

## **REPORT ON THE VIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF EPHEMEROPTERA AND XII INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PLECOPTERA**

The meetings were held on the Dorigny Campus of the College Propédeutique in Lausanne, Switzerland, August 14-20, 1995. The mayfly conference papers and posters were presented August 14-17, followed by a joined symposium of mayfly and stonefly workers on August 18, and the stonefly symposium on the 19th and 20th.

Fifty-six papers and 41 posters were presented by participants during the scientific portion of the meetings. Four of the daily sessions were opened by thought-provoking invited lectures by Rainer Willmann on "Phylogeny and the consequences of phylogenetic systematics," Bernhard Statzner on "Complexity of concepts in theoretical ecology and patterns observed in stream insects," Jean-Pierre Ribaut on "Protection of endangered species," and Jean-Carlo Pedroli on "River management: facts and perspectives."

Convenors Michel Sartori of the Museum of Zoology, Lausanne, and Peter Landolt of the Institute of Zoology, Fribourg, were gracious hosts, providing excellent facilities for the well-planned scientific meetings and many opportunities for fellowship, entertainment and superb Swiss cuisine. Highlights of the informal portion of the meetings were special lunches, welcoming and farewell parties, conference and symposium dinners, and field trips to the Jura Mountains on August 16, and to the Prealps east of Lausanne on August 20.

A special presentation of a Lifetime Achievement Award, posthumously, to the late Professor Jaques Aubert was made to his wife Madame Cécile Aubert and his son, by Peter Zwick during the Plecoptera Symposium on August 19, on behalf of the Standing Committee for the International Symposia on Plecoptera. The committee had unanimously selected Professor Aubert for this award prior to his death, and we were all saddened that he did not have the opportunity to personally enjoy receiving this honorary award. The full text of the obituary and words read by Peter in memory and honor of Jaques Aubert that accompanied this presentation and a bibliography of Jaques Aubert's papers on Plecoptera are present under a separate heading below.

A business meeting of the plenary assembly of Plecoptera participants was held on the evening of August 19, after a wonderful four-course Swiss buffet dinner at the La Fleur du Lac in Morges. During this meeting, presentations of two additional Lifetime Achievement Awards were made by the International Committee to Professor Teizi Kawai of Japan, and Ian McLellan of New Zealand (see below). Other important issues were discussed and decisions were made regarding a name for our International Association of Plecoptera workers, makeup and election procedures for the Standing Committee for the International Symposia, and subscription policies for PERLA.

### **Plenary Assembly Decisions**

There was a discussion of the possible benefits to some members in adopting a more formal name for our association, and the need to establish procedures to provide for the continuity and membership of our Standing Committee and editorial and subscription policies for PERLA. Dr. Dick Baumann, in a letter, had suggested that some members might have a greater possibility of getting funding from their institutions for travel support to symposia if the meetings were held under a society name. There was also some indication that the mayfly people had found that formalizing their name led to possible scholarship funding for travel to symposia by an international funding agency (IUBP). This possibility will be further investigated by your International Committee.

Further discussion by the assembly centered around the need for expanded geographic and decision-making representation on the, more or less, governing Standing Committee. The original committee of C. G. Froehlich (Brazil), Teizi Kawai (Japan), Ian McLellan (New Zealand), K. W. Stewart (USA), and P. Zwick (Germany) was elected by the Plenary Assembly in Toulouse, France, several years ago and, largely due to the leadership and correspondence of Peter Zwick as its corresponding secretary, has kept the ongoing symposia very active and viable until now.

The other major item for discussion was the current financial status, editorial support, and subscription policies for PERLA. Managing Editor, Ken Stewart, indicated that PERLA was financially sound, and that the editorial board elected in Treehaven (R. W. Baumann, P. P. Harper, B. C. Kondratieff, I. D. McLellan, Shigekazu Uchida, and P. Zwick) are functioning very well in representing their respective regions regarding the annual bibliography in PERLA. A call was made by the Managing Editor for any ideas from the assembly that would further

improve the content and usefulness of PERLA to subscribers. The PERLA subscription account now enjoys tax-free status as a University account at Managing Editor Stewart's institution.

Following all of these general discussions, K.W. Stewart proposed the following:

1. That the name of our association be formalized to: The International Society of Plecopterologists, with the understanding that the assembly wished the future symposia to retain their simple, congenial, and informal nature.
2. That the Standing Committee for the Society be composed and elected as follows:
  - a. that the present members (Froelich, Kawai, McLellan, Stewart, and Zwick) remain on the committee as charter members until they become inactive or resign; further that P. Zwick continue his effective role as corresponding secretary of the committee for as long as he is willing;
  - b. that three additional members be elected at every other symposium plenary assembly (or in other words, serve for planning of two future symposia); these elected members could be reelected for consecutive terms;
  - c. that the past organizer of a symposium be a member automatically for at least two future symposia (if a stonefly worker and if not already a member); this member would continue to serve until another stonefly worker organizes a symposium.

The result of this proposal would be at present an eight- or nine-member committee. As charter member representation on the committee is inevitably reduced in the future, the delegates may wish to change the policy of election to insure at least a five-member committee.

3. That the subscription policy for PERLA be as follows:
  - a. the society membership fee would be \$10 annually, and all members would automatically receive PERLA;
  - b. institutions and libraries could continue to subscribe to PERLA by making a \$5 or \$10 annual donation;

- c. individuals or institutions could continue to receive PERLA by making a simple request for waiver to the Managing Editor.

