific program is anticipated. Therefore, the Scientific Program Committee will accommodate requests for oral presentations as long as space is available. Some participants requesting to present orally may be asked to give a poster if the program fills to capacity. We will not allow participants to present more than one talk or poster as first author unless the Scientific Program Committee determines that there is sufficient space in the program. Oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes including time for questions and technical difficulties. The Program Committee encourages speakers to aim for 12-minute presentations.

There will be one dedicated poster session at the meeting on Tuesday evening, 9 February.

Boards for the poster session will measure 4' x 8' (122 cm x 244 cm) with two posters side-by-side on each board face. Allowing room for the edges of the boards, posters should be no larger than 45" x 45" (114 cm x 114 cm). Pins will be provided for mounting.

### Student and Postdoctoral Awards

Numerous travel awards and presentation awards are available. See below for eligibility and application procedures. In addition to award application materials described below, students also must submit standard abstract materials to the Scientific Program Committee to receive a place on the program. Submit only ONE application; indicate on the cover sheet (see application instructions below) which award(s) you are applying for.

### Application Procedures

Application Deadline is **6 November**; late applications will not be accepted. To apply for either type of award, submit the following items via e-mail (as a single .pdf attachment) to Rolf Koford ([rkoford@iastate.edu](mailto:rkoford@iastate.edu)):

- Completed Student Award Cover Sheet ([http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosaousco2010/student\\_awards.htm](http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosaousco2010/student_awards.htm))
- 1-page curriculum vitae, including information on membership in the AOU, COS, and/or SCO.
- An expanded abstract (double-spaced with 12-point font, 3-page maximum including any references, tables, and figures). The expanded abstract should state objectives, methods, major results, and scientific significance.
- A brief e-mail (one to three sentences) from the academic advisor stating that the applicant is a student in good academic standing.
- Questions may be directed to Rolf Koford ([rkoford@iastate.edu](mailto:rkoford@iastate.edu)) or Susan Skagen ([skagens@usgs.gov](mailto:skagens@usgs.gov)).

***Eligibility:***

- Full-time undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.
- Students graduating within one year of the last meeting are eligible. Postdocs are eligible only if the degree was awarded in the semester/quarter prior to the meeting.
- Undergraduates are encouraged to participate.
- Both oral presentations and poster presentations are eligible for these awards.
- The applicant must be the sole or lead author and must also present the poster or oral paper. Students applying for travel awards need not enter the student presentation competition.
- Applicants for student presentation awards must be members of the AOU, COS, or SCO. Students who are not currently members are encouraged to join to become eligible for student awards. Check the AOU web site at <http://www.aou.org/membership/>, the COS web site at <http://www.cooper.org/membership/membership.htm#benies>, and the SCO web site at <http://www.sco-soc.ca/membership.html> for information about student memberships. All three societies offer reduced-rate memberships for students and some no-cost memberships may be available.

***Restrictions:***

- Students presenting in symposia are ineligible for presentation awards.
- Travel awards are issued only after the Scientific Program Committee has accepted the presentation.
- Travel award funds are intended to cover travel expenses only, and do not cover meals, lodging or registration fees.
- Recipients of travel awards are expected to stay at the conference hotel (Town & Country) to help us meet our room commitment and thereby keep meeting costs low. Assistance in finding roommates is available. Please indicate your participation in the roommate finder service on the conference registration form.
- Travel awards have a limit of two per lifetime.
- Presentation Awards have a limit of one per lifetime.

***Award criteria:***

- Awards will be made based on quality of research and presentation, and preference will be given to students presenting a substantial body of work rather than early progress reports.
- Students are encouraged to consult the tips for effective presentations at:
  - [Rethinking the design of presentation slides](#)
  - [Guidelines for good poster design](#)
  - [CAIN Project poster design guide](#)
- The research focus for most awards is open; however, the Robert B. Berry Student Award is specified for the most outstanding presentation on research pertaining to avian conservation.
- Applicants for presentation awards should not specify a particular award; all eligible submissions will be considered for the appropriate awards.

**Young Professional Award**

The COS Young Professional Award recognizes early-career ornithological researchers for their outstanding contributions to ornithology. Those eligible for this award should be in the final year of their graduate program or be within one year following graduation. Three finalists will be selected to deliver talks at the Young Professional plenary session held at the annual meeting and will be given 25 minutes each to present their research (20 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions). The plenary session will be held on the fourth morning of the meeting with no other concurrent sessions, allowing students to highlight their work to all

participants. The three finalists are guaranteed travel awards and will be invited to an event attended by the COS president, officers, and the chair of the student participation committee on the day prior to the plenary session. Recipients of the award will receive a cash prize. Finalists who do not receive an award will receive honorable mention in the *Condor* but will not qualify for any other student presentation awards during the year they compete as Young Professional presenters. The three finalists will be notified at least six weeks prior to the annual meeting. Applicants not selected as finalists will automatically be considered for other student presentation awards.

