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Society Notices

W.A.O.S. Research Grant

Following an encouraging early response of four applications for grants, an award of £500 has been made to Mr M.S. Diop, towards his comparative study of the behavioural ecology of the Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus* and Grey Hornbill *T. nasutus* in Senegal. Mr Diop is a graduate student of the University of Dakar; his research, which is taking place in association with ORSTOM Dakar, will be supervised by Dr B. Tréca.

Bourse de Recherche de la S.O.O.A.

Faisant suite aux premières réponses encourageantes de quatre demandes de bourse, une allocation de £500 a été décernée à M. M.S. Diop, en contribution à l'étude comparée de l'éco-éthologie du Petit Calao à bec rouge *Tockus erythrorhynchus* et du Petit Calao à bec noir *T. nasutus* au Sénégal. M. Diop est un étudiant de 3ème cycle de l'université de Dakar; ses recherches, qui se déroulent en association avec l'ORSTOM de Dakar, seront dirigées par M. B. Tréca.

New Secretary to Council

Mrs A.M. Moore resigned as Secretary to Council, with effect from 30 June this year. We have grown used to Amberley's meticulous, efficient and, above all, unfailingly good-humoured approach to this time-consuming job, which she has undertaken for the past seven years. Her tact, when organising other members of Council, is unsurpassed. We are obviously disappointed, although not in the least surprised, that she feels it is time for a break. We are sure that we speak for all those members with whom she has dealt so courteously, when we wish her well in her rather more peaceful future.

Our regret at losing Amberley's services is only lessened by the fact that Dr R. Wilkinson has agreed to take her place. Roger is a long-standing member of the Society, whose West African experience was gained primarily in Nigeria, where he enjoyed six years teaching and researching birds at Bayero University, Kano. He now works as Curator of Birds at Chester Zoo and retains a research interest in West African species. We are especially pleased to have Roger as the new Secretary, as he is one of our most regular and punctual referees, often returning carefully-reviewed manuscripts within a day of receipt – a characteristic advantageous in an officer who will have to spend much time answering correspondence.

Members should note the address of the new Secretary (inside front cover), to whom enquiries about Research Grants should be sent. Please note that member-