**Decisions.** A large majority of the symposium attendants approved of the three Stewart proposals. The society name and PERLA subscription policy will therefore be adopted beginning with the current issue of PERLA (No. 14). It was discussed and decided by the assembly that every member present should submit a ballot nominating three candidates for the elected committee membership from among persons present at the Lausanne Symposium, excepting charter members as well as the last stonefly organizer, and those receiving the largest numbers of votes would be elected. Should one of them refuse to accept, the person ranking next would step in. Ballots were collected during the field trip and counted by Stewart, Szczytko, and Zwick.

New committee members elected were John Brittain (Norway), Ignac Sivec (Slovenia) and Peter Harper (Canada). Other participants receiving votes were Yu Isobe, Nina Sinitshenkova, V. Teslenko, G. Vincon, Lidija Zhiltzova, J. Alba-Tercedor, R. Fochetti, N. Kapoor, M. Marten, (a few other persons who were ineligible received votes).

The results were read to the attendants of the symposium; Drs. Brittain, Sivec and Harper accepted the nominations as did Dr. S.W. Szczytko (last stonefly organizer of an international symposium, Treehaven, 1992). Portions of the above deliberations were presented in Minutes to the Standing Committee in writing on August 30, 1995.

According to organizer Michel Sartori, a proceeding of papers presented at the conferences will be published in the fall of 1996.

Following is a list of participants of the Congress:

John C. Abbott, USA; Javier Alba-Tercedor, Spain; Kevin D. Alexander, USA; Sandor Andrikovics, Hungary; Malika Azzouz, Spain; Y.J. Bae, South Korea; Ernst Bauernfeind, Austria; Carlo Belfiore, Italy; Heidi Berner-Fankhauser, Switzerland; Per Brinck, Sweden; John E. Brittain, Norway; Andrea Buffagni, Italy; Steven K. Burian, USA; Maria del Carmen Zuniga de Cardoso, Colombia; Antonie Dorn, Germany; Martin Dresler, Germany; Jean-Marc Elouard, Madagascar; Christian Elpers, Germany; Corinne Favrel, France; Tom Fink, USA; John F. Flannagan, Canada; Romolo Fochetti, Italy; Claudio G. Froehlich, Brazil; Andreas Frutiger, Switzerland; Elda Gaino, Italy; Jean-Luc Gattolliat, Switzerland

Elizabeth Gibbs, USA; Michael Thomas Gillies, England; Adam Glazaczow, Poland; Tom Gonser, Switzerland; Wolfram Graf, Austria; Peter M. Grant, USA; Satoko Hanada, Japan; P.P. Harper, Canada; Yuka Hayashi, Japan; Arne Haybach, Germany; Jan Helesic, Czech Republic; Martha Rojas de Hernandez, Colombia; Claire Hofmann, Switzerland; Michael D. Hubbard, USA; Uwe Humpesch, Austria; Shin-Ichi Ishiwata, Japan; Yu Isobe, Japan; Udo Jacob, Germany; Gilles Jacquemin, France; Teresa Jazdzewska, Poland; Narinder Kapoor, Canada; Teizi Kawai, Japan; James H. Kennedy, USA; Toru Kishimoto, Japan; Wojciech Kittel, Poland; Malgorzata Klonowska-Olejniak, Poland; Nikita Kluge, Russia; Allen W. Knight, USA; Sandra Knispel, Switzerland; Gerald F. Kraft, USA; Ilja Kmo, Slovakia; Daniel Küry, Switzerland; Genevieve L'Eplattenier, Switzerland; Vladimir Landa, Czech Republic; Peter Landolt, Switzerland; Claude Lang, Switzerland; Verena Lubini, Switzerland; Peter Malzacher, Germany; Michael Marten, Germany; J.M. Mathooko, Austria; Ian D. McLellan, New Zealand; Ingrid Müller-Liebenau, Germany; Najla Naceur, Switzerland; Cornelis Neet, Switzerland; Andrey Nesterovich, Belarus; Eugenia Novikova, Russia; James O'Connor, Ireland; Henrique Paprocki, Brazil; Jean-Carla Pedroli, Switzerland; Manuel L. Pescador, USA; Janice G. Peters, USA; William L. Peters, USA; M. Angeles Puig, Spain; Carlalberto Ravizza, Italy; Elisabetta Dematteis Ravizza, Italy; Manuela Rebora, Italy; Herbert Reusch, Germany; Pilar Riaño, Spain; Jean-Pierre Ribaut, France; William E. Ricker, Canada; Roland Riederer, Switzerland; Elzbieta Rosciszewska, Poland; Laurence Ruffieux, Switzerland; Rainer Rupperecht, Germany; Michel Sartori, Switzerland; Sandra Savoldi, Switzerland; William Shepard, USA; Truman Sherk, USA; Nina D. Sinichenkova, Russia; Ignac Sivec, Slovenia; Tomas Soldan, Czech Republic; Gabriel Soler, Spain; Arnold H. Staniczek, Germany; Bernhard Statzner, France; Kenneth W. Stewart, USA; Denise Studemann, Switzerland; Krisztina Szalai, Hungary; Stanley W. Szczytko, USA; Valentina Teslenko, Russia; Henn Timm, Estonia; Tatiana Tiunova, Russia; Béla Turcsanyi, Switzerland; Istvan Turcsanyi, Hungary; Philippe Usseglio-Polatera, France; Yanka Vidinova, Bulgaria; Gilles Vinçon, France; Paul Wagner, USA; Naoshi C. Watanabe, Japan; Armin Weinzierl, Germany; Wilfried Wichard, Germany; Rainer Willmann, Germany; Christoph Wyss, Switzerland; Dasa Zabrc, Slovenia; Svetlana Zahradkova, Czech Republic; Lidija Zhiltzova, Russia; Peter Zwick, Germany.

**NOTE:** See Symposium Pictures on pages 25 and 26.

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