### ***Application Procedures***

Application deadline is **6 November**; late applications will not be accepted. In addition to the award application materials described below, students must also [submit standard abstract materials to the Scientific Program Committee](#) to receive a place on the program. Submit only ONE student award application (see application instructions below). (For guidelines on applying for a student travel award, go to [http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosaousco2010/student\\_awards.htm](http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosaousco2010/student_awards.htm)). To apply for the Young Professional Award, submit the following items via e-mail (as a single .pdf attachment) to Rolf Koford ([rkoford@iastate.edu](mailto:rkoford@iastate.edu)):

- Completed Student Award Cover Sheet ([http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosaousco2010/student\\_awards.htm](http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosaousco2010/student_awards.htm))
- Two-page curriculum vitae, including information on COS membership.
- A mini-paper following the guidelines of paper submission outlined in *Nature*. (Click here for guidelines: <http://www.nature.com/nature/authors/gta/#a1.2>). Body of text (abstract through discussion) should not exceed 1500 words; literature cited, tables, figures, and figure captions are not included in the word count, but figures and tables are limited to four total (figures plus tables) elements.
- A brief e-mail (one to three sentences) from the academic advisor stating that the applicant is a student in good academic standing.
- Questions may be directed to Susan Skagen ([skagens@usgs.gov](mailto:skagens@usgs.gov)) or Rolf Koford ([rkoford@iastate.edu](mailto:rkoford@iastate.edu)).

### ***Eligibility:***

- Applicants for the Young Professional Award must be members of COS. Students who are not currently members are encouraged to join to become eligible for student awards. Check the COS web site at <http://www.cooper.org/membership/membership.htm#benies> for information about student memberships. COS offers reduced-rate memberships for students and some no-cost memberships may be available.
- Applicants for the Young Professional Award must be in their final year of graduate studies or have graduated within one year of the previous annual meeting.
- The applicant must be the sole or lead author and must also present the oral paper.

### ***Restrictions:***

- The Young Professional Award has a limit of one per person.

### **Special Events**

#### **Silent Auction**

#### ***AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!***

CAN YOU DONATE ITEMS? STUDENT COMMITTEES ARE IN GREAT NEED OF DONATIONS for the silent auction! The funds from the auction will be used in funding student travel and participation in future joint society meetings.

Examples of things to donate include, but are not limited to: books (new, used, vintage, out of print, hard to find, and autographed), field guides, educational materials, binoculars, optics, tripods, services (e.g., bird identification or help with statistics), transmitters/receivers, blankets, jewelry, art, photos, DVDs, prints, decorations... your imagination is the limit!

This is the perfect opportunity to support students and recycle those unused, but valuable, items sitting in your labs and offices! If you have suitable items to donate, or any questions, please contact Stephanie Wright ([stephanie.wright@villanova.edu](mailto:stephanie.wright@villanova.edu)).

For donors who may wish to take a tax deduction, we can make arrangements to give receipts for donated items.

### **Night at the Museum**

Join your colleagues on Monday night, 8 February, for a fun evening at the San Diego Natural History Museum. At the museum, guests will have access to two exciting exhibits. Darwin: Evolution/Revolution is a special exhibit coinciding with the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of *On the Origin of Species*. The exhibit has only been shown at a few North American venues and includes Darwin's own notebooks, manuscripts, specimens, and personal objects as well as fossils and living organisms. Guests also will be able to explore the museum's Fossil Mysteries exhibit which includes a variety of fossils and recreations of prehistoric life through a 75-million year timeline, including dinosaurs, mastodons, and a giant 34-foot *Megalodon* shark. Event ticket (\$50) includes shuttle transportation between the hotel and the museum, access to the museum, a complimentary drink ticket, and delicious heavy appetizers.

The San Diego Natural History Museum is located along "the Prado" in historic Balboa Park. It is one of several museums in this area of the park that were originally constructed during the Panama-California Exposition of 1915. In addition to visiting the inside of the natural history museum, guests might also like to take an evening stroll to view these interesting and historic buildings.

Further information on the museum can be found at <http://www.sdnhm.org/>

### **Student Activities**

#### **Student-Mentor Lunch**

The Student-Mentor Lunch will be held on Monday, 8 February. The lunch is designed to partner students with established ornithologists in an effort to build camaraderie among people working in the same field, help students learn keys to success, and provide students a contact person with whom to confer throughout the meeting.

We expect to host approximately 50 participants at the 2010 meeting. Students may choose from a list of professional ornithologists who have volunteered for the mentor program, and each ornithologist will be partnered with one or two students. Student-mentor partnerships will be formed prior the meeting to allow for early relationship development. The professional participants will be listed on the Web site prior to the meeting. **Advance sign-up is required.**

The lunch is open to students who are current members of AOU, SCO, or COS. Interested students should sign up by contacting Samantha Franks ([sfranks@sfu.ca](mailto:sfranks@sfu.ca)).

