

Braueria 37

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Dear Trichopterologist,

*This number of BRAUERIA comes again at an unusual time of the year – the date of publication does not depend on the outside temperature or the position of the sun but on the manuscripts which arrive quite irregularly.*

*First of all, I want to remind all of you that I expect reprints of any of your papers on Trichoptera, not only for my own use (and in exchange for Braueria ! and in time, not five years later!) but equally for the literature list. Just recently, I received several publications which were not covered by the Zoological Record.*

*By the way: BRAUERIA is online! You may find it under [www.biologiezentrum.at](http://www.biologiezentrum.at) together with many other Austrian journals. The last numbers are subject to payment, the earlier ones are free. A survey of Austrian journals with entomological contents (285 titles) was published by F. Gusenleitner & E. Geiser in *Entomologica Austriaca* 14:155-229, 2007.*

*The 13<sup>th</sup> Trichoptera Symposium was held in Białowieża, Poland on 22 – 27 June 2009, and was organised in a perfect and professional manner by Janusz and Katarzyna Majecki to whom we owe our congratulations. The lectures and posters were characterised, as usual, by high diversity. In earlier years I have given a summary of the titles and a list of the participants in Braueria, but nowadays everything is on the internet, so there is no need to waste expensive pages. One excursion led to the Narew National Park, a flooded area where a lowland river was in its original state as rivers used to be before their canalisation. Another excursion was intended for the nearby Białowieża National Park with its unique population of 300 individuals of the largest free-living European animal, the European Bison (not to be confused with buffalo), but a thunderstorm half way there forced us to hurry back. It was most welcome that a high proportion of the participants at the symposium were young people, so an extinction of the trichopterist species is not likely. On the other hand, this was an disadvantage because I do not know the names of many of them when they appear in the photographs ... - For the next symposium, Tatiana Vshivkova has invited us to Wladiwostok in 2012.*

*Pavel Chvojka informs me that Dr. Karel Novák deceased in October 2009 following a cerebrovascular accident. An obituary is planned for the next number of Braueria.*

*In autumn 2008, I was in Toronto after an invitation by Patricia Scheffer. I had a look at the collections of the Royal Ontario Museum, and tried to find more information for my planned Atlas of caddisflies of Southeast Asia (which is expected to be published soon). It may be of general interest to know that the large collections from New Caledonia by Ferdinand Starmühlner, one of my former professors at the University of Vienna, are preserved there, consisting mainly of larvae. There is also the original material (ca. 500 adults plus larvae) from the work of J.E. Bishop on Sungai Gombak which was used for his book in 1973, but not yet identified to species level.*

*Due to this good opportunity, I spent a few days in Ottawa to see the collection of Fernand Schmid. He had collected over four full years in several parts of India in the years 1958-1960, but in the almost 40 years until his death he was only able to study approximately one third of the material. One of the reasons for this slow work was the fact that all specimens are pinned, which means much additional work to make the necessary preparations. I have noted how much is not yet studied, among others: Agapetus 11 drawers, Hydroptilidae 43, Dolophilodes 11, Chimarra 15, Paduniella 9, Polycentropodidae 15, Smicridea 4, Macronematinae 11, and unsorted inserenda 40 drawers. Who on earth will ever be able to study 43 drawers of pinned hydroptilids?? By the way, Fernand did not like „alcoholic“ material: the liquid collection in his room, including specimens from the Americas, Madagascar, Nepal, New Guinea and Japan, was not in the best of condition...*

*Later in October 2008, I spent one week in Hamburg in the Zoological Museum of the University to see a number of types of species described by Georg Ulmer. Most of my new drawings will be included in my above mentioned book. The collection is in an excellent order. It is worthwhile to know that, in addition to the Ulmer collection, there is a large and yet unstudied caddis material from Mexico from the period of 1930 - 1950, and from Liberia collected about 1989, and also Ulmer's correspondence.*

Yours sincerely,



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