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Dear Trichopterologist,

I hope you are well and healthy, considering the unpredictable corona virus. Nobody knows how the world-wide situation will develop in the next months, but we are optimistic that our International Symposium on Trichoptera in Lunz can be realised in late summer this year (5.-9. September 2022). More information can be found on www.trichoptera2021.at. The conditions are unknown, because the official regulations change every few weeks. All members of my family and I are well and vaccinated, and as I am retired, I can work at home and am not in danger by meeting too many infected persons.

From many colleagues I learned that caddis work continues in various regions of the world. One aspect of that are publications in the form of books of which a selection of the last few years is depicted on the cover page. It is remarkable that most of these books were written by Europeans, mainly from smaller countries.

The era of my intensive collecting trips abroad is over. My age permits only some little local research, e.g. to find out which species are still present in well-known sites. **Psychomyia fragilis** has disappeared from a stream here since 1972 although this stream and its environment had not noticeable changed. The formerly abundant **Hydropsyche contubernalis** could not be found in River Danube in the last few years, but it is still present in other rivers, no idea why. All other species in the low-polluted Danube are still present, and **contubernalis** is well known for its tolerance for pollution.

Stay healthy, and looking forward to our Symposium here in Lunz later this year!

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