#### **Student-Professional Social**

This social event, scheduled for Wednesday, 10 February, will provide an informal setting for students and professional ornithologists to meet and discuss common research interests. Professionals will be seated at tables organized by their area of study. This will give the students the opportunity to select tables and sit with professionals who share their interests. A variety of different research areas will be represented including, but not limited to:

1. Avian Community/Landscape Ecology
2. Population Ecology/Demography
3. Avian Physiology/Morphology
4. Systematics/Evolution
5. Migration/Orientation
6. Breeding Biology
7. Conservation
8. Behavior
9. Genetics

The social is open to students who are current members of AOU, SCO, or COS. Space is limited and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; **advance sign-up is required**. Interested students should contact Markus Mika ([mmika@unlv.nevada.edu](mailto:mmika@unlv.nevada.edu)).

**Note:** The Student Quiz Bowl will occur immediately after this event.

### 5TH ANNUAL STUDENT QUIZ BOWL

Join your colleagues on Wednesday, 10 February, for this popular and fun event!

**Participants:** Participation is limited to registered student members in good standing in AOU, COS or SCO at the time of sign-up. We can accommodate nine teams for the competition, each with three members. Teams consisting of students with different areas of expertise will have the advantage because of the varied subject material of the questions. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other students, participate in the conference, and show off your knowledge. Participation will be based on a first-come first-served basis, so get your teams together early.

**Please note:** **You do not need a full team to sign up!** If you would like to play, but don't have a team, please e-mail us. We will put you in touch with other "free agents" so that everyone can play!

**Description:** In this Jeopardy-style quiz bowl, teams of three will compete to answer general knowledge questions on a variety of topics that somehow relate to birds, ranging from ornithological knowledge categories like Avian Morphology and Taxonomy to random categories like Mythical Birds and Avian Anagrams. Each of the nine teams will participate in a timed match against two other teams where up to 25 questions will be asked. The point values of the questions will vary, with more difficult questions being worth a higher point value. At the end of each timed match, one final question will be asked where teams can wager up to all of their accumulated points. The winning teams from each first-round match will then play in the championship round that will be played in the same manner as the first round.

**How to sign up:** **Advance sign-up is required.** Send an e-mail to Nicholas Block ([nlblock@uchicago.edu](mailto:nlblock@uchicago.edu)) with "Student Quiz Bowl" in the subject line and the following information: (1) team name and (2) e-mail address and institution for **each team member**.

### All-Out Ostrich Uproar

The All-Out Ostrich Uproar 5 Km run will be held in the afternoon on Wednesday, 9 February.. Join runners and walkers for this great outing that benefits student awards. (Registration is \$20.) Meet at the registration desk at 16:30. For details, consult the Web site.

### Closing Banquet

The closing banquet will be held at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center on Thursday, 11 February. We encourage conference attendees to purchase banquet tickets when they register. The cost is \$50 per professional or guest and \$30 per student. Vegetarian options will be available.

### Field Trips

San Diego is a world-class birding destination, with exactly 500 species reported in the county. We are pleased to offer a range of popular half-day to full-day field trips both before and after the meeting to help you sample the avifauna of this diverse and beautiful region.

### Los Coronados Islands Pelagic Trip (Friday, 12 February)

Full-day trip by boat to Los Coronados Islands off Tijuana, Mexico, site of important colonies of the Brown Pelican, Brandt's Cormorant, Western Gull, Xantus' Murrelet, storm-petrels—and now Brown Booby. We will come and go by way of the most productive sites for pelagic birds off San Diego, center of the winter range of the Black-vented Shearwater; many other species such as the Short-tailed Shearwater and Rhinoceros Auklet are likely.

*Itinerary/Cost:*

- Bus leaves Town & Country at 06:00.
- Approximately 8-9 hours at sea.
- Bus arrives back at Town & Country at 18:00.
- Food is available for purchase at the boat's galley.
- Cost: \$80 per person; minimum group size 31; maximum group size 65.

**Salton Sea Trip (Sunday, 7 February)**

Full-day trip by bus from San Diego to the south end of the Salton Sea and Imperial Valley, man-made environments that are now the sites of some of the largest concentrations of birds in North America. The area is the winter home of vast numbers of wintering waterbirds such as the Snow and Ross's Geese and White-faced Ibis, and a large fraction of the total population of the American White Pelican, Mountain Plover, Long-billed Curlew, and Eared Grebe. We will also see wintering land birds and localized resident species such as Abert's Towhee. Leaders: Kathy Molina and Kimball Garrett.

