
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on Plecoptera Catalogue Update

In PERLA 16, I informed of a project to update Plecoptera world catalogues and called for suggestions. The catalogue project was also discussed at the Plecoptera Symposium at Tafi del Valle; Dr NEU-BECKER follows several suggestions made at this occasion. She established an ACCESS databank and made good progress with the references part, despite the fact that she works only half time. We expect to have all literature on Plecoptera (far over 5000 titles) in uniform format in the databank very soon and consider to cover all new publications this year and next, year 2000 included.

Next, we will now tackle the taxonomic portion of the project. Presently, we are still developing and testing databank formats for the various taxonomic levels from suborder to species. It will be quite some time still until we can work with the developing catalogue and produce lists of regional species, provide information on what is published where about a particular species, and so on, but once complete the Plecoptera catalogue databank should be a very versatile and flexible research tool.

We received several kind offers of help, for which we are grateful. At this moment, we cannot make use of these offers, but will take them up at a later date. The greatest help each of you can presently provide is making reprints of new publications available; thank you all in advance!

Peter Zwick

SIXTH NORTH AMERICAN PLECOPTERA SYMPOSIUM
May 25-27, 2000

The Sixth North American Plecoptera Symposium will be held May 25-27, 2000 in Provo, Utah. It is scheduled to correspond with the North American Benthological Society meeting, that will take place May 29-June 1 in Keystone, Colorado. This is a perfect time of year for traveling and collecting in the Rocky Mountains and will allow participants a minimum of a day to drive from Utah to Colorado to attend both meetings.

Plecopterologists will be hosted by Brigham Young University, which will provide space for the papers and posters at the Monte L. Bean Life Museum. Friday night we will stay at Timpanogos Lodge, which is located in the Wasatch Mountains, adjacent to the Sundance Ski Resort. Saturday will be a field trip day to the Uinta Mountains, weather permitting.

Housing and food will be available at reasonable prices at the student dormitories, that are just east of the museum. In addition, motels are located in the Provo area for those that would rather stay in a nicer place. Many fine eating establishments are found in the valley, offering a wide variety of cuisine.

Skiers and olympic games enthusiasts may come early or stay late and examine the preparations that are underway for the winter olympic games in 2002. For those that may be flying to attend the meeting, excellent connections are available at the Salt Lake City airport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SIXTH NORTH AMERICAN PLECOPTERA SYMPOSIUM PLEASE CONTACT:

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Standing Committee Decisions on Increase of Dues for the Society (Includes Subscription to PERLA) and scholarship Applications

Members of the Standing Committee (J. Brittain, C. Froehlich, L. Sivec, K. Stewart, S. Szczytko, and P. Zwick) met in Tucuman and decided to increase the annual dues and subscription to PERLA from \$10. to \$15. Discussion about this centered on the need for more stable and predictable help from the Society in the form of scholarships. Therefore, \$5. of each future \$15. dues payment will be set aside for such scholarships. (See Subscription Policy this issue)

Plecopterists who have limited or no institutional support, need financial assistance, and would like to attend and present a paper at the next symposium in Italy in the year 2001, should therefore send a letter of application for a scholarship to Peter Zwick (address on inside back cover). The application should include the following information: Name, age, highest education or degree level, address, subject of research, bibliography, projected title of paper to be presented, and projected expenses. Awards will be decided by the Standing Committee.

Mayfly and Stonefly Committee Meet

The Standing Committee for the International Symposium on Plecoptera and the Permanent Committee of the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera held a joint meeting after the excursion to the archaeological ruins on Friday during the conference in Argentina.

The ephemeropterists had earlier voted to hold the next conference (2001) in Perugia, Italy. Ilda Gaino extended the same invitation to also host the stonefly conference. Since most of the plecopterists were not present at the mayfly business meeting, during which the Perugia location was chosen, they

decided to vote for the site of their 2001 conference at the stonefly business meeting. At that meeting they decided to accept Professor Gaino's invitation for a joint meeting in Italy.

Several recommendations were made regarding our joint meetings:

***If a convenor chooses to host both conferences, he or she should submit a proposal to both committees for consideration.**

***Since plecopterists and ephemeropterists will both be voting on future conference venues, it would be more practical to hold a joint business meeting to consider the next site.**

***Costs for future joint meetings could be reduced by holding joint business meetings, dinners, field trips, sharing guest speakers, etc.**

Book on Proceedings of the VIII International Conference on Ephemeroptera and XII International Symposium on Plecoptera (Published 1997)

**Ephemeroptera & Plecoptera:
Biology – Ecology – Systematics**

Copies of the Proceedings are still available. Books can be ordered for the price of US\$50 (shipping included) accompanied by a bank or postal check.

