

BO TJEDER 80 YEARS

One of the most famous Swedish entomologists, Bo Tjeder, celebrated his 80th birthday on April 29, 1981.

Bo Tjeder is an entomologist in its best sense: a prominent expert on some groups and who furthermore possesses an enormous general knowledge about other insects. Prof. Carl H. Lindroth once summarized: "Bo Tjeder knows more Swedish insects by their latin names than anybody else in our country". In fact he is not only a general specialist on names but he also has a vast knowledge about taxonomy and biology of many insects. However, he early specialized; on Trichoptera, Mecoptera, Diptera: Tipulidae and, above all, on Neuroptera.

Bo Tjeder was born in the small village of Falun, in the province of Dalarna in central Sweden, where he worked as a bank accountant for about forty years. During the freetime of all these years, he intensively studied insects; excursions on the holidays and preparation- and determination work in the late evenings. In 1957 he was graduated as a Phil. dr. h.c. at the University of Lund. Furthermore, the three last years before his pensioning he got a scholarship (corresponding to his salary from the bank) from the Swedish Natural Science Research Council, in order only to study insects for full time, a quite unique honour!

Already in the late 20th, Tjeder published scientific articles in entomological journals, and up to now he has published about 200 papers, of which about 30 deal about Trichoptera.

It's really a wonderful thing to meet this intelligent, extremely helpful and charming old gentleman, still going strong with his insects in his nowadays home in Lund. Each day you may see him working, at his Zeiss microscope from the 20th(!), on his Opus Magnum: The Ascalaphidae of the Ethiopian region. (A point in this context must be that this world-famous expert on tropical insects, he himself has not been south of Sweden!).

A vast number of entomologists, taxonomists and ecologists, from all over the world, congratulate Bo Tjeder on his great day, wishing him still many active years together with his wife Wilma and - his loved insects.

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