*Itinerary/Cost:*

- Bus leaves Town & Country at 05:00.
- Box lunch provided (specify meat or vegetarian sandwich).
- Bus returns to Town & Country at approximately 19:00.
- Cost: \$75; minimum group size 20; maximum group size 48.

**San Diego Coast (Sunday, 7 February)**

Half-day trip by van or mini-coach to birding hot spots around San Diego, including the San Diego River mouth, south San Diego Bay, and the Tijuana River estuary. The San Diego River mouth attracts a wide diversity of shorebirds and waterfowl and is the principal site in California for foraging of the Little Blue Heron. The huge colony of terns in south San Diego Bay is not active in February, but the area features a great diversity of waterbirds. The Tijuana estuary is one of southern California's largest remaining tidal marshes and critical habitat for the Light-footed Clapper Rail, Belding's Savannah Sparrow, and Snowy Plover. It is foraging habitat for California's only resident Yellow-crowned Night Herons.

*Itinerary/Cost:*

- Van or bus leaves Town & Country at 06:00.
- Arrive back at Town & Country by noon (lunch not included).
- Cost: \$45 per person, minimum group size 10, maximum group size 20.

**San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park (Friday, 12 February)**

Half-day trip by van or mini-coach to the Wild Animal Park, the world-famous San Diego Zoo's 1800-acre park exhibiting over 3500 animals of 260 species. These include many dozens of birds, especially African, such as the Hamerkop, Waldrapp, and Black Egret. The park exhibits the California Condor as well as being the center for condor research and breeding. The park also attracts many wild birds, such as Scott's Oriole, Costa's Hummingbird, a large roost of Turkey Vultures (with a regular Zone-tailed Hawk), and wading birds (including California's single resident Wood Stork). The trip will include a behind-the-scenes tour as well as the public exhibits and gardens.

### *Itinerary/Cost:*

- Van or bus leaves Town & Country at 09:00.
- Lunch available for purchase at the Park's snack bars and restaurants.
- Arrive back at Town & Country by 15:30.
- Cost: \$85 per person, minimum group size 10, maximum group size 20.

### **Early Morning Bird Walks**

Can't fit in a field trip? Spend a morning birding some local sites within a short distance of the Town & Country, including the San Diego River mouth, Tecolote Canyon, Presidio Park, and Mission San Diego de Alcalá. Morning bird walks will be offered each morning of the conference (8 February – 11 February 2010).

All trips leave from the lobby of the Town & Country at 06:00 and will strive to return by 08:00. Trips are free and open on a first-come-first-served basis. Transportation will be by van, and group size is limited to 12 people per trip. Sign-up sheets will be located at the conference registration desk.

All participants will be asked to sign a waiver releasing the societies from responsibility for injuries or accidents associated with the field trips.

### **Local Information**

Information about things to do and see in and around San Diego is available at <http://www.sandiego.org/nav/Visitors/VisitorInformation/AboutSanDiego>

### **Travel Information**

#### Special Airport Shuttle Rates

Cloud 9 Super Shuttle is offering COS/AOU/SCO 2010 meeting attendees a discounted fare of \$10.00 each way for a shared ride to and from the San Diego International Airport. (Note: If you prefer a sedan, a \$5.00 discount is offered.) To make your reservation go to the direct link:

<http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=XAWF5> or go to [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) and enter XAWF5 in the Group code field at the bottom of the page.

In addition to the Internet method you may also call the 24-hour reservation line at 1-800-974-8885 and give the group code over the phone.

#### Special Airline Rates (Valid Travel Dates – 3 February through 14 February 2010)

American Airlines has been designated the official airline carrier for the COS/AOU/SCO 2010 meeting and has offered a 5% discount on published airline fares or a negotiated set price between states for this meeting. Contact American Airlines at 1-800-433-7300 and mention the Authorization Number A4320AH. You may also contact Allen Samuels House of Travel at 1-800-874-4731 or by e-mail to: [kyle@houseoftravelwaco.com](mailto:kyle@houseoftravelwaco.com) for assistance with your travel plans.

#### Special Train Rates (Valid Travel Dates – 3 February through 14 February 2010)

Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the lowest available rail fare to San Diego, California. [No other discounts will apply.] Special Amtrak Convention Fare Code number X14Z-969 has been activated for travel dates 3-14 February 2010. Meeting attendees who mention this code when making reservations will receive a 10% savings off the lowest available rail fare. To book your reservation call Amtrak at 1-800-872-7245 or contact your local travel agent.

Meeting reservations cannot be booked via the Internet. This offer is not valid on the Auto Train and Acela Service. Fare is valid on Amtrak Regional for all departures seven days a week, except for holiday blackouts. Offer valid with Sleepers, Business Class or First Class seats with payment of the full applicable accommodation charges.

