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International Ornithological Congress 2010: call for symposium proposals

The 25th International Ornithological Congress will be held in Campos do Jordão, Brazil, 22–28 August 2010. The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) now invites proposals for symposia.

Symposia are aimed at the general ornithologist and cover current research. Each should have two co-conveners, with preference given to symposia with co-conveners from different continents, and, failing this, different countries. Each will include two keynote addresses summarizing global progress in the field over the last four years, and address future research priorities. Conveners may choose themselves as keynote speakers, but may organize only one symposium and must have a firm commitment from keynote speakers to attend before proposing them. Other speakers will be chosen by conveners, with guidance from the SPC, and will include persons who have identified the symposium they would like to join. Conveners should inform speakers that they must be willing to submit a paper on their presentation, as the conference proceedings will be published. The call for papers will come in early 2009. The IOC cannot provide financial assistance to symposium conveners or participants. Conveners must make this clear to participants.

Proposals must be received by 1 June 2008. Please provide a symposium title, names and contact details of conveners and keynote speakers, goals and objectives of the symposium (400 words maximum) and a brief outline of what each keynote speaker will cover, with preliminary titles if possible. Justify (250 words maximum) why the symposium is important to IOC participants. If you cannot find a co-convenor from another continent or country, explain why. The justification will not appear in the programme or on the web site. Send this information by email to the SPC chair, Carol M. Vleck, at <ioc2010@iastate.edu>, or post it to the address below this announcement.

Proposals will be reviewed by the SPC in August 2008 and proposers will be notified as to whether their proposal has been accepted shortly thereafter. Summaries of accepted symposia will be posted on the IOC website.

For more information, consult the IOC web site <<http://www.i-o-c.org>> or <<http://www.ib.usp.br/25ioc>> or contact the Congress Secretary General, Cristina Miyaki, at <ioc2010@ib.usp.br> or at IOC 2010, Depto de Genética e Biologia Evolutiva, Inst. de Biociências, Univ. de São Paulo, Rua do Matão 277, São Paulo, SP, 05508-090, Brazil.

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