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SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TRICHOPTERA

Reading, 25 - 29 July 1977
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1st Circular

Following the pattern of the successful 1st International Symposium on Trichoptera at Lunz am See in Austria, 16-20 September 1974, this Symposium will consist of papers, progress reports and discussions, and will be open to all workers on Trichoptera. It is timed to precede the 20th Congress of the International Association of Theoretical and Applied Limnology (SIL) in Copenhagen.

The content of the Symposium will be determined by the offerings and suggestions of participants. I shall be helped in the preparation of the programme by Dr.H.Malicky, who organized the 1st Symposium, Dr.L.Botosaneanu and Dr.G.B.Wiggins. To enable as many people as possible to participate, it is proposed that papers should not exceed 20 minutes. There will also be laboratory space for demonstrations which can be mounted for the duration of the Symposium. It is expected that most communications will be in English, but French and German will be acceptable. (There will be no facilities for simultaneous translations.) If desired by enough people a local excursion may be arranged.

The meetings will be held in a lecture theatre of the Palmer Building, with a range of projectors available. Demonstrations and breaks for tea or coffee will take place in the adjacent Department of Zoology. Both buildings are in Whiteknights Park which is the extensive main campus of the University of Reading. There is ample space for parking cars.

The University is well provided with halls of residence, but the town offers little suitable hotel or other accommodation. A booking has therefore been made in St.Patrick's Hall which is about 10 minutes walk from the Palmer Building and has space for parking cars. All rooms are single, and the charge for a room with full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) from before dinner on Sunday, 24 July, to after lunch on Friday, 29 July, will be £ 28.75 per person. It is hoped that participants will stay for the whole period.

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There will be two categories of membership: full and associate. Both categories may attend all meetings and social gatherings, but only full members will be eligible to present papers or demonstrations. The registration fee for full members is £ 10.00; there is no registration fee for associate members. Further details and application forms may be obtained from me. Application forms should be returned to reach me not later than 21 January 1977.

Reading, with a population of about 136,000, lies in the Thames Valley, 40 miles west of the centre of London, with frequent trains taking about 35 minutes from Paddington Station. London Airport (Heathrow), only 25 miles away, is linked to Reading by a fast coach service. The M4 motorway from London to Bristol runs very close to Reading with easy access to the University. Dover is 117 miles, and Southampton is 46 miles by road from Reading. There are many places of interest, such as Oxford and Windsor, and much beautiful countryside, in the district. A map of the University and other local information will be sent to participants. Information and advice will be available to help associate members who may wish to explore the district or to make shopping expeditions.

You will appreciate that this Symposium is planned to be like the first one at Lunz am See in being a gathering of workers on Trichoptera for the interchange of research information and ideas on all aspects of the group. As a member of the academic staff of the Department of Zoology, I am fortunate to have available the facilities of the University of Reading. I hope we can maintain the friendly informal atmosphere and participation of all members which was achieved by Dr. Malicky at Lunz. As he wrote in the preface to the Proceedings of that Symposium '...I did my best to organize the meeting, but it was really made by the participants from 17 countries, by their presence, by presiding at sessions, by presenting papers, and by contributing to discussions.' I look forward to the same collaboration in Reading next July and hope that you will feel free to contribute ideas and suggestions which we can use in planning the programme.

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