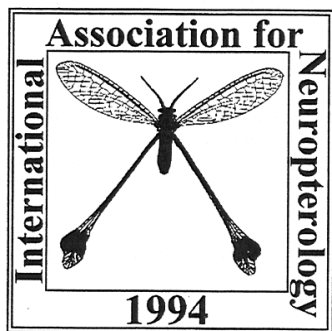
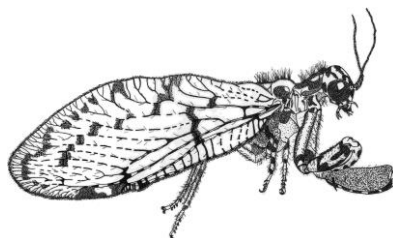




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### Presentation

Hi everyone! For several reasons, this issue of *Lacewing News* comes a little late. This newsletter is co-edited by Caleb Califre Martins and Agostino Letardi. The next symposium will be held for the first time in China in 2025 and for any news, look forward to what our current IAN president, Xingyue Liu, will let us know. All we have to do is therefore wish you a good read and always invite you to contribute your contributions to enrich our half-yearly newsletter. Please send all communications concerning *Lacewing News* to [agostino.letardi@enea.it](mailto:agostino.letardi@enea.it) or to [calebcalifre@gmail.com](mailto:calebcalifre@gmail.com). Questions about the International Association of Neuropterology may be addressed to our current president, Xingyue Liu ([xingyue\\_liu@yahoo.com](mailto:xingyue_liu@yahoo.com)).

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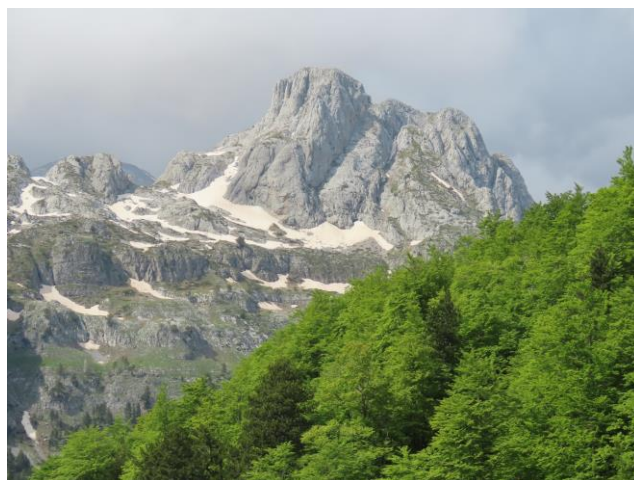
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### From Dušan Devetak

#### *Field work in Albania 2023*

In June 2023, a one-week neuropterological field trip was carried out in Albania. This was my first Balkan expedition after retirement and my fourth to Albania. In the past, I and fellow zoologists from the University of Maribor visited the country. This time I was

travelling alone. Among other places, I visited three national parks.



Albanian Alps (Accursed Mountains): Theth National Park, 5 June 2023.

The initial destination was the Albanian Alps, also known as the Accursed Mountains. In the heart of the Alps lies the Theth National Park. At the beginning of June, most of the peaks were still covered with snow. The breathtaking landscape is characterized by gigantic old pine trees (*Pinus heldreichii*). Albania is known for its many rivers and streams. In the lowlands, I focused on rivers and Mediterranean vegetation. A pleasant surprise was the discovery of a spongefly *Sisyra bureschi* by the Drim River. This was the first record of the Sisyridae family in the country. Riparian vegetation near springs was a favorable habitat for many green lacewings of the genus *Apertochrysa*. In the mountain areas, such as the Llogara National Park and the Shtamë Pass

National Park, there were still many snakeflies in early June.

