

Tracker News



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Satellite Telemetry Shapes Next Generation of Biologists

Dear Customers and Friends,

A couple of months ago, a small package arrived in the mail. We were delighted to receive autographed copies of Roine Strandberg's PhD thesis. His thoughtfulness in wanting to share his success with us and his gratitude for the technical support we gave him touched us. We congratulate him. This led me to wonder how many biologists will launch their careers using satellite telemetry. This "high tech apprenticeship" is a far cry from my own PhD project in the late 70's when PCs were not available; I waded through vast amounts of data, inputted from punched cards, which were then run through an IBM mainframe computer.

In this newsletter, we are delighted to spotlight four graduate students: two recently graduated and two about to complete their degrees. We asked them to give us an overview of their projects. Specifically, how did they use satellite telemetry?

We especially wish to thank: Roine Strandberg for his article about tracking raptors from southern Sweden, Libby Mojica for sharing her eagle work with us, Steffen Oppel for a glimpse into tracking King Eiders and last but not least, Lucy Howey, my own daughter, whose passion for sharks has led her to this path. We wish Roine, Libby, Steffen and Lucy much success in their careers. You inspire us to keep developing the field of satellite telemetry.

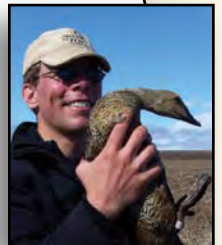
We would also like to thank Urmas Sellis of the Estonian Eagle Club and Abdullah Alsuhaibany for their article on finding Sellis' stork—an excellent example of international cooperation between researchers in Estonia and Saudi Arabia. We certainly need more of this. Perhaps we at MTI can assist in locating researchers in other parts of the world as we have a diversified customer base.

This newsletter also publicizes our MTI Bird and Fish Tracking Conference taking place March 24-March 27, 2009 in Ellicott City, Maryland. We already have quite a few attendees committed but we hope to see you all. Check our website for full details.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you, our customers, over the last seventeen years and look forward to many more years together.

We wish you happiness, health and joy in 2009.

Sincerely,
Paul and the staff at MTI



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