

NEWS FROM THE USSR

In June 1982 there took place in Irkutsk the public defense of the thesis by Miss N.ROZHKOVA on the Trichoptera of the running waters of the Baikal region. The paper has yet to be published.

On August 22 - 24, 1983, in Riga (and probably also in the nearby town of Salaspils) the first trichopterological symposium of the USSR will be held under the presidency of Z.SPURIS. The state of faunistic research in the USSR will be the main topic. Two days are reserved for lectures and discussions, and the third day will be devoted to excursions to typical biotopes in the surroundings of Riga.

In this connection, discussions are taking place on the possibility of compiling a book on the present state of faunistic research on Trichoptera in the Soviet Union.

(Information by Z.SPURIS)

SECOND AUSTRALIAN TRICHOPTERA CONFERENCE

The second Australian Trichoptera Conference was held at Mt. Buffalo in northern Victoria on the weekend of 4-5 December 1982. The meeting gave an opportunity for Trichoptera workers to socialise, discuss their work, and collect material from an interesting region of Victoria. It was generally agreed that the weekend was both enjoyable and of considerable value for disseminating information on local Trichoptera studies. A third conference is planned for early December 1983, to be held in the Grampians in western Victoria.

As well as a general discussion on the Trichoptera of Australian forest streams and a workshop session on data recording systems for Trichoptera, the following papers were presented at the conference.

COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF TAXONOMIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRICHOPTERA OF AUSTRALIA. Arturs NEBOISS.

The history of species descriptions of Australian Trichoptera was outlined, and the state of taxonomic knowledge for various regions of Australia discussed. An assessment was made of the number of undescribed species in eastern Australia, and details presented of species held in museum collections awaiting description.

FUNCTIONAL ROLES - ARE THEY USEFUL ? Leon BARMUTA.

The classification of river invertebrates into functional group categories was outlined, and the value of this approach in river community analysis was discussed.

STUDIES ON THE TRICHOPTERA OF THE O'SHANNASSY RIVER, VICTORIA. John DEAN.

Details were presented of a 21 month study of the Trichoptera of the O'Shannassy River. Information was presented on species diversity, community composition, and life cycles of the more common species.

INSECTS OF FOREST STREAMS IN TASMANIA AND NEW ZEALAND. Frances MICHAELIS.

General characteristics and insect faunas of forest streams studied in New Zealand and Tasmania were detailed.

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