

# TRICHOPTERA NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Trichopterologist,*

Our outstanding event of 1986 was the 5th International Symposium on Trichoptera in Lyon, France. We had more participants than ever and, for the first time, several from countries of the Far East. It was once more a week of camaraderie and learning about the most recent developments in the study of caddisflies, and it was as successful as all the earlier meetings. For the 6th symposium in 1989, we have been invited by Dr. Tomaszewski, to meet in Poland, perhaps in Zakopane or a similar place in the northern Carpathians.

Because I was never sure of my identifications of *Rhyacophila aquitanica*, I went collecting in the Massif Central after the Lyon Symposium, and found enough specimens to satisfy my doubts about its identification. I also searched the slow-running rivers of southeastern France where I found some incredible masses of *Psychomyia pusilla*, and interesting leptocerids and hydroptilids. In September and October I was in Switzerland collecting breeding material of high-mountain limnephilids; the offspring of these autumnal females are doing well in the laboratory. Finally, I have just come back from northern Thailand where with Dr. Chantaramongkol, I was looking at mountain streams and caddis. For a European it was a unique experience to see, for the first time, living specimens of *Arctopsyche*, *Limnocentropus*, *Eubasilissa* and *Himalopsyche* in their natural biotopes in virgin forest. I came back to the European winter with snow and temperatures of  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; what a contrast!

As we have discussed for some time, this Newsletter will now contain scientific notes as well as technical and other information. This is an experiment, and we must watch carefully to see how it will be accepted. If you have any contributions for the next number, please send them to me not later than March 1988, and remember to send all reprints or references to be included in the literature list.

*Yours sincerely,*

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