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Mail your request to the following address: Dr. Peter Landolt, University of Fribourg, Institute of Zoology, Perolles, CH-1700 Fribourg, SWITZERLAND, phone ++41 26 300 88 72, fax: ++41 26 300 97 41, or email him at Peter.Landolt@unifr.ch.

Photo Guide Book on American Stoneflies

A book has just been published by Bill Stark, Stan Szczytko and Riley Nelson (1998 : American Stoneflies: A Photographic Guide to the Plecoptera. The Caddis Press, P.O. Box 21039, Columbus, Ohio, USA 43221-0039). The book has over 230 quality color photographs of nymphs and adults and an accompanying text with an introductory chapter, a chapter on stoneflies and trout and individual chapters on each stonefly family. Descriptive and geographic information is provided for each stonefly genus and for many stonefly species throughout North America. The book should increase the visibility of our beloved stoneflies to the lay public and be of great interest to flyfishers and flytiers wanting to learn more about colors, morphology and biology of stoneflies. Cost is \$50. Plus shipping, and can be ordered from the Caddis Press, address given above.

Illinois Natural History Survey Plecoptera Holdings now on Internet.

As part of the Illinois Natural History Survey's attempt to make their collections useful to a wider range of scientific, management and lay public, they are increasing the accessibility of their collections through building specimen-level databases and serving them to the Internet: currently 2 million specimens, including nearly 300,000 insects, have been entered into those databases. Most of these specimen records are now available via the web. They are also georeferencing specimen locations and serving maps via the web for some taxa. Please see www.inhs.uiuc.edu for more information.

Don Webb, Kathy Zeiders and Ed DeWalt have recently completed and served to the Internet the entire Plecoptera specimen database. They are currently soliciting responses from curators and private Plecoptera collections nationally, and internationally.

Proposal of Prof. Elda Gaino to Organize the Joint Meeting in Perugia, Italy, in 2001

Xth International Conference on Ephemeroptera and XIVth International Symposium on Plecoptera Prof. Elda Gaino, Instituto de Zoologia del'Universita di Perugia, Via Elce di Sotto, 06123 - Perugia, Italy, email Gaino@unipg.it

Location

Perugia is the main town of Umbria Region, located in Central Italy. Perugia is about 200 km northeast of Rome and 150 km south of Florence and stands on a "star-shaped" hill at about 500 m above sea level. Perugia retains many sights of its glorious and long history which has its roots in the Etruscan age. In any village tourists can find some memories of the past. In addition to its historical sites, Umbria shows beautiful landscapes with gentle hills, high mountains, rivers and lakes.

I am proposing to organize the conference at the University of Perugia. Perugia has good connections with the motorway and railway networks. People flying to the conference must use the airports in Rome and go on to Perugia by train or bus.

Schedule

The conference could be held during the last week of August or the first week of September. Usually, after the middle of August, finding accommodations is easier and hopefully, cheaper. (The latest information from Prof. Gaino in Jan., 1999, was that the conference dates will probably be 5-10 (possible to 11) August 2001.)

Accommodations

Perugia is a tourist town and offers various kinds of accommodations. I will do my best to obtain reasonable prices. In addition, there are camping sites (10km from Perugia), youth hostels and a lodge reserved for university researchers (only a few rooms available).

Registration fee

To make the fee affordable I am planning to apply for funds from several different sources.

Approximately, the fee could be \$200 (at this time, 1\$=1800lire). The registration fee will include: a) cost for the conference rooms, b) coffee breaks, c) field trip (one-day excursion), d) conference dinner, e) program, abstract book copy of the proceedings, and f) souvenirs. The proceedings will be published in a special number of the *Rivista di Idrobiologia*, University of Perugia.

Field trip

The field trip will be organized to allow people to collect specimens along one of the many streams of the region.

Accompanying persons

Perugia offers many opportunities: Museums, palaces, churches, medieval and archaeological sites, etc. Guided tours will be arranged.

Post conference travel

A form will be sent to the participants with some proposals to visit the main Italian towns (e.g. Rome, Florence, Venice).

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