OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Availability of Compiled Bibliography on Plecoptera

In PERLA 15, your Managing Editor indicated that a Plecoptera bibliography compiled by Carlalberto Ravizza from PERLA 1-14, the catalogues of Claassen (1939), Illies (1966) and Zwick Handbuch (1980) would be published in this edition of PERLA. I did not realize that this would involve some 376 + printed pages (before elimination of duplicate entries) and would therefore be much too voluminous to print in PERLA. Peter Zwick informs me that he and Carlalberto Ravizza are working to correct and further compile and combine these different bibliographies into a single document. When it is sufficiently completed, we will announce its availability (probably by diskette to the society membership).

Request for specimens or records.

Boris Kondratieff requests any stonefly material or records from North Dakota. He and Dick Baumann are reviewing the stoneflies of North Dakota, currently recording 11 species, including describing a new species of *Perlesta*

Intended Plecoptera Catalogue Update

When the Max-Planck-Society closed its famous GMELIN INSTITUTE OF INORGANIC CHEMISTRY (at Frankfurt/Main), by the end of 1997, the Society called for project proposals and offered the man-power made redundant at Frankfurt to other institutes of the Max-Planck-Society.

The latest comprehensive catalogue of Plecoptera (ILLIES, 1966) is now over thirty years old, and my attempt of an update (ZWICK, 1973) is also long outdated; also, it was never pleasant to have to use the two books in conjunction. Therefore, it appeared to me to be a good idea to propose a comprehensive update or complete up-to-date rewrite of a catalogue of the stoneflies of the world.

My application was successful and from May 1998 on, the services of Dr U. NEU-BECKER will be available for this purpose, on a half day basis, for five years. Mrs NEUBECKER is a trained chemist with an interest in biology and is eager to tackle this task. We are still in the planning stage and, at the present moment, anticipate that the catalogue will include the same kind of information as the ILLIES-catalogue, but will probably also include key-words outlining the main contents of entries under "Weitere Literatur". Inclusion of type depositories would be desirable but (mainly) the old descriptions would necessitate so many enquiries with, or visits to, museums that at present this does not seem feasible.

Very probably, the future catalogue will be in the form of an ACCESS data bank, but this and many other details are still not definite. The output format also remains to be decided upon; at this time, printed copies, a CD, or a data bank accessible via the Internet all appear possible.

I would like to profit from your suggestions, comments are very welcome! I hope for good cooperation with and support from the entire community of Plecoptera students; please, send reprints of your papers, or provide references to them! If you have questions, suggestions or other, please make contact:

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Review of the Book "Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera; Biology-Ecology and Systematics"

This book by editors Peter Landolt and Michel Sartori of proceedings of the VIII International Conference on Ephemeroptera and XII International Symposium on Plecoptera held in August, 1995, in Lausanne, Switzerland, ISBN 2-940187-01-0, was published in 1997 (See Recent Bibliography herein). A review of the book should be coming in Aquatic Insects sometime later in 1998.

REPORT OF THE SECOND PLECOPTERA MEETING OF IAPAN

The second Plecoptera meeting of Japan was held at Yôzawa, Akiruno, Tokyo Prefecture, Japan, on May 10-11, 1997. The meeting was hosted by Mr. T. Miyashita, and was joined by the members of the 'Japan Aquatic Insect Salon'. Participating were 42 workers and students, including twelve stonefly workers who presented papers, information, or photographs. The informal proceedings (in Japanese) are available from the host: Mr. Tsutomu Miyashita, Todohara 899-17, Akiruno 190-0152, Japan.

The next Plecoptera meeting of Japan will be held in or around Yamagata Prefecture, northeastern Honshu, in May, 2000. Japanese workers on stoneflies are associated in a loose society and have a newsletter, 'Oyamia', in Japanese, which is edited by Dr. Tohru Kishimoto. For additional information on the meeting and the society, please contact Dr. Yu Isobe, Department of Biology, Nara Women's University, Nara 630-8263, Japan.

Gaufin Reprints Available

Recently while working on bibliography and list of publications for Arden R. Gaufin, I received a good collection of his reprints from his wife Ruth. Since I already have most of his reprints, the rest are duplicates. Thus, I will make them available to anyone that asks. This includes even some larger papers but not the monograph of the Rocky Mountain stoneflies or his doctoral dissertation publication on the aquatic insects of the Provo River, Utah. Simply send a postcard or e-mail request which gives the publications that you are interested in receiving. Please do not send blanket requests for all of his available publications. Send requests to:

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