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Dear Trichopterologist,

The Trichoptera Newsletter, now Braueria, was decided by the members of the first International Symposium on Trichoptera to be issued as a medium for information among the trichopterological community. At the time, the majority of colleagues had considered mutual information to be a fundamental tool for their work and this can be seen when we look at the first numbers. This concept has changed with time. Over the last few years, I have received a decreasing number of informative contributions but an increasing number of short scientific papers.

One exception in this number is the invitation to the 13th International Symposium on Trichoptera which you find on page 5. The „caddis family“ will be reunited in June 2009 in the famous Białowieża National Park in eastern Poland, a remarkable place which gives an impression of a native European landscape.

The first numbers of the Newsletter were produced in a primitive and cheap way and were given free as long as my former Institute was willing to pay the minimal cost. This institute has not existed for years. Therefore, Braueria costs now not only work but also money. Concerning money, the donations of many readers are enough to cover approximately the cost, except for the work. It takes me two full weeks every year for the immediate production of the number; except for the work by Jim O'Connor who helps me with the English and for the permanent work of collecting literature. The cost does not include that of my copy of Zoological Record which I need for the literature survey and which costs me 500 Euro every year.

I do not complain because I like this work which may be useful for colleagues. But on the other hand, I would like that readers should consider page 2 on which the conditions are given to obtain Braueria. And I expect that readers send regularly their reprints or xerocopies to me, and I expect that my letters will be answered.

One of the readers of my article on electronic problems in number 34 asked me in how many years Braueria should be re-copied on new sheets before the paper will crumble away. Well, I suggest inspecting the paper every 200 years to check if it is still in good condition...

Yours sincerely,



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