Special Car Rental Rates (Valid Travel Dates – 1 February through 18 February 2010)

Avis has been designated the official car rental company for the COS/AOU/SCO 2010 meeting. Special meeting rates and discounts are available on a wide selection of GM and other fine cars at the San Diego International Airport. To receive these special rates, be sure to mention your Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number, G028078, when you call. Call Avis direct at 1-800-331-1600 or go to the Avis Web site at: [https://www.avis.com/AvisWeb/reservation/ReservationsInitializer?&AWD\\_NUMBER=G028078](https://www.avis.com/AvisWeb/reservation/ReservationsInitializer?&AWD_NUMBER=G028078). The discount will be effective 1-18 February 2010.

**Registration Information**

You can register electronically on the conference Web site (<https://www.birdmeetings.org/>). Electronic registration must include complete credit card information. Charges will appear on your credit card statement as The Schneider Group. If registration by electronic means is not possible, please complete the registration form included at the end of this Circular and send it to the address listed below with payment or charge card information.

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 5400 Bosque Boulevard, Suite 680  
 Waco, TX 76710-4446

Please make checks payable to: 2010 COS. All payments must be in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank. Registrations complete with purchase order or credit card information (not accompanying an abstract submission) can be faxed to: 254-776-3767.

**Regular Registration**

Registration fees are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Professional and Student registration categories include: registration materials; admission to all scientific sessions and associated coffee breaks; admission to Opening Reception, Poster Session and eligibility for participation in the scientific program. Guest/Spouse category provides admission to the Opening Reception, Poster Session and Reception but not access to other scientific sessions or participation in the scientific program.

Category	On or before 11/6/2009	11/7 - 12/6/2009	After 12/7/2009
Professional	\$325	\$375	\$425
Student	\$175	\$225	\$275
Guest/Spouse Registration	\$110	\$110	\$110

**Special Registration Categories**

Single-day registration	Daily admission to daytime scientific sessions. Does not include evening events. Does not include eligibility to submit an abstract as a presenting author for the scientific program.	\$150
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**Guest Tickets and Special Events**

Prices for special events are as follows:

- Fellows Dinner, \$45 per person (Fellows and Guests)
- Museum Night, \$50 per person
- Closing Reception and Banquet, \$50 Professionals and Guests, \$30 students
- All-Out Ostrich Uproar, \$20 per person

Registration fees must be paid in advance. Registration is not considered guaranteed until a check, money order, purchase order, or charge card information is received. Faxed registrations must include complete credit card information, including number, expiration date, and cardholder name. VISA, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted. Organizations can be billed only if a purchase order accompanies the registration by fax or by mail.

### **Substitutions or Cancellations**

We understand that occasionally other responsibilities or personal obligations prevent you from attending a meeting for which you have registered. If you find that you will not be able to attend the meeting, we encourage you to send a substitute. Substitutions can be made at any time, even on-site at the conference. If you find it necessary to cancel after you have already paid, we can refund your conference fee minus a \$50 processing fee. To provide cancellation notice and request a refund, please send a letter to: Susan Jones, 2009 AOU, 5400 Bosque Boulevard, Suite 680, Waco, Texas 76710-4446, fax your request to 254-776-3767, or e-mail the information to [susanj@sgmeet.com](mailto:susanj@sgmeet.com).

### **Travel Information for Non-U.S. Attendees**

Attendees from Canada and Mexico are reminded to bring a valid passport to cross into the United States. Citizens of 35 countries in Europe and the Far East may visit the U.S. for up to 90 days without a visa if the attendee has a passport with a computer-readable bar code under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Details can be found at the U.S. Department of State Web site at [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without\\_1990.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html) or contact your local American consulate. International visitors to the U.S. under the Visa Waiver Program are now required to apply for travel authorization online. To apply visit the Electronic System for Travel Authorization Web site at [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id\\_visa/esta/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/esta/). If you do not already have current ESTA authorization, we recommend that you apply as soon as you know you will be traveling to the United States under the VWP.

[Electronic System for Travel Authorization](#) (ESTA) is an automated system used to determine the eligibility of visitors to travel to the United States under the [Visa Waiver Program](#) (VWP). ESTA approval authorizes a traveler to board a carrier for travel to the United States under the VWP. ESTA is not a visa. It does not meet the legal requirements to serve in lieu of a U.S. visa when a visa is required. Travelers that possess a valid U.S. visa may travel to the United States on that visa for the purpose it was issued. Travelers traveling on valid visas are not required to apply for an ESTA. In the same way that a valid visa does not guarantee admission to the United States, an approved ESTA is not a guarantee of admission to the United States.

