

Annual Reports and Accounts

Annual General Meeting

THE President, the Marquess of Willingdon, will take the Chair at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in the Meeting Room of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, NW1, on Wednesday June 11th 1969, at 6 p.m. After the meeting Eugen Schuhmacher's film *The Last of the Wild* will be shown.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 1968.
2. Presentation and Discussion of the Accounts and Auditors' Report (see page 71).
3. Presentation and Discussion of the Annual Report (opposite).
4. Election of Officers.
5. Election of Council Members.
6. Proposed amendment to Rule 5 – Subscriptions:

Ordinary members	£3 annually
Benefactors	£10 annually
Life Members	
Age under 41	£200
Age 41–60	£150
Age 61 and over	£75
7. Vote of thanks to the Zoological Society of London.

Officers and Council

Council recommend that the following Members should be elected as Officers of the Society for 1969–70.

President: the Marquess of Willingdon

Chairman of Council: Peter Scott, CBE, DSC

Vice-Chairman of Council: Sir Terence Morrison-Scott, DSC, DSc

Honorary Treasurer: Ian D. Malcolmson, TD

Honorary Secretary: Richard Fitter.

The following members of Council retire at the Annual General Meeting and are not eligible for reappointment for one year:

James Fisher

Sir Dudley Forwood, Bt

R. C. Morris.

Council has appointed the following to fill these vacancies, and their names are submitted for confirmation:

G. T. Corley Smith, CMG

Lord Craigton, CBE

Tam Dalyell, MP

The Hon Ivor Montagu.

Annual Report

DURING 1968 the Society continued to increase its activity, influence and membership, in close collaboration, where appropriate, with IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), ICBP (International Council for Bird Preservation), the World Wildlife Fund and other bodies working in the same field. The FPS/WWF Revolving Fund once more was made frequent use of, even more often than is apparent from the accounts on page 76, because some sums, on being repaid by the World Wildlife Fund, were held by them in Zürich and reallocated direct from there in order to save needless exchange transactions. Advances totalling £8601 were promised from the Fund, of which all but £1200 had been called on by the end of the year. Repayments from WWF totalled £3306.

The following projects were aided:

Automatic data-recorders for Madagascar aye-aye research	£1050
Establishment of Manu National Park, Peru	£1000
Land Rover for poacher control, Uganda National Parks	£1000
Tamarau mission, Philippines	£ 932
Building for scientists, Ujung Kulon Reserve, Java	£ 833
Fellowship for Ghana student, Mweka College	£ 625
Wardening in Galapagos Islands	£ 500
Ceylon dugong survey	£ 500
Azraq biological station, Jordan	£ 500
Return of Swinhoe's pheasants to Taiwan	£ 230

In addition the following grants were made out of the Society's general funds: £364 towards the purchase of camping equipment for wardens of the Ghana Wildlife Department; £230 to the International Council for Bird Preservation for the purchase of the six Seychelles giant tortoises included in the bill of sale at the purchase of Cousin Island as a bird sanctuary; £155 to the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare for the completion of its seal survey in the Wash; £84 13s 0d being the final instalment towards the cost of the preparation of material relating to rare mammals and birds for the UNESCO/FAO Biosphere Conference in September 1968, by the Canadian zoologist Paul Joslin; and £63 13s 6d towards the expenses of Lt.-Col. C. L. Boyle, the Society's representative on the Advisory Committee on Oil Pollution of the Sea, attending the International Oil Pollution Conference in Rome in December.

Earmarked grants and donations received by the Society were passed on as follows:

From the New York Zoological Society to ICBP (British Section) for Bantry Bay Survey	£ 377
From the Fishmongers' Company to IUCN for Fish volume of Red Data Book	£ 100
From J. H. Neill Charitable Trust and St Katherine's Fund to East African Wildlife Society	£ 600

Other Donations and Legacies

As in previous years the Society owes a great deal to generous donations from its members and others. Special mention must be made to two anonymous donations, of £1000 and £750 to the Revolving Fund, which enabled the Society to offer urgently needed Land Rovers to Pakistan and Uganda. A special appeal to life members during the year brought in £407 to the Revolving Fund and £782 to our general funds. Other notable gifts were an anonymous £300, 100 guineas from Messrs M. K. Kendall Limited, another instalment (£40) from Mrs Spearman for the royalties of her anthology, and £36 from Mr L. McMullen, who gave us part of his retirement presentation fund. Two legacies were received: a final payment of £600 from the estate of the 12th Duke of Bedford and £500 from Dr Hale-White in memory of his wife. To all our donors we are extremely grateful.

