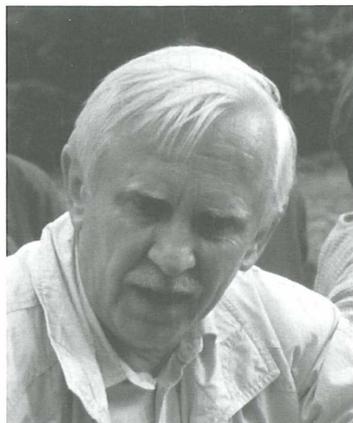


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In memoriam Dr. Wolfgang Joost (06.12.1937-02.04.2004)



We very much regret the early death of Wolfgang Joost, a good colleague and enthusiastic student of aquatic insects, mainly of Plecoptera and several families of Diptera. He was born in Cobbelsdorf/Anhalt where he went to elementary school. Then he was apprentice ship-builder. After work hours, he took adult education classes and obtained university entrance. From 1957-1960 he was a student of museology. In 1961 he moved to the Museum der Natur at Gotha where he worked as Zoologischer Präparator. Research on streams in the Thuringian Forest followed. Parallel to his work in the museum he was an external student of biology and obtained the degree of Diplombiologe (MSc). In 1978, he became curator in the department of taxonomy and ecology at the Karl-Marx University in Leipzig. However, again in addition to his professional duties, he continued his stream studies. In 1983, this work earned him and his colleague Wolfgang Zimmermann a Dr. Sci. For most of his life, his travels were restricted to socialistic brother countries. Together with his friend Dietrich Braasch he produced a series of papers on the Bulgarian Plecoptera, several on Caucasian and other Soviet Republic stonefly faunas. Finally he was able to explore the world during travels to tropical countries. He died in his home the night after his return from Paraguay and Bolivia. His successful scientific work is reflected in numerous publications; a complete list is available in *Entomologische Nachrichten und Berichte* 48: 146-150 (2004). His scientific collections have been deposited in the Museum der Natur, Gotha.

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