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Dear Trichopterologist,

In the „old times“, the **Zoological Record** was published by the British Museum (Natural History) or the Zoological Society of London, and it was the most important source for information on zoological literature. Sometimes the volumes were delayed for years but in the end, the user had a reliable survey of the literature, except maybe for a few publications in remote journals. Nowadays the ZR is published by a private company which is mainly seen by the fact that the price is mounting to an extraordinary extent. The part A, General Insecta and smaller orders, was available for about 500 Euro fifteen years ago, and in 2013 it was more than 1300 Euro.

The extent of sloppiness has increased parallel with the price. I recently looked to see if my own publications were registered, and found that 15 of my papers from the years 2013 to 2015 were included. Missing were 15 others, from no less than six different journals and from a book which was published in Britain. Among the missing ones were my revision of *Pseudostenophylax* (2013) in *Linzer biologische Beiträge* (vol.45, 35 pages), and my summary of teratological Trichoptera (*Braueria* 41, 27 pages). My descriptions of 35 new species in these three years were **not recorded**. How „careful“ the selection is made may be shown by the example that from no.40 of *Braueria*, the two papers by Corallini & al. (pp. 24-34 and 35-40) were included, but my paper on synonyms of Asiatic caddisflies (pages 41-54) is missing.

I do not think that the omission of my papers is revenge for my editor's letter in *Braueria* 40. I have made a sample survey for several other authors, and found just the same.

However, it is possible that the references are placed in other parts of the ZR. Under the entry „Trichoptera“ we find enough of papers on Hemiptera, Ephemeroptera, Hymenoptera, Plecoptera and Lepidoptera. So it is well possible that caddis papers may be found among sharks or tapeworms. One needs an explanation how to find them. On the other hand, under „Trichoptera“ we find plenty of references on any fish or birds which have eaten unnamed caddisworms. With this method, one comes to well over 200 references per year. Dear reader, try yourself how many of your publications have fallen through the sieve.

In this number of *Braueria* you find, as usual, a list of references which is certainly more complete than the ZR. I find these references from a number of sources, first of all from the copies of their publications which I get from colleagues. An important contribution were the lists by Andy Nimmo who collected literature in the same way for the Annual Literature List of the North American Benthological Society, and we had exchanged our lists. This is now over. Andy is no more among us.

With best wishes,



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