Dear Colleagues,

I would like to cordially invite you to participate in the 14th International Symposium on Trichoptera organized by the Institute of Biology and Soil Science (Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences). The symposium will be held July 02-07, 2012 in Vladivostok, Russia (Primorsky Territory).

Vladivostok is the largest city on the Pacific Ocean coast of Russia and the administrative center of Primorsky Territory. It is surrounded by Amursky Gulf on the west, Ussuriysky Gulf on the east and Golden Horn Bay south of the city center. Vladivostok is located in a hilly region and is the home of the Russian Pacific Fleet. Vladivostok, meaning the "Overlord of the East" in Russian, is located less than 120 km east of the Chinese border, approximately 160 km north of Korea and just across the Sea of Japan from the main Japanese island of Honshu.

Vladivostok shares the same or approximate latitude with Sapporo, Sukhumi, Almaty, Florence, Marseille, La Coruña, Boston, and Toronto. Mean annual temperature: +4.8 °C (40.6 °F). Average temperature in July: +18-20°C (63-70 °F).

The railroad distance to Moscow is 9,302 km and the direct distance is 6,430 km. The direct distance to Bangkok is 5,600 km, to Darwin—6,180 km, San Francisco—8,400 km, Lisbon—10,100 km, London—8,500 km, Seoul—750 km, Tokyo—1,050 km, and Beijing—1,331 km.

The Trichoptera fauna of the Russian Far East demonstrates a striking difference from the faunas of the rest of Russia. This difference is especially evident in the southernmost part of the area, in Primorsky Territory, belonging to the East-Asian subregion of the Palaearctic region (Amur Province). The Trichoptera fauna of this region is extraordinarily rich in species and contains about 480 known species (about 75% of the total Russian fauna) from 25 families; many of them are endemic, rare or limited to the Eastern Palaearctic region.

The scientific program of the Symposium will include the following sections: (1) Morphology and Anatomy, (2) Systematics and Phylogeny, (3) Fossils and Amphiesmenopteran Evolution; (4) Biogeography and Faunistics; (5) Life history; and (6) Ecology and Bioassessment.

Information about hotel(s), registration fees, the cost of accommodation, and details of post-symposium excursions will be included in the Second Circular and will be found in the near future on our www.biosoil.ru/trichoptera14 website.

We hope you will participate in the 14th International Symposium on Trichoptera in Vladivostok and are looking forward to seeing you there.

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