Lunz, April 2019

Dear Trichopterologist,

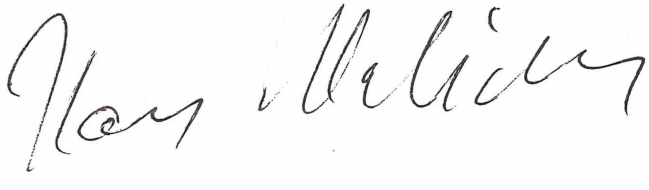
The outstanding event for us was our traditional International Symposium on Trichoptera in Surat Thani, Thailand. It was nice as ever to meet colleagues and to learn about many new discoveries. Although I was often in Thailand before, I had never been in this region. Mostly I was in the North of the country, and Porntip Chantaramongkol and I had undertaken several long and successful collecting trips through various regions. However, the region around Surat Thani and Nakon Si Thamarat is unusual: no wide rice fields, but an unique woodland consisting of numerous fruit trees: Mangostane, Durian, Oil palms, rubber trees and many others in a rich variety: not large plantations but relatively small plots owned by small farmers. Symposium excursions went to some National Parks including the Ang Thong Marine National Park with limestone cliffs covered by overwhelming tropical vegetation. At the end of the Symposium, our friends Nannaphat and Pongsak took my wife and myself fore one week through several good places where we could collect and surprisingly found three new species of caddisflies.

The meeting itself took place in the K Park Grand Hotel, including accomodation. In the final session, there was a discussion about the location of the next meeting with two proposals: Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Lunz am See (Austria). The votes were 35:15 in favour of Lunz.

You may believe me that I was really pleased about this. In three years time, when I will be 86, I would certainly not risk to travel as far as Brazil, but if the meeting is in Lunz, I can attend it by bicycle in five minutes instead of 10 hours of flight. By the way: it was not my proposal, and its organisation will be undertaken by Wolfram Graf and Simon Vitecek.

In this number I give on page 4 some addresses on the internet where you can find useful information on caddisflies. This kind of address may be useful as the usual searching may result in 295.000 or so addresses which are useless as nobody would read all these. I would like to ask all of you to send me more such addresses to be published in the next numbers of this journal.

With best wishes,



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