

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The next International Joint Meeting will take place at the State Museum of Natural History in Stuttgart, Germany, from 8-14 June 2008.

Please note that the conference website has changed:

http://www.jointmeeting08.naturkundemuseum-bw.de/

This preliminary site will have a major update around the end of February. If you want to get notified when the site is updated, please subscribe to the conference newsletter. Just send an e-mail to

<u>jointmeeting08.smns@naturkundemuseum-bw.de</u> and you will receive a note as soon as the major update will go online.

The Joint Meeting will have an informal welcome party at the evening of June 8th. The conference will start on June 9th. There will be four days packed with talks and poster sessions – the best poster will be awarded at the conference dinner on Thursday night! On Wednesday 12th there will be a field trip to creeks and rivers of the Swabian Alps, linked to a visit to a medieval monastry and University town. The post conference tour on Saturday 14th will lead to the Black Forest.

Take the opportunity and meet your colleagues at the Joint Meeting 2008!

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TRAVEL GRANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE, CHECK THE WEBSITE.

Current Research on Plecoptera

Ian McLellan

I am currently working on a number of projects. Steve Pawson (Canterbury University) has a grant to construct a website on New Zealand Plecoptera and of course, as the authority, I am very much involved in the scheme. So far he has data based on my collection and those in NZAC, OMNZ, CMNZ and AMNZ, recording in all 50,000+ specimens and about 6,000 localities. He has gathered copies of all literature including unpublished theses; many images and we are constructing a key to all NZ species. In between I work on new species of New Zealand notonemourids, gripopterygids, a eustheniid and South American gripopterygids. An on going job is identification of stoneflies for various institutions through out New Zealand.

Two Otago University students have started on theses that will involve New Zealand stoneflies. Andrew Sparrow (M.sc) is working on the interaction between aquatic and terrestrial organisms on a floodplain on the Kauri River inland from Oamaru.

Graham McCulloch (Ph.D) is constructing a DNA based phylogeny of New Zealand stoneflies.

Dr. Richard W. Baumann

Here are my stonefly goals for the next several years. Some studies are short term and others will take longer. I know that these are ambitious goals and that I cannot accomplish them without the help of many colleagues. This includes not only those individuals listed, but everyone that is willing

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