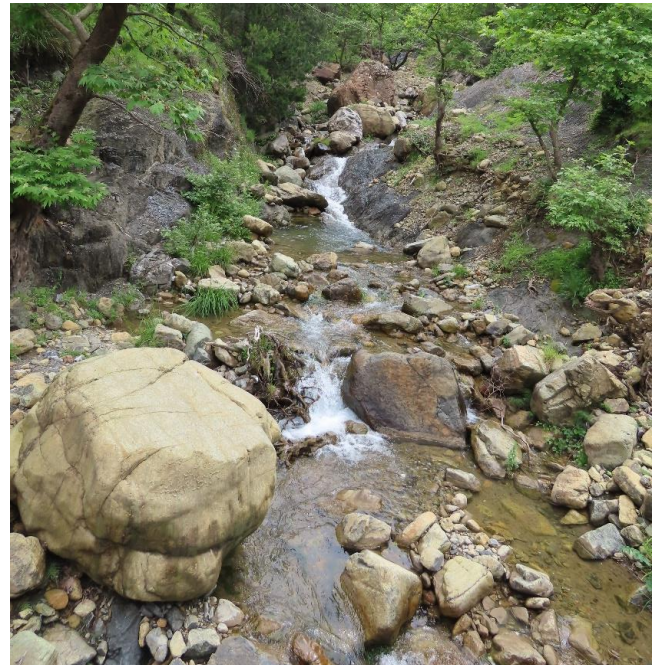


*Pinus heldreichii* is a Balkan-Apennine endemic and relict pine species. 5 June 2023.

Here are some photos of this unforgettable expedition.



The light traps in the Shtamë Pass National Park, 6 June 2023.



The Shtamë Pass National Park is characterized by numerous springs and streams. 7 June 2023.



Snakeflies in the Shtamë Pass National Park, 7 June 2023.



The riparian vegetation in Tragjas provided a suitable habitat for the green lacewings (*Apertochrysa*). 9 June 2023. All photos D. Devetak.

From Vesna Klokočovnik and Dušan Devetak

**SIXTH SLOVENIAN ENTOMOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM WITH INTERNATIONAL ATTENDANCE, Izola (Slovenia), 15-16 September 2023**



From left to right: Jan Podlesnik, Tanja Vajs, Vesna Klokočovnik, and Saška Lipovšek, next to the poster by Dušan Devetak.

The Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies of the University of Primorska and the Slovenian Entomological Society of Štefan Michieli organized the Sixth Slovenian Entomological Symposium with International Attendance. The meeting occurred in mid-September 2023 in the small seaside town of Izola, Slovenia. The symposium hosted 58 participants from six countries (Austria, Croatia, Italy, Russia, Slovenia, and the Netherlands). The official languages were Slovenian and English. The meeting offered many interesting presentations on forest and agricultural entomology, conservation, insect diversity, and entomological methodology. Five participants were involved in the study of Neuroptera. Among others, Tanja Vajs, together with Saška Lipovšek and Vesna Klokočovnik, presented the primary results of the effects of

pesticides on the *Euroleon nostras* larvae. As part of her Ph.D., Tanja investigates how pesticides affect epithelial cells of the midgut, development, and behaviour. Dušan Devetak participated with a poster presenting the current knowledge and new records of the spongillaflies (Neuroptera: Sisyridae) of the Balkan Peninsula. The symposium was also attended by Jan Podlesnik, who, together with Nastja Mencinger, Peter Kozel, and Luka Kasumović, presented the effectiveness of modified pheromone traps for the species *Ips typographus* in reducing the capture of non-target organisms. The book of abstracts is available at: <https://www.hippocampus.si/ISBN/978-961-293-257-2.pdf>

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**From Odile Frank**

An interesting experience of insect manipulation: a release of butterflies in a San Francisco park.

<https://apnews.com/video/butterflies-animals-san-francisco-chris-grinter-national-e42b5e21978f407eb66e2c2f93effc6c>

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**From: Ohl, M. 2024. Laudatio für Ulrike Aspöck anlässlich der Verleihung des Ernst-Jünger-Preises für Entomologie 2023. Entomologica Austriaca 31: 211-216.**



Ulrike Aspöck 2023, the award winner together with her husband, Horst Aspöck, as well as the laudator, Michael Ohl (left), and the director of the Stuttgart Natural History Museum, Lars Krogmann (right). Photo: Arnold Staniczek, State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart.

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Photo of the semester



*Chloronia corripens* (Megaloptera) from Parque Estadual Serra do Brigadeiro (Serra do Brigadeiro State Park), municipality Araponga, state of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

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