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THE FATE OF SOME MARTYNOV MATERIAL

On the occasion of my visit to the Zoological Institute of the Academy of Sciences in Leningrad in 1977 I tried to find out what type material of caddisfly species described by A.V.Martynov still exists and where it is.

The type specimens in the collections of this Institute are designated as types, but lectotypes are, in general, not designated within the series. The types of species described by Martynov later than about 1915 are present in the collection. However, the types of species described by him earlier than 1915 are missing. A.V.Martynov worked as a lecturer in the University of Warsaw until 1915. It could not be ascertained if any Martynov material was left there in 1915 because of the severe destruction in this town during the second World War.

Mrs.Olga Martynova wrote to me in March 1978 to say that the collections of her late husband were removed in 1915 from Warsaw and deposited in the Department of Zoology of the Pedagogical Institute in Rostov-on-Don. At the time of occupation during the second World War the building of this Institute was burnt down with all its collections.

It is therefore very probable that the type specimens of species described by Martynov before 1915 are no longer in existence.

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DEAR COLLEAGUES,CORRESPONDENTS AND FRIENDS,

After several years of illness and the death of my ever memorable wife, I hope to continue my trichopterological studies to a reduced degree.

My main interests are bibliography, especially of papers missing in Trichopterorum Catalogus and Index Litteraturae Entomologicae (1st and 2nd series).

Greetings to all

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