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Dear Trichopterologist,

At the occasion of the First International Symposium on Trichoptera which I had organised in 1974 here in Lunz, the trichopterists of the world proposed to create a Newsletter for better communication among them, and I agreed to do this work. During the first years, the flow of information was high, but it decreased continuously, and finally I converted the Newsletter into the formal journal called Braueria. One of the reasons for the lack of contributions was the electronic media, but it appears that the demand for real information has likewise decreased.

I produced Newsletter and Braueria within my limited capabilities, and I understood it always, and still do now, as part of the reprints of my own papers, and I expected to get in exchange their reprints from the readers. Do not forget that Braueria costs money (which is not the main problem) but first of all: it costs my own working time. The requested 10 Euro do not of course cover the cost. The reality is: I have sent out 155 copies of Braueria 39. 20 of the readers have sent their reprints, 27 have paid (some of them much more than the requested 10 Euro), and 6 have sent reprints plus money. Which means that from 102 addressees, there were no responses at all.

This is one side of the problem. The other side is that copies are lost in the postal system, and, of course, I am not informed.

*Therefore, **new regulations** are now introduced. To continue the receive Braueria (together with my other reprints), the addressees must send their own reprints on Trichoptera, or the sum of **30 Euro per copy** (which may cover my own cost), or, if both are not possible, a confirmation of the safe arrival **by letter** (not by email), with an explanation as to why no reprints or money could be sent. Regular exchange of journals by institutions will of course continue as before. Those who have paid in advance will be considered, but are also asked to send a confirmation of the safe receipt. **If none of these will arrive within one year, the mailing address will be automatically deleted.** On the other hand, if you are missing the current number of Braueria, I suggest sending me a letter, let us say, at the end of the year. When mailing is about April or so, it may be expected that even the "most efficient" postal services in any country will deliver it before December.*

In May / June 2013 I was in Greece after an absence of 14 years, and visited some of my old collecting sites. I wanted to see whether they still existed, and what had changed in the last 30 – 40 years. Fortunately, some of them are intact, in particular the three springbrooks with the three endemic Apataniana species. In other streams which were not heavily affected, the composition of the fauna has not changed. But some other streams are totally destroyed or have greatly changed their character, mainly due to agriculture, or were meanwhile used for the water supply of the unbelievable many new houses, hotels and restaurants.

My book on biotopes of caddisflies is now under preparation, so I hope that it can be published this year. It was a long story to have it accepted by a publisher. Otherwise I get, as usual, new caddis material from many regions of the world, with new species to be described. As a surprise, I found the recently described Nyctiophylax gaditana from Spain in old samples which I had for 40 years in my cellar !

With best wishes,



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