Arabian Oryx Herd

The total number in the World Herd of Arabian Oryx at Phoenix, Arizona, stood at 18 at the end of 1968. Three calves were born during the year, of which one died soon after birth. The Society's share remained at eight (five males and three females).

The Society's Wildlife Tours

Oryx Tours Nos 5 and 6 were to India and East Africa respectively, both in February. The Society's first Indian tour was led by Sir Hugh Elliott and Mr J. C. Daniel, Curator of the Bombay Natural History Society, assisted locally by our members Mr Zafar Futehally, Hon Secretary of the Bombay NHS, and the late E. P. Gee. Places visited included the Gir Forest, last home of the Indian lion, Kanha National Park, the Kaziranga Sanctuary in Assam and the Ghana Bird Sanctuary at Bharatpur. Tour No 6, the Society's fourth party to East Africa visited Kenya and Tanzania and was devoted primarily to birds, although many mammals were also seen. Mr Leslie Brown and Mr N. R. Fuggles-Couchman were the leaders. Reports of these very successful tours were published in *ORYX* in May.

International Meetings

The Hon Secretary and Editor represented the Society at the IUCN Latin American Conference at San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina, in March, and later, in their capacity as members of the Survival Service Commission of IUCN, were also present at the World Conference on the Biosphere organised by Unesco at Paris in September, both reported on in *ORYX*. In addition the Hon Secretary and Editor attended five meetings of the SSC at Slimbridge, Glos, in January, at Bariloche in March, at Antwerp in May, at Paris in September and at Morges, Switzerland, in November.

Representation on Other Bodies

As a result of the resignation of Professor W. H. Thorpe, FRS, the Hon Secretary was appointed as the Society's second representative on the

British Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation. Lieutenant Colonel C. L. Boyle continued to represent the Society on that Section as well as on its Oil Pollution Advisory Committee. General Charles Lindbergh represented the Society as an observer at the meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Tokyo in June. As a result of the reorganisation of the Council for Nature, the Society was allotted one Vice-President and one ordinary member of the new council and these posts were filled by the Chairman of Council and the Hon Secretary respectively, the Hon Secretary further acting as the Chairman's alternate on the Executive Committee. The Hon Secretary was also appointed the Society's representative on the new Conservation Liaison Committee set up by the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves. Mrs Diana Spearman has acted as the Hon Secretary's alternate on a number of occasions during his absence.

The Late E. P. Gee

The cause of wildlife conservation in India suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Edward Pritchard Gee in October. Gee, who had been an honoured guest of the Society as recently as the April Council meeting, had for many years been the mainstay of the Society's efforts in wildlife conservation in India, and a short appreciation of his work appeared in the December *ORYX*. His name will always be associated with Kaziranga and the great Indian rhino in Assam, and the sanctuary's acquisition of national park status a few weeks before his death was in many ways the crown of his career. A memorial meeting was held at the Society's general meeting on March 27th 1969.

Meetings of the Society

At the Annual General Meeting on June 27th, Mr Philip Wayre, Hon Director of the Ornamental Pheasant Trust, spoke on his visit to Taiwan, the wildlife conservation problems of the island, and the return there of Swinhoe's pheasants bred at the Trust's collection in Norfolk, and showed a film. There were also four general meetings. On January 16th Mr Tony Beamish showed his colour film of Aldabra, and Dr D. R. Stoddart, leader of the first Royal Society Expedition to this now celebrated Indian Ocean atoll, spoke of the conservation problems there; a film of Indian wildlife was also shown. On September 24th the usual reunion meeting for those who have taken part in the Society's tours was followed by a talk by Mr Norman Myers on 'Recent Ecological Research in East Africa'. On October 24th Mr Alan Root's magnificent colour film of the Galapagos Islands was shown by courtesy of Mr Aubrey Buxton and Anglia TV. On November 26th three new films from the Society's film library were shown, one on Ceylon being accompanied by a personal commentary by our President, Lord Willingdon. The meetings on January 16th, June 27th and October 24th were each followed by a wine and cheese supper, an innovation which has been justified by the very large number of members attending these meetings. On April 17th the brothers G. and J. Newmark spoke at a meeting especially for young people. On October 18th

the Hon Secretary spoke and showed films at a most successful joint meeting with the North Wales Naturalists' Trust at Llandudno.

Film Library

The use made of the Society's film library increased once again, the bookings totalling 162. One new film was added, *Le Aye-Aye de Madagascar*, kindly presented by the Service du Film de Recherche Scientifique.

ORYX

The usual three issues of ORYX were published, in May, September and December. During the year Council decided that the arrangement whereby individuals or institutions could obtain ORYX for 30s per annum without joining the Society should be suspended. In future ORYX can only be obtained regularly by joining the Society at the normal subscription of £2.

