Braueria 33

Lunz, September 2006

Dear Trichopterologist,

Our 12th International Symposium is over. On page 7 you will find a short report. The Symposium was dedicated to Oliver Flint in recognition of his life work, particularly on caddisflies of Latin America. He is the author of no less than 7% of known Trichoptera species ! Once again, it was a welcome occasion to see old friends and to meet new ones. However, although the total number of participants was as usual, many expected ones were absent. Colleagues from Japan and the US were well represented, but it was striking that many Europeans were absent except for the Italians. This may have been related to the fact that we had our own meeting some months ago in Luxemburg? (see the report on p. 9). Some may not have come because the trip to Mexico was rather expensive, or they were afraid of possible criminality. Anyway, everything went well, and we took home the impression of a very well organised and interesting meeting. We got the impression of a gigantic town with 20 or more million inhabitants (three times the population of Austria !) which mainly consists of roads and cars, but on the other hand with splendid attractions including the Anthropological Museum, and in a short distance of the town the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan. Some participants felt the authentic revenge of Montezuma, but this may also happen elsewhere. After the end of the symposium, some participants enjoyed the tropical landscape of Veracruz during an excursion which included a rich yield of caddis specimens.

The presentations during the meeting gave the impression that cladistics is now modern. Large cladograms were presented, with the obligatory final sentence that much more work will be necessary for definitive results – an assumption which may be cordially agreed with. Faunistics and databanks were rather under-represented, in contrast to the Luxemburg meeting.



For the first time in the history of our symposia, there was no definitive invitation for the next meeting. Three years ago, Vladimir Ivanov had proposed to held the next symposium in St.Petersburg, but it now turns out that he was unable to organise it. Several ideas were brought forward, but now Janusz Majecki has written to me and he proposed to held our next symposium in 2009 in one of the beautiful National Parks in Poland. He is willing to organise it, together with his wife and several colleagues. A definitive and formal invitation will be presented in Braueria 34.

I have no email address. Normally snail mail is fast enough, but if you have an urgent message to me, you may use my telephone number: (Austria)07486/8410. I know that the postal services in some countries are not the best, so you may use the Fax number of my Post Office: (Austria)07486/826020, but don't forget to include my name and address in the message.

With best wishes,

Man Malin



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