

- Feb. 2 - David MacKinnon will speak on the effect of herbicide spraying of forest songbirds in Nova Scotia at the Society's monthly meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre.
- Mar. 2 - Coastal Birds and Waterfowl will be the topic of Wayne Barrett's presentation for the Society's monthly meeting which commences at the Farm Centre at 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 6 - Dr. Lawson Drake will be our monthly meeting speaker and he will be offering a presentation on insects. The meeting commences at 7:30 p.m.
- May 4 - The last Society meeting before the summer break will feature the Society's slide contest. The deadline for slide submissions will be about a month before the contest.

ISLAND STUDIES TO HOST FIRST ISLAND INTERNATIONAL

Many of the world's leading authorities on small island development will converge on Prince Edward Island's beautiful north shore this September 17th to 20th. They will participate in the first international conference, entitled *An Island Living: Patterns of Autonomy and Dependence in the Small Islands of the North Atlantic*, to be sponsored by the Institute of Island Studies.

Included among the Conference speakers are former Prime Ministers of Malta and Iceland, The Honourable Dom Mintoff and Mr. Steingrímur Hermannson respectively, as well as Dr. Peter Corbin and Dr. Gerard Fischer, the leading small island specialists from the United Nations and the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development. The keynote speaker is Jean-Didier Hache, Secretary to the Island's Commission of the Conference of the peripheral Maritime Regions of the European Community. The concluding speaker is Dr. Francois Doumenge, Jacques Cousteau's successor as Director of the prestigious Institut Océanographique in Monaco.

During the first half of the Conference, the speakers will explore the forces that have encouraged self-government and administrative decentralization in small island jurisdictions during the post-war years. These panels will examine the wide range of constitutional arrangements among the islands of the North Atlantic.

The second half of the conference will focus on economic issues. Panelists will consider the structural disabilities of small size for the economic development of North Atlantic small islands, with emphasis on strategies for adaptation and self-reliant growth in an increasingly integrated global economy.

For more information contact Anna MacDonald, Conference Coordinator at 902-566-0377, by FAX 566-0756, or electronic mail (amacdonald@upeil.ca). The conference fee is \$200 per person plus \$50 for accompanying spouse.

NEWS FROM THE ISLAND NATURE TRUST

by Diane Griffin

Hal Mills of Breadalbane is the new president of the Island Nature Trust and is joined on the 16 member board by three new directors, Sharon Rose, Dr. Leith Thompson, and Robertson Burnett.

The Trust, under the leadership of Fred Horne, is conducting background studies on three rivers on the Island for the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board. These are the Hillsborough, West, and Morell Rivers. For each river, a focus group is being set up. If any members of the Natural History Society are interested in participating or have information on these rivers, we would love