

Report on the Sixth
International Symposium

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Perla 2 included an invitation to attend the 6th International Symposium on Plecoptera from J. Illies and P. Zwick of the Limnologische Flusstation des Max-Planck-Instituts für Limnologie. The symposium was held at Schlitz, Federal Republic of Germany, on August 3-6, 1977, between the meetings of the caddisfly workers at Reading, England, and the Congress of Limnology in Copenhagen, Denmark. Thirty registrants and approximately fifteen accompanying persons and visitors attended the Plecoptera Symposium. Unfortunately, a number of people who had indicated their strong interest in attending were unable to come, including almost all colleagues from eastern European countries.

Sessions were held on three days in the Knights' Hall of the ancient Vorderburg Castle in the medieval center of Schlitz. Twenty-seven papers were presented, including two that were sent by colleagues unable to attend personally. One afternoon was spent visiting the Limnologische Flusstation and its emergence traps on Breitenbach, near Schlitz. The fourth day of the Symposium was reserved for a bus tour to streams in the Rhön Mountains; the excursion was favoured by good

weather. Though not strictly part of the program, the social gatherings in the evenings, symposia strictly speaking, formed an important part of the meeting and provided most welcome additional opportunities for discussions and exchange of thoughts. Publication of a report on the 6th International Symposium on Plecoptera is intended.

At the end of the last session, T. Kawai made an invitation for the 7th International Symposium on Plecoptera to be held in Nara, Japan, in 1980, in conjunction with the International Congresses of Entomology and Limnology in near-by Kyoto. Honorary President J. Aubert extended an alternative invitation to Lausanne, Switzerland, 1981. Both were thanked and the invitation to Nara was accepted by the majority of the symposium participants.

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NEWS: Ken Stewart and Bill Stark have undertaken the project of producing a volume on the nymphs of North American stoneflies. It will be in the format of the excellent book recently published by Glenn Wiggins on North American caddisfly larvae. All our North American colleagues are requested to lend their support to this study which will be a big help to everyone interested in aquatic insects.

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