

survey was made in late 1974 by ADAS – the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service; the report, 'Wildlife Conservation in Semi-natural Habitats on Farms', is published by HMSO, £1.25.

FPS Annual General Meeting

Sir David Serpell, Chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council, was the speaker at the FPS 1976 Annual General Meeting on June 16, chaired by the President, Lord Zuckerman.

Sir David spoke of NCC's work in protecting important sites 'from Shetland to the Scillies', including some 150 national nature reserves, with a total staff of only about 500. He also spoke of the international aspects of the Council's work, particularly participation in the wetlands programme (12 wetlands of international importance have been declared in the UK) and the Man and the Biosphere programme (15 UK 'biosphere reserves' of international importance have been selected).

'With this site protection work', he said, 'particularly at international level, we have to be very careful to prevent it becoming just sticking another label on to something that already exists – after all, our Biosphere Reserves are all national nature reserves, or have equivalent protection. At the moment our scientists are pressing a number of international bodies to stop devising new sets of labels and to concentrate on getting on with the job of getting practical results out of existing schemes.'

Elections

The meeting opened with the approval of the Annual Report and Accounts, and the election of five new Vice-Presidents:

Professor A.G. Bannikov, USSR
 The Earl of Cranbrook, UK
 Dr Kai Curry-Lindahl, Sweden
 Major Ian R. Grimwood, Kenya
 Dr Lee M. Talbot, USA

Three members of Council retired and were warmly thanked by the Chairman for their services: Sir William Collins, CBE, Lt Col J.P. Grant of Rothiemurchus MBE, and Major W.N. Scott.

Three nominations to fill the vacancies were confirmed: Dr Malcolm Coe, Miss A.C.G. Grandison and Dr John MacKinnon.

The Officers were re-elected, and the proposal that the Honorary Editor be made an officer of the Society approved. The Chairman, Sir Peter Scott, proposed a warm vote of thanks to the Zoological Society of London for much help throughout the year and especially for the provision of office accommodation and services.

A wine and cheese supper was served and the film *Gorilla* shown by courtesy of Mr Aubrey Buxton and Anglia Television. Members were able to enjoy a beautiful evening in the Zoo Gardens by courtesy of the Zoological Society.

The 1977 AGM will take place on Tuesday, July 5, in the meeting rooms of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park. For details of this and other meetings see page 512.