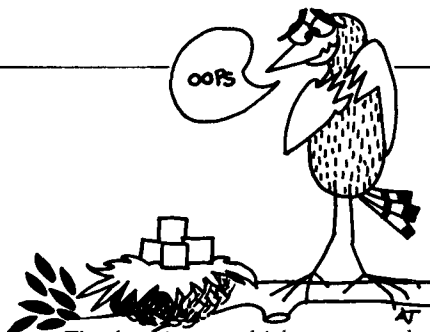


AFA MEMBERS ATTEND SYMPOSIUM IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

by Ruth Hanessian



The last issue, which concerned itself mainly with Lovebirds, contained an article about the African Lovebird Society. For those wishing more club information or membership: **African Lovebird Society Box 142, San Marcos, CA 92069**

New members can join at any time during the year for \$10.00. They will receive 12 issues (1 yr.) of the Club's monthly informative publication, *Agapornis World*.

Three color photos slipped by us uncredited in the last issue of the *Watchbird*. Our apologies to Mr. Stephen Clause. Center spread, page 24 – the new mutation – center right, color difference in the Yellow, and Cinnamon – bottom. Page 28 center photo. See more about Mr. Clause and his work in "Profiles", this issue.

A number of AFA members were present in Seattle, Washington, March 8 thru 12, 1978, for the first International "Birds In Captivity" Symposium, organized by Mr. Jan van Oosten. A grueling schedule, up to fourteen hours a day of papers, included topics ranging from penguins in zoos to recent species of birds discovered in Peru. Veterinarians, zoo curators, professors, private aviculturists, and quarantine station owners, everyone present had a common bond of interest – birds. We heard Jean Delacour, Didy Graham, Rosemary Low, and Joseph Forshaw, among others, discuss their own perspective on issues of endangered species, captive preservation of species, reintroduction and husbandry of many

species.

The AFA booth was the center of much positive discussion throughout the Symposium. Over two hundred subscription forms and other literature were distributed to interested fellow aviculturists. In fact, people often became so fascinated with the quality of AFA literature, copies of *Watchbird* literally walked away from under the glass display!

The symposium was very successful, both on the informative level and upon the social level. All AFA members present enjoyed the intellectual and social activities very much and look forward to a second International "Birds In Captivity" Symposium sometime in the future.

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