



## Conference Call

World Seabird Conference 2: Planned for 26 - 30 October, 2015, Cape Town, South Africa

Pacific Call – Jan 16, 2014 – 2400 GMT

Atlantic Call – Jan 23, 2014 - 1700 GMT

WSU Member Organizations & Representatives				
Member Organization	Representative	Role <sup>a</sup>	Jan 16	Jan 23
African Seabird Group	Ross Wanless	P		A
American Bird Conservancy	George Wallace	P		A
Argentine Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Pablo Yorio, South America	P		
Argentine Seabird Group	Esteban Frere	A		
Australasian Seabird Group	Peter Dann	P		
Australasian Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Nicholas Carlile, Australasia, Secretary	A	A	
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	Ben Sullivan/ Ben Lascelles	P		
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	John Croxall	A		A
Circumpolar Seabird Group (CBird)	<sup>b</sup> Dave Irons, Chair	P	A	A
Dutch Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Kees Camphuysen, Europe	P		A
Dutch Seabird Group	JA (Jan) van Franeker	A		
European Seabirds at Sea Group	Stefan Garthe	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Matthieu Le Corre, Africa/Indian Ocean	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	Nic Dunlop	A		
Japan Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Yutaka Watanuki, Asia	P		
Medmaravis	Carles Carboneras	P		
NW Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative	Melanie Steinkamp	P		A
Ornithological Society of New Zealand	Graeme Taylor	P		
Pacific Seabird Group	<sup>b</sup> Pat Jodice, North America	P		A
Pacific Seabird Group	Michelle Kappes	A		
Peruvian Assn for the Conservation of Nature	Liliana Ayala	P		
Peruvian Assn for the Conservation of Nature	Raul Sanchez-Scaglioni	A		
Royal Naval Birdwatching Society	Steve Copsey	P		
Royal Naval Birdwatching Society	Mark Cutts	A		
Soc for the Conservation & Study of Caribbean Birds	Will Mackin	P		A
The Seabird Group	Russell Wynn	P		
The Seabird Group	Ellie Owen	A		
The Waterbird Society	<sup>b</sup> Betty Anne Schreiber, Treasurer	P		
Waterbird Conservation for the Americas	Jennifer Wheeler	P		A
<sup>a</sup> Role: P=Primary Representative, A=Alternate Representative <sup>b</sup> Board member				
<b>WSC2 Committee Members</b>				
Early Career Scientists	Fiona McDuie		A	
Awards	Ken Morgan			A
Awards	Anton Wolfaardt			A
Fundraising	Kim Nelson			A
<b>WSU Development Team</b>				
Seabirds.net	Grant Humphries		A	
WSU Secretariat	Marischal De Armond		A	A
Global Seabird Colony Register	Robb Kaler			A
MortalityIndex	Julia Parrish			
At-Sea Seabird Database	Kathy Kuletz			A
<b>Attendance: A = Attended</b>				



## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

**16 Jan** – D Irons called the meeting to order at 0002 GMT

**23 Jan** – D Irons called the meeting to order at 1701 GMT

### 2. Update on status of selecting a conference venue in South Africa

**16 Jan** – M De Armond reported that the venue has been confirmed for the Cape Town International Convention Centre and that we have an option to use as a Plenary hall, a ballroom in the Westin Hotel or a Theatre in the CTICC. There is a marginal savings by using the Westin. It was agreed on both calls that the best option would be to secure all space at the CTICC.

**ACTION:** M De Armond to proceed with a contract at the CTICC for all of our meeting requirements

**23 Jan** – M De Armond indicated that he has been in touch with our South African agent to facilitate the development of the CTICC rental agreement which is now expected to be forwarded by the first of Feb

**ACTION:** Once the CTICC contract has been received and approved from a WSC perspective, D Irons to forward to D Forsell at PSG for his review

### 3. Update List of Committees

**16 & 23 Jan** – D Irons noted that he still needs to have committees confirm their members and provide updated contact information for their members and their alternates. Additionally, he needs to work with a few committees to confirm co-chairs. J Croxall noted he has now confirmed Legacy committee members and will forward complete contact info to D Irons and M De Armond