ESTA became mandatory January 12, 2009. VWP applicants are required to complete a green Form I-94W and a white Customs declaration upon arrival in the U.S. whether or not they have an ESTA authorization. Approved ESTA applications are valid for a period of two years, and multiple trips to the United States without the traveler having to re-apply for another ESTA. The ESTA travel information may be updated before each trip to the U.S., but it is not required. When traveling to the U.S. with the approved ESTA, you may only stay for up to 90 days at a time - and there should be a reasonable amount of time between visits so that the CBP Officer does not think you are trying to live here. There is no set requirement for how long you must wait between visits. Travelers whose ESTA applications are approved, but whose passports will expire in less than two years, will receive an ESTA valid until the passport's expiration date.

A new ESTA authorization is required if:

1. You are issued a new passport,
2. You change your name (first and/or last)
3. You change your gender
4. Your country of citizenship changes
5. Your circumstances change, e.g., you are convicted of a crime of moral turpitude or you develop a contagious disease. Such a change may require you to get a visa to travel to the U.S. You must re-apply and your application must reflect the change in your circumstances or you may be denied entry upon arrival in the United States.

DHS recommends that you apply for ESTA authorization as soon as you know you will be traveling to the United States under the VWP.

### **Letters of Invitation**

If you need a letter of invitation, please contact Lysia Zavala at [lysiaz@sgmeet.com](mailto:lysiaz@sgmeet.com). For security reasons, letters of invitation are provided only for registrants who have already registered and paid the appropriate fees.

### **Exhibits and Sponsorship Opportunities**

Exhibits and vendors will be on display in the Exhibit Hall for the duration of the meeting. (*Exhibit set-up will be Sunday, 7 February, and teardown will be Thursday, 11 February 2010.*) To maximize exposure of exhibits, the Exhibit Hall also will be the location for poster presentations, a photo contest, and silent auction. We will hold all daily refreshment breaks in the Exhibit Hall, as well as an evening poster reception. In essence, the Exhibit Hall will serve as the informational and social hub of the conference.

A range of sponsorship opportunities are available to welcome back returning exhibitors and invite new partners to join us at the 2010 conference:

#### **PLATINUM Level**

Platinum-level sponsorship status can be obtained for \$2,500 and includes the following benefits:

- An exhibit booth (10 feet x 10 feet) with draped table and two chairs
- Priority choice of booth location
- Up to two (2) full meeting registrations, providing admittance to all scientific sessions and receptions (welcome reception, poster reception)
- Organization name listed with other PLATINUM-level sponsors in conference program book
- Organization promotion material placed in conference participation packets
- Organization logo placed on the 2010 Conference Web site, with link to organization Web site

#### **GOLD Level**

Gold-level sponsorship status can be obtained for \$1,000 (\$750 for non-profit organizations), and includes the following benefits:

- An exhibit booth (10 feet x 10 feet) with draped table and two chairs
- One (1) full meeting registration, providing admittance to all scientific sessions and receptions (welcome reception, poster reception)
- Organization name listed with other GOLD-level sponsors in conference program book
- Organization logo placed on the 2010 Conference Web site, with link to organization Web site

#### **SILVER Level**

Silver-level sponsorship status can be obtained for up to \$999 by sponsoring specific events, such as receptions (Poster reception, Museum Reception, Closing Banquet), student activities (Student-Mentor Lunch, Student-Professional Social), and daily refreshment breaks. In addition, we would welcome items for our silent auction, or to be used as prizes for various student-run events (e.g., binoculars or other optics, books, gift certificates, etc.). Even modest contributions go far towards furthering our societies' missions of facilitating the exchange of scientific information and training the ornithological professionals of tomorrow. Please visit our Web site at <http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosausco2010/> for more information on conference events and opportunities for sponsorship.

Benefits of Silver-level sponsorship include:

- Organization name prominently displayed on placard at sponsored event
- Organization name listed with other SILVER-level sponsors in conference program book
- Organization logo placed on the 2010 Conference Web site, with link to organization Web site

As you make your plans, consider that these societies will not meet again until spring of 2011; so save on travel, time, and shipping while reaching all three societies in San Diego in February 2010!

For more information, please contact the Exhibits/Sponsorship Coordinator at the conference management office at 254-776-3550, [lesl@sgmeet.com](mailto:lesl@sgmeet.com).

### **Message Board and Emergency Contacts**

A message board will be maintained throughout the conference in the registration area.

### **About the Sponsors**

## Cooper Ornithological Society

<http://www.cooper.org/>

The Cooper Ornithological Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of over 2,000 professional and amateur ornithologists, is one of the largest ornithological societies in the world. The society was organized in 1893 by a small group of individuals in California who were interested in the study of birds. The name of the society commemorates an early California naturalist, Dr. James G. Cooper. The objectives of the Cooper Ornithological Society are:

- To encourage and support the scientific study of birds.
- To disseminate ornithological knowledge through publications, meetings, and direct communication among ornithologists.
- To encourage and spread interest in the study of birds.
- To encourage and support the conservation of birds and wildlife in general.

