

During his long work on Plecoptera of Czechoslovakia, Jaroslav must have accumulated an important specimen collection from his country. Second, there should also be a considerable collection of Balkanian material, including a number of holotypes of species he named, mainly from Bulgaria. I have myself only seen some of the third component of the collection, which formed the basis for Jaroslav's important study of larval Plecoptera (1980). This paper was actually completed many years earlier: Jarek had the manuscript with him during a visit to Schlitz, in 1968. The collection consisted of boxes with numerous slide-mounted larvae and exuviae of reared larvae of many European species. Jaroslav showed me this unique collection in his home, in 1979.

The Institute of Geography of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences at Brno where Jaroslav worked was closed in 1992. Its material, library etc. were given to the archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Dr. J. Helesic in a letter). So far, I have been unable to find out whether all or part of Jarek's collection remained at home, or in the institute, and where they may now be, but I am pursuing this further.

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## REPORT FIRST PLECOPTERA MEETING OF JAPAN

The First Plecoptera Meeting of Japan was held at the Higashi-Yoshino Field Station, Nara Women's University, Nara Prefecture, Japan, May 14-15, 1994. The symposium was planned by Drs. Teizi Kawai, Yu Isobe and Shigehazu Uchida, and was kindly hosted by Y. Isobe. Eighteen workers and students participated, and all presented papers, information and/or photographs on stoneflies. A swarm of *Oyamia* and *Kamimuria* (Perlidae) welcomed us by an upstream flight over the field station at dusk on May 14th. A barbecue was held, where a variety of information was exchanged and hot discussion continued in the evening on the shore of the Takami River.

Japanese workers on stoneflies were associated in a loose society at this occasion and now have a newsletter, "Oyamia," in Japanese, which is edited by Dr. Tohru Kishimoto. The first number of "Oyamia" was issued in March, 1995.

The next Plecoptera Meeting of Japan will be held in Tokyo, 1997. For additional information on the meeting and the society, please contact Miss Satoko Hanada, Department of Biology, Nara Women's University, Kitaoyanishimachi, Nara 630, Japan.

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