

**2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL PEREGRINE FALCON CONFERENCE**

**Held at Piotrowo / Poznan in Poland**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007**

**DECISIONS**

**DECISION 1:**

**ESTABLISHING AN EUROPEAN PEREGRINE FALCON WORKING GROUP**

**RECOGNISING** that there are many different national, regional and local specialist raptor groups and individuals involved in studying various aspects of the biology and conservation of the Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*);

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that many of these groups and individuals have gathered extensive field experience of the species and have compiled significant knowledge and understanding, often over many decades;

**CONSCIOUS** of the potentially significant conservation, scientific and resource benefits to be gained by improved communication, co-operation and co-ordination between these groups and individuals, especially internationally;

**IDENTIFIED** the urgent need to develop an overarching multilateral organisation for the study and conservation of the Peregrine Falcon to be known as the European Peregrine Falcon Working Group (EPFWG);

**ACCORDINGLY** delegates unanimously agreed the following significant initial steps towards achieving this goal by:

- a) establishing a Founding Members Committee (FMC) to drive forward the EPFWG initiative consisting of:

**Janusz Sielicki – Poland (Chairman)**

**Matyas Prommer – Hungary**

**Slavka Siryova – Slovakia**

**Nick P. Williams – United Kingdom**

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- b) tasking the FMC with a preliminary objective to draft a formal constitution and rules for membership by organisations and individuals;**

**FINALLY, delegates urged all specialist groups and interested individuals to support this important international Peregrine Falcon study and conservation initiative by contacting the FMC via [www.falcoperegrinus.net](http://www.falcoperegrinus.net) to register their wish to join the EPFWG and to contribute to its future activities.**

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**DECISION 2:**  
**POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS FOR THE EPFWG**

**FURTHERMORE delegates proposed three potential future projects for the EPFWG to take forward, as follows:**

- (i) To compile a pan-European register of existing colour and code ringing schemes involving Peregrine Falcons, and to develop a mechanism to co-ordinate these and similar future schemes to ensure that all falcons are uniquely colour-ringed and therefore potentially identifiable in the field;**
- (ii) To promote the development of standardised protocols for the collection and storage of biological samples obtained from Peregrine Falcons; to encourage the regular and extensive chemical analyses of these biological samples; and, to support the establishment of a long-term pan-European library of these biological samples for appropriate chemical analyses now and in the future;**
- (iii) To explore the feasibility of establishing a multi-national project to fit satellite transmitters to wild Peregrine Falcons originating from key areas within North, West, Central and Southern Europe.**