

# Newsletter 2008/2



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## The latest news about monitoring and atlas work in Europe

**This newsletter** contains brief information about what happens within the EBCC. It is sent to all EBCC delegates and also made available on the EBCC homepage. Please contribute yourself by sending information to the Newsletter editor.

**The Board of the EBCC** met in Paris, France on 14-15 October 2008. The Board was elected at the General Meeting of EBCC in Chiavenna in 2007. It meets twice a year and consists of the following nine persons: Richard Gregory (UK, Chairman), Hans-Günther Bauer (Germany, Secretary), Ruud Foppen (The Netherlands, Treasurer), Anny Anselin (Belgium, BCN editor), Lluís Brotons (Spain), Frédéric Jiguet (France, Data Officer), Åke Lindström (Sweden, Delegate Officer), Alexander Mischenko (Russia) and Svetoslav Spasov (Bulgaria). All board members were present at the



The EBCC Board meeting in Paris in October 2008. From left: Richard Gregory, Ruud Foppen, Hans-Günther Bauer, Åke Lindström, Ian Burfield, Frédéric Jiguet, Sylvia Barova, Anny Anselin, Juan Carlos del Moral, Lluís Brotons, Jana Skorpilova, Alexander Mischenko, David Noble and Svetoslav Spasov.

**The European Bird Census Council (EBCC)** is an association of like-minded expert ornithologists co-operating in a range of ways to improve bird monitoring and atlas work and thereby inform and improve the management and conservation of bird populations in Europe. Each European country can be represented by two delegates.

Paris meeting. As usual, a set of observers were also present: Ian Burfield (BirdLife), David Noble (BTO), Sylvia Barova (the SEED BI project), Juan Carlos del Moral (Spain, organiser of the 2010 conference) and Jana Skorpilova (PECBMS). Minutes of the meeting will be sent to all delegates.

**Applications from three new EBCC delegates** were provisionally accepted during the meeting in Paris (to be formally ratified at the General Meeting in March 2009): Sancar Baris (Turkey), Jean-Yves Paquet (Belgium) and Elchin Sultanov (first delegate ever for Azerbaijan). There are presently no delegates for Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Georgia and Liechtenstein, and only one each for Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Iceland and Serbia. The latest list of delegates is on the EBCC homepage. If you have information about potential delegates for the latter ten countries, please contact the EBCC Delegate Officer Åke Lindström [ake.lindstrom@zoekol.lu.se](mailto:ake.lindstrom@zoekol.lu.se)

**The Pan-European Common Bird Monitoring Scheme (PECBMS)** published species trends for Europe in June



2008, including data up to 2006 from 21 European countries. Based on these, the Farmland Bird Index and related EU indicators will be published in November 2008. A PECBMS workshop will be held in Prague on 25-29 January 2009. Contact: Jana Skorpilova [skorpilova@birdlife.cz](mailto:skorpilova@birdlife.cz)

**Conference proceedings** from the 2004 EBCC meeting in Kayseri, Turkey will be published in the Catalan Journal of Ornithology. This process is now led by Lluís Brotons and the plan is to publish the proceedings in late 2008 or early 2009.

**The proceedings of the EBCC 2007** Conference in Chiavenna, Italy, are making good progress. All papers have been reviewed, but some are still with the authors for revision. The forecast for spring 2009 is now 33 papers in Avocetta and 6 papers in Bird Census News.

**The EBCC conference in 2010** will be held on 23-26 March in Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain. The banner is "Bird Numbers 2010: monitoring, indicators and targets". Organisers are SEO, the Spanish Ornithological Society. Do not miss this opportunity to combine bird watching in one of Europe's most spectacular areas with listening to and interacting with colleagues from all over Europe. Do put this key event of the EBCC in your agenda already now and reserve the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> as travelling days. For more information see [www.seo.org/?EBCC2010](http://www.seo.org/?EBCC2010).

**The next issue of Bird Census News** (BCN 2008/1) is due out in November 2008. It includes papers on a Barn Swallow census in Ukraine, woodpeckers in Croatia and breeding birds in small river

valleys in Moscow. Issue 2008/2 is planned for December 2008. BCN is sent out free to all EBCC delegates and published as a pdf on the EBCC homepage. Please send contributions to: [anny.anselin@inbo.be](mailto:anny.anselin@inbo.be)

**BirdLife International** has re-opened its **Globally Threatened Bird Forum**, where possible changes to the global status of species for the **2009 IUCN Red List** will be discussed. EBCC delegates are encouraged to participate at [www.birdlifeforums.org](http://www.birdlifeforums.org) and to share this information widely with others. Contact: [ian.burfield@birdlife.org](mailto:ian.burfield@birdlife.org)

**The Spatial Modeling Group** of the EBCC is to become a partner in an EU-funded research project called SCALES. This project will deal with the problems associated with scaling of biodiversity in Europe and opens the way for future initiatives on pan-European mapping studies. Contact: [luuis.brotons@ctfc.cat](mailto:luuis.brotons@ctfc.cat)

**The two-year SEED BI project** run in seven East European countries is just about to end. Through this project Macedonia, Belarus and Turkey started CBM schemes and one was re-launched in Lithuania. In addition a lot of advocacy and public awareness activities were implemented. There is more information on our website. Contact: [sylvia.barova@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.barova@gmail.com)

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