**ACTION:** D Irons to work with a few committees to confirm co-chairs

**ACTION:** Committee members should identify their alternates and pass that information to D Irons.

### 4. Update WSC2 Executive Committee

**16 & 23 Jan** – there was nothing to report from this committee

### 5. Update on Scientific Program Committee

**16 Jan** – there was nothing to report from this committee

**23 Jan** – J Croxall noted that urgency is needed to get this committee moving forward on developing the program basics, calls for proposals and related programming elements, and to gather input from other committees on what their program needs may be. Initial communications regarding open calls for program elements should be distributed to the WSU community by March.

### 6. Update on Fund Raising Committee

**23 Jan** K Nelson said that the Packard Foundation has confirmed a \$75K contribution verbally, but paperwork still needs to be completed and together with the NFWFS contribution of \$75K brings the fundraising total to \$150K

**Agreed need now to start to focus on complementary proposals**

### 7. Update on Local Committee

23 Jan - R Wanless reported that his committee continues to meet and is in the process of defining and assigning portfolios. Key activities that this committee will take responsibility for include: manage conference bag/registration gift; identify and develop special arrangements with local restaurants for referrals; planning entertainment, menu, drinks and general logistics for the closing banquet, including consideration of potential venues; pre-, post- and mid-conference tours, including cultural and natural history options; sponsors for anything and everything including opening event, closing banquet, two catered poster-evening sessions with free sponsored drinks & food; airport transfers; silent auction and a trade fair

#### **8. Update on Legacy Initiatives Committee and “Legacy Initiatives”**

**16 Jan** – there was nothing to report from this committee

**23 Jan** - J Croxall reported that their initial plan is to include one workshop per topic carried over from WSC 1. The outline ideas for new legacy initiatives have been circulated to WSU representatives and EXCO and together with others that may be submitted via the next WSC2 Circular, a complete list will be developed. Legacy Committee members have been tentatively assigned to specific workshop ideas to support the development of these new initiatives from concept to delivery

#### **9. Update on Travel Awards Committee**

**16 Jan** – there was nothing to report from this committee

**23 Jan** – A Wolfaardt noted that he has confirmed the membership of his committee as outlined in the committee list and that this committee has a balanced geographic representation. D Irons provided approval for his list. K Morgan reminded folks that at WSC1 funding was allocated to two types of attendees, Students and other Scientists indicating need (generally from developing nations). D Irons indicated some funds were also allocated towards invited speakers and asked for input on whether this should continue for WSC2. It was generally felt that support for these types of invited speakers be provided based on need vs specifically because they are an invited speaker. To simplify the application and review process this time, K Morgan suggested an electronic submission process.

**ACTION:** To clarify potential award qualification requirements, F McDuire to develop a definition of what constitutes an Early Career Scientist and K. Morgan/A Wolfaardt to source a list of countries considered to be “developing nations”

**ACTION:** K Morgan/A Wolfaardt to develop award submission requirements for M De Armond. M De Armond to develop a process for collecting these submissions electronically.

#### **10. Update on Student Paper Awards Committee**

**16 Jan** – there was nothing to report from this committee

**23 Jan** – there was nothing to report from this committee

**ACTION:** D Irons to contact P Mancini and L Ayala to confirm their active participation chairing this committee

#### **11. Update on Communications Committee**



**Jan 16 & 23** – after discussing the need to develop the 2<sup>nd</sup> WSC 2 Circular (primarily to give outline of overall plan plus specific request for proposals for Workshops, Symposia and Special Paper sessions) it was determined that the best course of action would be to develop an outline of potential content as part of a comprehensive communications plan, complete with Key Dates to help guide the communications process through until the Conference. Additionally, new pages for the WSC 2 website need to be developed to support ECS, Submissions and Awards initiatives. Finally, to help promote WSC 2 at other conferences a set of materials will be updated / developed that WSU/WSC committee members can distribute at these conferences.

