26th International Ornithological Congress 2014

18-24 August 2014
Tokyo, Japan

Call for symposia proposals

The 26th International Ornithological Congress (IOC) will be held in Tokyo, Japan, 18-24 August 2014. The Scientific Program Committee has been formed, and a web page is in place (http://ioc26.jp/), which we hope you will visit. We hope that you will circle these dates on your calendar and plan to attend!

The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) invites you to submit symposium proposals for the next IOC. Symposia are aimed at the general ornithologist and provide up-to-date coverage of current ornithological research. Similar to the last IOC meetings, each symposium will include two keynote addresses that should summarize the global progress of ornithological science in the field over the last four years and address priorities for future research. Other speakers will be chosen by the conveners, with guidance from the SPC, and will include persons who have submitted abstracts identifying the particular symposium they would like to join. This is intended to increase global participation and allow new researchers to contribute to symposia. The call for contributed papers (which will be sent out in early 2013) will include a box on the registration web page, which can be checked by the contributors if they wish to be considered for specific symposia.

Each symposium should have two co-organizers. Since this is an international congress, preference will be given to symposia with co-conveners from different continents or at least different countries. Conveners may decide to serve also as keynote speakers. Conveners may organize only one symposium. Symposium speakers may not give an additional oral presentation at the congress, but may organize a round-table discussion or present a poster.

Proposals for symposia must provide the information listed below and send it as an email attachment to the Congress Convener, Keisuke Ueda, at ioc26@rikkyo.ac.jp and **must be received on or before 1 June 2012**.

Instructions for symposium proposals: Please provide a title of the symposium; names, institution or affiliation, addresses, phone, fax, and email of both organizers and both keynote speakers. Describe (400 words maximum) the goals, objectives, and importance of the symposium. Provide a title and summary of the contributions of the keynote speakers. Explain (250 words maximum) why this symposium is important and timely and why it will be of interest to IOC participants. Symposium organizers will be notified shortly thereafter whether their proposal has been accepted. The SPC may recommend modifications to some symposium proposals in order to achieve a balanced program.

The IOC is unable to provide any financial assistance to symposium organizers or participants.

Symposium organizers and keynote speakers are making a firm commitment to attend the IOC by submitting a symposium proposal. Non-attendance may lead to a bar to contribute at the next IOC, unless due to a serious reasons. The keynote speakers must also be willing to submit manuscripts of their contribution for the Proceedings of the IOC.

Once a proposal has been accepted, abstracts for the keynote addresses will be requested. Abstracts of the accepted symposia will be posted on the IOC website.

For more information, please consult the 26th IOC web site (http://ioc26.jp/) or contact the Congress Convener by e-mail at (keisuke@ioc26.jp) or by e-mail at (ioc26@rikkyo.ac.jp).

We look forward to see you in Tokyo!

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