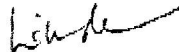


To: Manomet Board and staff

March 24, 2000

From: Linda 

We have lost another very dear Manomet friend and colleague. Pablo Canevari, with whom we have worked for 20 years on shorebird issues in South America, died yesterday in Buenos Aires from brain cancer after a sudden onset of symptoms in January. He was in his late 40's.

Brian and I first met Pablo in 1981 when we went to Argentina to study Red Knot at Peninsula Valdez. Pablo was then with the Argentina national park service, and joined us at the "whale camp", tenting out in the famous fierce winds of that area with his usual good cheer and fortitude. Several years later, we recruited Pablo to be the first WHSRN manager for South America. He moved to Plymouth for 3 ½ years with his wife Maria Jose, and their 3 young children, Sofia, Andres and Valentina. During these years, he created many of the training and conservation initiatives that launched WHSRN in Argentina, Brazil and other South American countries. In 1991, he returned to B.A. to lead the wetlands and shorebird work there for the new Wetlands Americas and WHSRN and then moved to the Bonn Convention in Germany for two years, where he worked on a variety of international bird issues. In the last year, he returned to B.A. and was once again working on wetlands and shorebird issues for Wetlands International. Through the years, Pablo was pivotal to the advancement of wildlife and habitat conservation issues in Argentina and many other South American countries.

Pablo blended a strong work ethic and commitment to conservation with a gentle personal manner and a ready twinkle in his eyes. He was reliable, self-effacing, dedicated and tireless. He also had a wonderful wry sense of humor and mischievous smile. These qualities, combined with his extensive knowledge of bird and wetlands issues in South America, were the reason that so many people turned to Pablo to develop a lasting conservation program in Argentina and other countries. He leaves big shoes to be filled, and a strong legacy of accomplishment and momentum for all of us to build on. We are grateful to have known him and counted him as a friend, and will remember him with great affection and respect.

To honor Pablo's memory, values and accomplishments, Manomet will annually provide the "Pablo Canevari Shorebird Research and Conservation Award" for \$1000 through WHSRN to support projects in shorebird research and conservation in South America. We will invite proposals in the near future.

We are also gathering contributions to send to Pablo's family to help them with this difficult transition. If you would like to help, please contact Mary or Jennie.

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