

XIV International Ornithological Congress

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It was announced two years ago (*Brit. Birds*, 56: 196) that the XIV International Ornithological Congress would be held in Oxford from 24th to 30th July 1966, with Dr. David Lack as President and Dr. N. Tinbergen as Secretary-General, and that the only organised excursion would be a week's cruise round Scottish sea-bird islands from 16th to 23rd July. Plans for both the congress proper and the cruise are now well advanced.

The cruise, on the 12,800-ton liner *Devonia*, will leave from Glasgow and sail round the north of Scotland to end in Edinburgh. It will circumnavigate such well-known bird islands and rocks as Ailsa Craig, St. Kilda, the Flannan Isles, Sula Sgeir, North Rona, Fair Isle, the Isle of May and the Bass Rock, and parties will be landed on Rhum and in Shetland and Orkney. Accommodation on board will be in dormitories and in a limited number of cabins with one, two, three and four berths.

A special night train will convey congress members from Edinburgh to Oxford, where they will arrive on the morning of 24th July. Accommodation in Oxford will be arranged in university colleges or, if desired, a list of hotels can be supplied. After a formal opening on the evening of 24th July the rest of the week will be devoted to scientific meetings. These will consist of plenary sessions in the mornings (at which invited speakers will review recent advances in selected fields of ornithology) and of sectional sessions in the afternoons (at which short, offered papers will be read). In addition, there will be a whole-day outing, exhibits, film shows and a social centre for informal contacts.

The congress is open to all ornithologists over the age of 18 years. Applications may be made for the Oxford meetings and the Scottish cruise together or for the former alone. Forms, with full details, can be obtained from **The Secretary-General, International Ornithological Congress, c/o Department of Zoology, Parks Road, Oxford, England** (applications for the Scottish cruise will be dealt with in the order in which they arrive).

The congress fee will be £10 for full members (entitled to attend all functions and to receive the *Proceedings*) and £7 for associate members (wives or husbands of full members entitled to attend all functions but not to receive the *Proceedings*). Accommodation in Oxford will be approximately £2 10s. per day for full board in a college (hotels are generally more expensive). The cruise will cost from about £30 for dormitory passengers to about £75 for single-berth cabin accommodation, with the train fare from Edinburgh to Oxford additional.