

Dear Trichopterologist

For your information, per discussion and cordial agreement with Dr. Blanca Rios-Touma, the next International Symposium on Trichoptera will take place in Thailand.

For the 16th International Symposium on Trichoptera, during 3-9 June 2018, I am pleased to invite you to the Prince of Songkla University, Surat Thani Campus, Surat Thani province, Thailand.

Surat Thani town is located in the southern peninsular part of Thailand, about 660 kilometers from the capital city Bangkok. Alternatives to cover this distance include sleeping train (10 hrs), bus (8 hrs), or plane (1 hr) to Surat Thani airport. On booking connecting flights, please be aware that Bangkok has two major airports quite far apart. Surat Thani is on the East coast close to the famous Koh Samui island, at similar latitude as Phuket on the West coast.

The Symposium will be held downtown, with shopping and excursions available to accompanying persons. Several national parks and waterfalls nearby can be visited to collect insects. The web site of the next symposium will be <u>www.trichop2018.surat.psu.ac.th</u> (under construction).

Stenopsyche siamensis Martynov, 1931 is the logo of our next Symposium. Its naming was inspired by "Siam" as the old name for Thailand, and the "Report on a collection of insects of the order Trichoptera from Siam and China" that Dr. Hans Malicky showed to me during my visit to Lunz am See might be the first publication on Trichoptera in Thailand. The drawing art on the logo was prepared by Dr. Decha Thapunya.

Looking forward to see you in Surat Thani in 2018,

Dr. Pongsak Laudee

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