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The news of the sudden death of Professor Joachim Illies on June 3, 1982, at the age of 57, came as a shock to his many colleagues and friends. He was at the height of his creative powers, and was in the centre of scientific life. His death is a great loss for all of us, for he was one of the great men in Entomology and Hydrobiology, and his scientific work extended far into Theology, Psychology and Philosophy. He was a well-known author of popular scientific books and papers and a beloved television scientist. But above all he was an active and warm-hearted supporter of many young colleagues, always ready to help them and, if necessary, to find financial support. He was an exceptional man among the leading scientists of today.

Joachim Illies was born on March 23, 1925 in a village near Berlin. He has been Director of the River Station of the Max Planck Institute of Limnology in Schlitz, West Germany, since 1951. His outstanding scientific talents and his immense capacity for work made this field laboratory into an Institute of international repute with a team of first-class research workers. Some of his scientific papers were pioneer works in Hydrobiology, as for example his proposal of a new scheme of running water zonation which is now generally accepted, and the introduction of the emergence method in productivity studies of running waters, which has been an important part of the scientific work of his Institute for the last fourteen years.

In many obituaries it is claimed that the deceased has left a big gap in the ranks of his fellow scientists; this is especially true for Joachim Illies.

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Professor Margalef and his colleagues have joined with the many new Spanish limnologists in founding the Asociación Española de Limnología (Spanish Association of Limnology). The main purpose of the Association is to promote and extend limnological studies in the Iberian Peninsula, Balearic Islands and Macaronesic Islands, by means of meetings and publications. The 1st Spanish Congress of Hydrobiology, 4-7 December 1981 in Barcelona, was attended by more than a hundred limnologists, and over 50 papers were presented. The Proceedings will be published during 1982. - Interested workers should write to Diego Garcia de Jalón, Asociación Española de Hidrobiología, Museo de Ciencias Naturales, Paseo de la Castellana 80, Madrid - 6 (Spain), or Narcis Prat, Asociación Española de Hidrobiología, Dpto. Ecología, Fac. Ciencias Biológicas, c/ Gran Vía, Universidad de Barcelona, Spain.