

TRICHOPTERA NEWSLETTER

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Dear Trichopterologist,

This Newsletter No.17 comes to you some months later than intended. I am sorry for the delay, but there are important reasons for it. From the last opinion poll I have learnt that the Newsletter is generally accepted. I feel therefore obliged to maintain it, but new ways of funding are necessary. It is quite hopeless to obtain public money for a purely informative newsletter with limited scientific content. Collecting membership fees, as is normal for scientific journals, is difficult for several reasons. Firstly, many interested workers (mainly from developing countries and from countries with non-convertible currencies) are unable to pay. Secondly, many colleagues are willing to pay, but less than the real cost for production and mailing. Thirdly, and most important: it would be impossible for me to collect every year contributions from 600 people in 50 countries, and to share the costs with the regional distributors. It must also be remembered that banks deduct a lot from cheques so that I must expect to get perhaps half or less of the paid sums, when such small amounts of money are sent. If someone has a good idea, please let me know.

Anyway, I will try to find a solution by next year. The present No.17 is produced in an improvised way, but I did not want to delay it too much. I will try to produce No.18 about April 1991; please send me your contributions in time.

The main event of last year was the symposium in Poland. Ian Crichton gives a report of it on p.5 reproduced from ANTENNA 14(1). We are particularly grateful to our Polish friends who made the meeting a great success under difficult circumstances, and were so extraordinarily helpful to us all.

Dr.Ivanov has compiled a list of Russian literature and has added English translations. We must be grateful to him for this valuable but time-consuming work, and we shall hope that he will continue it in future numbers.

My own news are that I was teaching Aquatic Entomology last winter at the University of Chiangmai, Thailand, and of course I used the opportunity for field work with Dr.Chantaramongkol in the mountain streams and rivers of northern Thailand. Faunistic and ecological studies are in preparation, including those made by local students, but first the enormous amount of material must be determined taxonomically. In May and June I was again in Greece. The Greek Trichoptera fauna is now well known, and species new to science have become scarce. The research effort, however, varies in different regions. In about two years I hope to give a detailed presentation in the framework of "Fauna Graeciae". Additional data will be acknowledged.

The next Trichoptera symposium will be organized in two years by Prof.Otto in Umeå, Sweden. The next Newsletter will give you more details.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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