



Meigen Medal awarded to Robert Trusch

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I am proud to inform the SEL members that the Meigen-Medal was awarded on March 13, 2019 to Robert Trusch for his outstanding activities in lepidopterology. This Medal, which is named after the famous German entomologist Johann Wilhelm Meigen (1764–1849), has been awarded since 1993 by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Allgemeine und Angewandte Entomologie (the German Society for General and Applied Entomology) to entomologists who play an important role in faunistic and systematic entomology. Robert Trusch, former treasurer of the SEL, is the curator of the Lepidoptera collection in

the State Museum of Natural History Karlsruhe, Germany. During his scientific career in the last 16 years, Robert had an exceptional and irreparable role in organizing the society of the citizen scientists and cooperation between them in south-western Germany. One of the most successful projects that show his essential organizing role is the “Landesdatenbank Schmetterlinge Baden-Württemberg”, in which a large number of institutional and citizen scientists are working together to update the distributional data of the Lepidoptera of the state Baden-Württemberg (see: <http://www.schmetterlinge-bw.de/>). ■



Figure 1 (above). The Meigen medal. **Figure 2 (right).** Dr. Jürgen Gross (president of the German Society for General and Applied Entomology) handing over the Meigen medal to Dr. Robert Trusch.