One of the primary services of the Cooper Ornithological Society is the dissemination of scientific knowledge of birds through its highly ranked publications: *The Condor*, a quarterly international journal, and *Studies in Avian Biology*, a monograph series from 1978 to present.

## American Ornithologists' Union

<http://www.aou.org/>

Founded in 1883, the American Ornithologists' Union is the oldest organization in the New World devoted to the scientific study of birds. Over its history, AOU and its members have created the scientific foundation for ornithology and bird conservation that we enjoy today. The AOU is the largest and most diverse ornithological society, with over 3500 members. Although primarily an organization for professional ornithologists, it welcomes to its ranks many students, conservationists, birders and others who cherish the birds of the world. Its quarterly journal, *The Auk*, is one of the foremost journals in ornithology worldwide. Its journal for longer papers, *Ornithological Monographs*, is published three times per year. The *AOU Check-list of North American Birds* has long been the accepted authority for English bird names and scientific nomenclature. In partnership with the Cornell Laboratory for Ornithology, the AOU sponsors *The Birds of North America*.

## *Society of Canadian Ornithologists – Société des ornithologistes du Canada*

<http://www.sco-soc.ca/>

The Society of Canadian Ornithologists – Société des ornithologistes du Canada (SCO-SOC) is an organization of Canada's ornithological community. The society administers awards, produces two publications, and provides interconnection with other professional ornithological societies. Their newsletter, *Picoides*, is produced three times per year. The professional journal of SCO-SOC is *Avian Conservation and Ecology - Ecologie et Conservation des Oiseaux (ACE-ECO)*. The journal is peer-reviewed, electronic, and entirely open-access. It is published jointly with Bird Studies Canada. *ACE-ECO* welcomes any submission related to the conservation and ecology of birds in Canada and across the globe.

## **Meeting Updates and Details**

For additional information about the meeting, continue to visit the conference Web site: <http://www.birdmeetings.org/cosaousco2010/>

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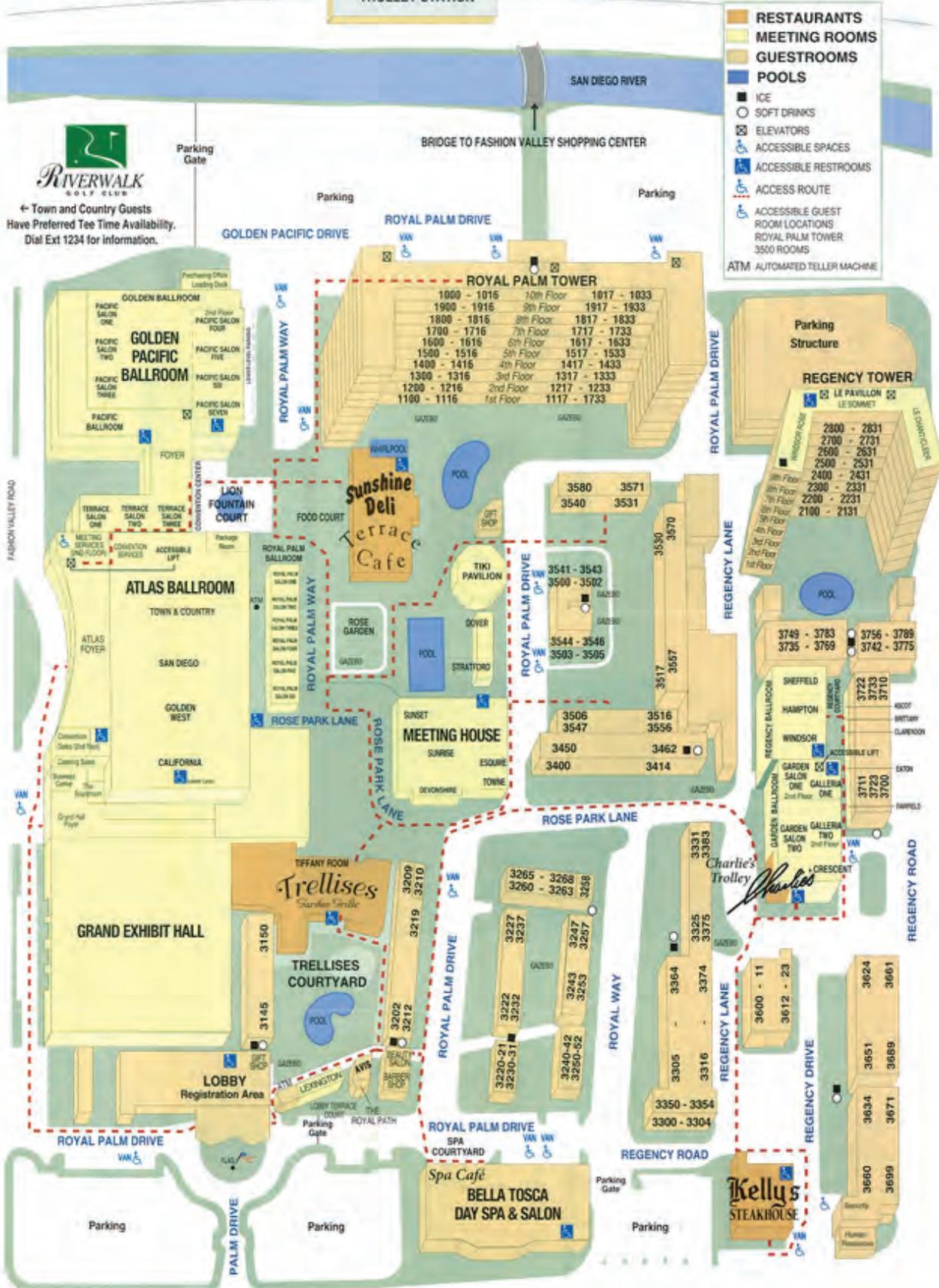
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SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees (for the single person above; in U.S. dollars):**