Christmas Sales

Christmas card sales totalled 19,023, and we are most grateful to Mr Charles Tunnicliffe for allowing us to use his fine picture of an otter, and to Mr Robert Gillmor for his specially drawn zebras. We are also grateful to Mr Gillmor for allowing us to have his 1967 badger drawing to sell as a print. A new design of the oryx tie, obtainable in four colours, has sold well during the year. We are particularly grateful to our members Mr E. G. Parkes, who sold £101 worth of cards and other goods for us, and Miss C. M. Moran, who represented us at a Christmas card sale in Edinburgh, which realised £25. Goods sold at the Bazaar for Animal Welfare totalled £88, an increase of £28 over last year.

Membership

During the year 275 new members joined the Society, 29 more than in 1967; 50 members died, and 108 resigned or were struck off so that the net increase was 117, bringing our total up to 2,503 at December 31st.

The Society records once again its warmest thanks to the Zoological Society of London for providing office accommodation and for much help throughout the year.

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Surplus

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £17,037 6s 4d as compared with £14,308 11s 0d at the end of the previous year.

W. B. KEEN & CO
Chartered Accountants

The Auditors' Report

March 24th 1969

To The Council and Members of the
Fauna Preservation Society

Accounts for the Year Ended December 31st 1968

We have completed the audit of the Books and Accounts of the Society for the year ended December 31st 1968, and report thereon as follows:

General Purposes Account

The balance on this account at the end of the year was £323 11s 6d after transferring £125 from the Life Membership Fund and deducting £80 3s 11d being the excess of Expenditure over Income on the year's working. Donations amounting to £2393 7s 5d have been received during the year and of this £1393 7s 5d has been credited to this account. The profit from the sale of Christmas cards has been affected by the considerable increase in the incidence of purchase tax. In the previous year there was an excess of Expenditure over Income of £222 17s 9d.

General Reserve Fund

Additions to this Fund during the year have been a profit from sale of Investments of £154 5s 7d, legacies amounting to £1167 and donations of £1000, making a total of £7686 1s 2d. Expenditure of £500 has been deducted in respect of the visit to South America of the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Editor of ORYX, leaving a balance of £7186 1s 2d.

Life Membership Fund

The balance standing to the credit of the Fund is now £9390. This is after crediting £1050 in respect of Life Membership Subscriptions received during the year and transferring £125 to the General Purposes Account which represents the value of subscriptions of those Life Members whose memberships ceased during the year.

Revolving Fund

Donations and other income received during the year amounted to £6223 18s 4d. Grants of £5264 were made on various projects, leaving £959 18s 4d, which, together with the balance at January 1st 1968, of £4916 16s 5d amounted to £5876 14s 9d.

'Torrey Canyon' Fund

A further donation of £176 13s 0d was credited to the £200 balance at the beginning of the year, and this total of £376 13s 0d has been made over to the International Council for Bird Preservation.

Investments

The total investments at December 31st 1968, at cost amounted to £13,582 11s 9d and the market value at that date was £17,050 19s 7d, showing a net appreciation of £3468 7s 4d.

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BALANCE SHEET -

1967		LIABILITIES		£ s d			£ s d		
£									
2,308	<i>Sundry Creditors & Provisions</i>			1,977	12	7	
	<i>Receipts in advance</i>								
231	Subscriptions			124	16	3	
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2,539						2,102	8	10	
	<i>Balance, being Excess of Assets over Liabilities:</i>								
	<i>General Reserve Fund</i>								
	Balance at January 1st 1968	..	..	5,364	15	7			
	Add Profit on Sale of Investments	..	..	154	5	7			
	Legacies received during year	..	..	1,167	0	0			
	Donations - Transferred from								
	Income and Expenditure								
	Account	..	..	1,000	0	0			
						7,686	1	2	
	<i>Less Expenditure on Secretary's and</i>								
5,365	Editor's S. American visit	..	..	500	0	0			
						7,186	1	2	
	<i>Life Membership Fund</i>								
	Balance at January 1st 1968	..	..	8,465	0	0			
	Add Fees received during year	..	..	1,050	0	0			
						9,515	0	0	
	<i>Deduct Transfer to General Purposes</i>								
	Account -	..	..				
	Fees of deceased Life Mem-	..	..				
	bers	..	..	125	0	0			
8,465						9,390	0	0	
	<i>Film Purchases - Reserve Fund - Transferred from Income & Expenditure Account</i>								
—	<i>Torrey Canyon Fund</i>								
	Balance at January 1st 1968	..	..	200	0	0			
	Add Donation - New York Zoological Society	..	..	176	13	0			
						376	13	0	
	<i>Less Transfer to ICBP - Oil Pollution Fund</i>	..	..	376	13	0			
200									
	<i>General Purposes Account</i>								
	Balance at January 1st 1968	..	..	278	15	5			
	Add Transfer from Life Membership Fund	..	..	125	0	0			
						403	15	5	
	<i>Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year</i>	80	3	11			
279									
						323	11	6	
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<u>£16,848</u>						<u>£19,139</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>	

