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Dear Trichopterologist,

As I write this, I am just back from a two month's stay in Panama, full of unforgettable biological impressions - and also full of tick' and chigger' bites. I was on Barro Colorado Island to study the caddisflies in this undisturbed virgin forest in the tropical lowlands; if things go well, a long-term research programme on the ecology of these streams will be started.

In three months we shall meet each other for our traditional Symposium, in Lyon. For the first time, several workers from Asian countries will attend. Some recent information is enclosed here, and more will be sent out by the conveners shortly.

There are discussions sometimes about the aims and possibilities of the Trichoptera Newsletter. It seems to be generally accepted in its present form. Better printing is not possible because of the cost. In my own view there should be more research and progress reports, but that will depend on contributors. It has been suggested that it could be used for the publication of short communications such as faunistic notes, and, in particular, for the description of new species. I would like to have your opinions, and hope that we shall find some time at Lyon to discuss these points.

You may be interested to know how many copies of the Newsletter are now produced and to which countries they are sent. I give this list for Number 12 on the following pages. It is certainly an important increase from No.1 of which only 60 copies were produced. Copies of earlier numbers are still available except for Nos. 1-4.

Several important works were published last year; most important was probably the Atlas of the Trichoptera of the SW Pacific - Australian Region by Arturs Neboiss. Could other colleagues be encouraged to produce similar books for their own continents, other than Australia and Europe?

I have been sounding out people for ideas on the venue for the symposium after Lyon. There are some ideas, but we await official invitations. "Où aura lieu le 6ème Symposium? Chacun est prié d'y réfléchir." - Where will be the 6th Symposium take place? Everyone is asked to think about it.

Yours sincerely,

H.M.

Cover: Male genitalia of *Setodes ekachringa* (above) and *S. gaurichachringa* (below) from South India. Drawings by F. Schmid.