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Dear Sir or Madam.

**Potential MPhil research project –
Real time Positional tracking of Racing Pigeons via the Internet.**

I am writing on behalf of the Royal Racing Pigeon Association who wish to investigate the possibility of working with a leading UK university with regard to what we believe to be a potentially exciting area of research – namely the development “Real time” positional tracking of Racing Pigeons, via the internet.

The scope of the project will obviously consist primarily of electronic and communications engineering with miniaturisation being the driving factor. Potential alternative uses and the commercial considerations we believe to be extremely exciting.

The primary reason for the Sport of Pigeon Racing to consider this route lies with this technology being an opportunity to “breathe new life” into a contracting sport with members being able to monitor positions of their birds live via the internet.

The RPRA may consider assisting with the funding requirement related to an MPhil post, with the possibility of further funding through to PhD level should the research prove to warrant it.

We therefore wish to take the first tentative steps along the route to determining the best “university partner” for the RPRA and its members, along with holding preliminary discussions regarding timescales and costs. We would request that “expressions of interest” are submitted by 28th September 2012.

If you believe the above warrants further communication please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours faithfully,

Stewart Wardrop
General Manager.
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