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Dear Trichopterologist,

With much regret I have learnt that our good friend Professor Moretti, the grand old man of Italian and International Trichopterology, left us forever in March this year. Please find the obituary on page 5. We have known him as a friend and as a hardworking and stimulating scientist, and we remember with appreciation our third Symposium in Perugia in 1980 which he organized with the members of his group.

From a circular of an entomological society I learned that Dr. J. M. Fey of Essen, Germany, has recently died. I have no details. He was with us at the symposia in Lunz, Clemson and Umeå.

This number of BRAUERIA includes no long articles, so there is more space for information. The literature list is longer than usual; I have included many references to papers which came to my notice only recently. This is also question of having time for searching. The usual reference journals are very incomplete. Zoological Record is most complete but does not refer to all relevant information, such as theses, internal reports etc. which remain largely unknown but may be important for regional faunistic studies.

Three publications of the recent months have caught my attention.

The Atlas of Austrian Caddis Larvae by my colleague J. Waringer and my doctoral student W. Graf marks important progress in our knowledge of European larvae. Most species known from Austria, and some others from adjacent regions are included. The book consists of keys and of many colour photographs of excellent quality. Many of the larvae are figured here for the first time.

The long-expected Trichoptera bibliography by Andy Nimmo has now become a reality: The first volume, covering the years 1961 - 1970, is now published. Good things need time: some of us may remember that Andy presented this project at our Symposium in Perugia in 1980. - "Volume Two ? Just a minute !"

Finally, a few days ago I received the book "Trichoptera and Lepidoptera" (Volume 5 of the key to the insects of the Russian Far East), of which the Trichoptera part of 200 pages was written by a group including T. I. Arefina, T. Ito, V. D. Ivanov, I. M. Levanidova, J. Morse, A. Nimmo, T. S. Vshivkova and L. Yang. I have not yet used it, but it looks good. It gives a survey of the fauna of the Russian Far East, with many good figures. I was pleased to find many new figures for species which were inadequately known. The text and the dichotomous keys are, as expected, in Russian, so this limits their value for foreign users. Wouldn't it be an idea to use more symbols for works of international significance, like this one ? Just imagine how helpless European car-drivers would be on their roads without symbols, and if everything had to be indicated in one of the c. 50 national languages !

In January and February this year I was teaching at the University of Chiangmai, Thailand, where we shall meet for our 9th Symposium in a few month's time. Please find the 2nd circular on page 7. Some field work was done during this time, and three students started their theses on caddisflies. They will certainly be encouraged by the presence and assistance of so many experts at the Symposium.

In April I was once again in Sumatra with Dr. Diehl, the wellknown lepidopterist, and have continued my studies of the caddisflies of the island. Much more work needs to be done, especially with hydropsychids and leptocerids, but a summarizing publication may be expected in the next few years.

With best wishes,



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