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Dear Trichopterologist,

Here is the first number of our Newsletter in its new look. The earlier numbers were produced cheaply, and paid for by my Institute. This cannot continue, because the Institute does no longer pay for it, and the printing machines are unserviceable. Thus it is necessary to ask for money from those who receive the Newsletter.

If I ask for money, the printing quality must be improved. I cannot expect regional distributors to continue to send the copies free if I ask for money. Sharing money with the distributors would be complicated and time-consuming. If I mail directly to all trichopterists in the world, it will cost more in postage. To get enough money, the Newsletter must be purchased by as many institutions as possible to cover the cost for those who are unable to pay. If institutions are to purchase the Newsletter they must have more than an informative publication. There must be contents for long-term use. Better quality printing and direct mailing will increase the cost by about 500%. All these points of view must be seen in connection together.

On the other hand, I cannot spend enough time to establish professional book-keeping; the administrative work must be kept to a minimum. Please understand that I cannot do commercial correspondence. I suggest that money should be sent as Eurocheques, or Banknotes in a registered envelope. If necessary, I will send a written confirmation of receipt.

From this number 18 the Newsletter changes its name to BRAUERIA, after the well-known Austrian entomologist Friedrich Moritz Brauer (1832-1904), author of many caddisfly species, whose portrait is reproduced on the cover of this number. The short title makes citation easier. Short contributions in the major scientific languages are welcome. BRAUERIA will nevertheless remain informative as before. The literature list is now printed in two vertical rows so that a xerocopy of references may be cut up and used for filing cards. The next number will be issued about May 1992. Please do not forget the Order Form ! Mailing will be computerized, and if you have not returned the form, you will not get following numbers (see the order form).

I do not expect to cover the full cost of printing and mailing by the money contributed, so that after 3-4 years more decisions about the organization of BRAUERIA may have to be made. For the next few years the continuation is safe, but please encourage your institution (University, Museum, Library...) and other institutions to send in a standing order for BRAUERIA.

This number contains information on the Symposia 6 and 7. Adam Mickiewicz Press has recently informed me that the Proceedings of the 6th Symposium will be issued in autumn this year.

In February this year I was in Sumatra to get a personal impression of the streams and their caddis fauna; I hope to make more visits. Already it can be said that the fauna is rich, but not so extraordinarily rich as those parts of India which were documented by F.Schmid. The Sumatran fauna is also poorer than that of northern Thailand, but not as poor as could be concluded from the book of Ulmer (1951). To give an example, Ulmer recorded only six species of hydroptilids, but after a short time in a limited area, I have collected about 30 species.

This summer and autumn I am going again to Greece to complete the faunistic survey for the Trichoptera part of Fauna Graeciae. If you should have unpublished data on Greek caddisflies, please let me know.

With best wishes,



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