DECEMBER 31st 1968

1967	ASSETS						
£		£	s	d	£	s	d
	<i>Sundry Debtors and payments in advance</i>						
766	Income Tax recoverable on Investments	252	15	9			
1,294	Others	70	8	4	323	4	1
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2,060							
400	<i>Stocks in hand</i>				1,500	0	0
	(at or under cost)						
—	<i>Office Furniture and Fixtures</i> (not valued)				—	—	—
	<i>Investments</i> (at cost)						
	£1,320 10s 7d British Gas 3½% Stock						
	1969-71	1,220	15	11			
	£1,046 6s 0d 3½% Conversion Stock 1969	990	5	3			
	£2,222 4s 10d 3% Savings Bonds 1965-75	1,721	5	0			
	£226 15s 0d Guardian Royal Exchange						
	Assurance Co. Ltd. Ordinary Shares ..	2,007	4	8			
	£400 Metal Box Ltd. Ordinary Stock ..	850	0	0			
	£728 5s 0d New Investment Co. Ltd.						
	Ordinary Shares	2,165	19	3			
	£37 10s 0d Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd.						
	Ordinary Stock	962	9	0			
	£965 Standard Bank Ltd. £1 Shares ..	2,636	4	10			
	480 Thiess Holdings Ltd. 50c Australian						
	Reg.	1,028	7	10			
13,189		<hr/>			13,582	11	9
	<i>Deposits, Balance at Bank and Cash in hand</i>						
1,199	General Account				3,733	19	4

£16,848

£19,139 15 2

for the year ended **DECEMBER 31st 1968**

ACCOUNT

1967		INCOME									
£	£					£	s	d	£	s	d
		By Subscriptions –									
	74	Arrears .. .. .	..	..	..	101	11	9			
	3,697	Current .. .. .	..	..	..	4,020	10	1			
	567	Tax Recoverable on Covenants 1967–68 .. .. .	..	..	..	707	4	4			
4,338	—								4,829	6	2
		„ Donations .. .. .	..	..	..	2,393	7	5			
		Less Transferred to General Reserve Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	1,000	0	0			
1,272									1,393	7	5
684		„ Interest on Investments (Gross) ..	..						838	0	6
447		„ Journals – Sales & Advertisements	..						492	8	6
2,000		„ Christmas Cards – Sales .. .. .	..	..	..	1,077	2	5			
		Less Cost of Production & Postage .. .. .	..	..	..			
754	1,246					776	13	4			
292		„ Sundry Sales – Net .. .. .	..	..	..				300	9	1
		„ Films – Handling Charges – Net Income .. .. .	..	..	..	37	13	8	564	5	11
		Less Transferred to Films Purchases Reserve .. .. .	..	..	..	37	13	8			
		„ Cousin Island Appeal .. .. .	..	..	..	31	7	0			
		Less Transfer to ICBP .. .. .	..	..	..	31	7	0			
		„ Fishmongers' Company – Grant for Red Data Book on Fishes .. .. .	..	..	..	100	0	0			
		Less Paid to IUCN .. .. .	..	..	..	100	0	0			
—											
7,787									8,417	17	7
223		„ Balance – Excess of Expenditure over Income carried to Balance Sheet							80	3	11

£8,010£8,498 1 6

REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNT

INCOME

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance at January 1st 1968					4,916	16	5
Income for year –							
World Wildlife Fund – Refunds	3,306	0	0				
Donations	2,798	2	11				
Bank Interest	119	15	5				
					6,223	18	4
					£11,140	14	9

GRANTS

346 Javan Rhino	2,602	0	0				
396 Tamarau – Philippines	932	0	0				
228 Swinhoe's Pheasants	230	0	0				
188 Land Rover for Uganda National Parks ..	1,000	0	0				
372 Ceylon Dugong Survey	500	0	0				
					5,264	0	0
Balance at December 31st 1968					5,876	14	9
					£11,140	14	9

We have examined the Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account, and the Receipts and Payments Account relating to the Revolving Fund, with the books and Accounts of the Society and with the information and explanations supplied and certify them to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank balance and the Investments of the various Funds.

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March 24th 1969

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