

# IOC standing committee on bird marking

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## 2006 Workshop and Meeting DRAFT Agenda

Date: **Sunday 13 August 2006** (immediately prior to IOC)

Room: to be notified to participants

(Note: times are tentative, and may be modified depending upon the number of presentations from participants)

### 09:30 – 12:00 - **Reports from ringing schemes**

- Opening Remarks and Introductions
- Reports from ringing schemes

(round-table with ~5-10 minutes per ringing scheme depending on number of presentations. Focus should be on recent developments and some of the most important issues for each scheme)

### 12:00 – 12:30 – **Formalization of Terms of Reference for Standing Committee**

- Adoption of terms of reference (draft to be circulated in advance)
- Selection of Committee co-chairs

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 17:30 – **Discussions of major issues affecting bird ringing schemes and how the standing committee can help to advance these.** Possible items to be addressed include:

- **Data collection.** Bander training, standardization of field protocols, ethics and research projects
  - The importance of international standardization in field protocols. How can we enhance this?
  - What standards are required for bander training, and might this vary depending on the research project?
  - Should banders be required to participate in scientifically designed studies? Pros and cons.
  - What resources are available to enhance bander training and define standards?
- **Data Management within Ringing Schemes**
  - New/recent developments in data management technology
    - data management systems for central storage
    - data entry by users
    - processing of recoveries (mail, web, telephone, E-mail)
    - storage/management of recapture data

- treatment of resighting data, for colour-marked birds (both unique markers and non-unique markers)
    - storage of biometric data
    - data validation and error tracking
  - What approaches have been developed? What has been successful and what has not worked so well?
  - How can technologies be shared among ringing schemes?
- **Data sharing among Ringing Schemes and data release to Researchers**
  - Who has access to data and how is distribution of data managed?
  - Should data be made publicly available (e.g. through the Internet)
  - Merits of central repositories (e.g. EURING) vs. distributed systems
  - Sharing data among ringing schemes
- **Data analysis models**
  - Keeping abreast of latest developments in data analysis methods
  - What are priority issues that have not yet been addressed?
  - How do we enhance communication among biologists, biostatisticians and bird ringers?
- **New technologies**
  - What is the role of ringing schemes in storing information from new technologies such as transponders, radio transmitters and satellite transmitters?
  - If there is a role, how should it be managed?
- **Expansion of Bird Ringing Schemes to new countries**
  - What can existing schemes do to facilitate development of ringing schemes in countries without them?
  - What can we do to facilitate sharing of resources and expertise?