

Seine Ernennung zum Ehrenmitglied unserer Gesellschaft hat Herr Dr. L. STEJNEGER mit einem Schreiben beantwortet, das hier in photographischer Wiedergabe angefügt sei.

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Prof. Dr. E. Stresemann,
Secretary General,
Deutsche Ornithologische Gesellschaft,
Invalidenstrasse 43,
Berlin, N 4

Dear Dr. Stresemann:

Please present to the President and members of the Deutsche Ornithologische Gesellschaft my heartfelt thanks for the highly appreciated honor shown me by electing me an honorary member of your illustrious society.

I value this honor more particularly because my own personal and scientific history is so closely interwoven with that of the Gesellschaft, for I was born less than four months after the birth of the Gesellschaft eighty-seven years ago and only twenty years afterwards I made my first entry into the scientific world through correspondence with one of its most celebrated founders, Dr. Cabanis, who initiated me as a member and published my first ornithological paper in the Journal für Ornithologie. If other problems and duties in later years have kept me from special work in ornithology I have never lost my active interest in our beloved science and my great admiration for the splendid work carried out by the Deutsche Ornithologische Gesellschaft.

Sincerely yours,

Leonhard Stejneger

Head Curator,
Department of Biology.