

## **The 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Trichoptera Białowieża, Poland**

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to cordially invite you to participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Trichoptera which will be held in Białowieża in the eastern part of Poland from 22 to 27 June 2009.

As you may recall, the 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Trichoptera in 1989 was also organised in Poland. We feel that now, twenty years later, is the right time to host another symposium. During that period of time, Poland underwent dramatic changes; it has changed its political system and started a rapid economic development. It will be good for old friends who attended the first Polish symposium to see the changes and for new members to visit a vibrant yet in many ways traditional country. At any rate, it will be good to see you all here.

The scientific sessions and accommodation are planned to be held in close vicinity to the entrance of the Białowieża National Park, or the Białowieża Primeval Forest, the last patch of natural lowland forest of Europe.

The Symposium program will include trips to the most protected part of the Białowieża Primeval Forest, where rivers, swamps, and marshes create an exceptional environment for some caddis species. Our hotel is located in a huge "Palace Park". The park is crossed by the Narewka River, which together with some old ponds, has created an excellent opportunity for light night trapping. We are also planning trips to other national parks in this region of Poland, such as the Narew National Park (boggy valley of the Narew River) and the Biebrza National Park along the Biebrza River.

More detailed information about our next symposium will be forthcoming in the next Braueria.

Sincerely yours,

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