**Action:** EXCO to scope desired basic content of next Circular and prepare draft to circulate for comment

**ACTION:** M De Armond and G Humphries to collaborate on the development of a communications plan

**ACTION:** M De Armond to develop a key dates guide

**ACTION:** M De Armond to update WSC 2 website with a focus on ECS, Submissions and Awards

**ACTION:** M De Armond to update existing and/or develop new promotional documents, including a flyer, poster, WSC1 photo collage and program ad for use at other conferences to promote WSC 2

## 12. Update on Early Career Scientist Committee

**16 Jan** – F McDuire reported that the committee is planning various 'technological' events for the lead up to the conference to connect ECSs and senior scientists beforehand. These events will benefit ESC who are planning to attend WSC as well as those who are unable to do so. Plans are also underway to host a couple of high value workshops for ECS's at WSC 2. These are job search strategies and research funding workshop. It is expected that the job search workshop will be offered as part of the Legacy Committee initiatives. To prevent overlap and organise sessions efficiently she has joined the Legacy Committee in and "Engaging ECS" role. The committee is also beginning to conceptualize possible pre-conference 'advertising' directed specifically towards ECS. These initiatives are likely to include an ECS webpage on the WSC 2 site, and with ECS specific content in WSC 2 promotional materials.

**23 Jan** – there was nothing new to report

**ACTION:** F McDuire to provide appropriate ECS content to M De Armond to incorporate into webpage and promotional materials

## 13. WSU at PSG in February

**16 Jan** – there was nothing to report

**23 Jan** – D Irons indicated that a WSC 2 bulletin will be inserted into the registration packages and a WSC2 display table is being made available for us at PSG. WSC 2 display table to include promo materials like poster, bulletin, photos of WSC1 attendees. Volunteers are invited to help staff this table during the conference. For all WSU and WSC 2 committee members attending PSG he will be hosting a planning meeting on Wed Feb 19 at 5pm, all participants should meet at the registration desk and from there will go to a local establishment for the meeting.

D Irons also indicated that PSG has polled their members about their intention to attend the WSC 2 and asked if they should have a PSG meeting at WSC 2. Results have yet to be shared.



R Kaler reported that per funding support from PSG, WSU is working on 4 project agreements (see item 14) representing approx. \$17K. Invoices are being collected and will support the PSG requirements for joint funding.

**ACTION:** R Kaler to prepare a report for WSU to submit to the PSG Exco at their upcoming conference, to outline progress on deliverables related to these agreements, including updates from BirdLife International Global Seabird Programme, African Seabird Group and the Soc for the Conservation & Study of Caribbean Birds

#### **14. Update of the status of Legacy Initiatives from WSC1**

**16 Jan** – there was nothing to report

**23 Jan** - J Croxall indicated that there were 3 important initiatives underway with BirdLife International Global Seabird Programme, African Seabird Group and the Soc for the Conservation & Study of Caribbean Birds and asked for updates from the representatives of these projects who were online. R Wanless reported that the South African program is on track and that the key data are being prepared for transfer soon. W Makin reported that the Caribbean data has been prepared in the necessary forms and is ready for input into the WSU database. For BirdLife, all elements relating to new data had been completed but D Irons/R Kaler should check with B Lascelles over status of invoicing and over the interoperability items.

#### **15. Other Business**

**16 Jan** – N Carlile and G Humphries reported that the recent Aust.SG meeting had decided that they would seek WSU support in raising issue with the Australian Federal Government over the destruction of over 6,000 Short-tailed Shearwater burrows to make way for a golf course on King Island Tasmania in July 2013. The Aust. SG is seeking a letter from the WSU committee to the Australian Federal Government seeking clarification on how this was allowed to proceed. D Irons suggested that this be brought to the next meeting for consideration and that a subcommittee might be needed to deal with conservation issues. N Carlile and F McDuire suggested they would be happy to serve on such a committee.

**ACTION:** N Carlile to provide the Aust. SG letter for the WSU to consider response at its next meeting.

#### **16. Next Conference Call**

Atlantic Call 1700 GMT 6 March, 2014

Pacific Call 2400 GMT 13 March, 2014

#### **17. Adjournment**

**16 Jan** – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 0043 GMT

**23 Jan** – D Irons called the meeting to a close at 1811 GMT