Professional (  \$325.00 on or before 6 November 2009;  \$375.00 7 November until 6 December 2009;  \$425.00 after 6 December 2009)..... = \_\_\_\_\_

Student (  \$175.00 on or before 6 November 2009;  \$225.00 7 November until 6 December 2009;  \$275.00 after 6 December 2009)..... = \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \$110.00 ..... = \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Single-day \$150.00 (Non-presenters only)..... = \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which day:  Monday, 8 February 2010;  Tuesday, 9 February 2010;  Wednesday, 10 February 2010; or  Thursday, 11 February 2010 )

**Optional Event Tickets (in U.S. dollars and per person):**

Fellows Dinner ..... tickets@ \$45.00 USD per ticket= \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Selection (One per ticket): \_\_\_\_\_ Regular, \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Museum Night Tickets: ..... tickets@ \$50.00 USD per ticket= \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Banquet: Professionals and Guests..... tickets@ \$50.00 USD per ticket= \_\_\_\_\_

*Menu will be a buffet with plenty of vegetarian options.*

Closing Banquet: Students..... tickets@ \$30.00 USD per ticket= \_\_\_\_\_

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All-Out Ostrich Upoar..... entries@ \$20.00 USD per entry= \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Abstract Book ..... books@ \$20.00 USD per book= \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Trip Tickets (in U.S. dollars and per person):**

Los Coronados Islands Pelagic Trip (Friday, 12 February)..... tickets@ \$80.00 USD per ticket= \_\_\_\_\_

Salton Sea Trip (Sunday, 7 February)..... tickets@ \$75.00 USD per ticket= \_\_\_\_\_

San Diego Coast (Sunday, 7 February)..... tickets@ \$45.00 USD per ticket= \_\_\_\_\_

San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park (Behind the Scenes Tour, Friday, 12 February)..... tickets@ \$85.00 USD per ticket= \_\_\_\_\_

**Contributions Supporting Student Activities:**

Voluntary Contribution to Support Student Activities (even \$1 helps) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Total in U.S. Dollars** \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshops:**

Do you plan to attend one of the workshops? There is no additional cost, but indication of plans to attend would be helpful to the organizers.

- Yes, I plan on attending NORAC Workshop
- Yes, I plan on attending Avian Interactions with Power Lines
- Yes, I plan on attending Getting Involved with Non-academic Institutions
- Yes, I plan on attending Avian First Aid for the Field and Captive Setting
- Yes, I plan on attending Phylogenetic Methods for Estimating Species Trees

**Career Status:**

To assist conference organization, we ask registrants to indicate their status.

- Amateur/other     Doctoral student     Early Professional
- Masters student     Professional, academic     Professional, non-academic
- Professional, retired     Undergraduate student

**Room Sharing Information:**

Yes, I would like information about finding a roommate and understand that I will be contacted to make these arrangements.

**Payment:**

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### SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS OPPORTUNITIES:

PLATINUM Level:..... \$2,500  
 GOLD Level (commercial, for-profit companies): ..... \$1,000  
 GOLD Level (non-profit organizations):.....\$750

### NON-EXHIBITING SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

SILVER Level: (Provided as funds or in-kind contributions.)..... Any amount up to \$999

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Platinum Level: ..... # of sponsorships @\$2500.00 USD per sponsorships = \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gold Level (for profit): ..... # of sponsorships @1000.00 USD per sponsorships = \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gold Level (non-profit): ..... # of sponsorships @\$750.00 USD per sponsorships = \_\_\_\_\_  
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Silver Level: ..... Please indicate amount in U.S. Dollars = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please indicate the event/activity you would like to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations:

Monetary Donation: ..... Please indicate amount in U.S. Dollars = \_\_\_\_\_

Items, services, gift certificates, etc. you would like to contribute for use as prizes and awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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