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Dear Trichopterologist,

The year 1980 was memorable for Trichopterists because of the successful meeting in Perugia. Some of us would like to have such a meeting every year, but this would be an unrealistic wish. However, the Newsletter may be used for the rapid spread of information, by submitting more progress reports and preliminary communications, but personal contact is always better than written communications.

The literature list and list of research workers have become a permanent part of the Newsletter, and both are continued in this number. Please try to contribute as much as possible to the literature list by sending reprints or references to me, so that I can include them in the next number. Many papers published in regional journals may otherwise never come to your notice.

Bert Higler told us in Perugia that work on the Trichopteronum Catalogus for the years 1961-1970 goes well, and it is hoped to publish soon.

In 1980, I made two longer trips to Mediterranean countries. In June I was with Krassimir Kumanski in Bulgaria where we worked mainly in the Strandsha Mts. I was perhaps the first foreigner to be given permission by the police to enter this restricted area and to work there. We tried to find out whether these low, wood-covered mountains close to the Black Sea were a refuge of ancient caddisfly groups or an outpost of the Asia Minor fauna in Europe. Our results support the second hypothesis. In September - November I was again on a number of Greek islands studying the autumnal state of mountain streams. The high water levels caused by violent thunderstorms in autumn and winter are perhaps responsible for phenological synchronization in many mountain-stream insects. The exceptional ecological conditions of the streams in the island of Rhodos were again evident; they need further investigation.

Please do not hesitate to send me manuscripts for the Newsletter on anything that could be of interest to other Trichopterists.

With kind regards and best wishes for a successful year in 1981,

Yours sincerely,

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