
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Kevin Alexander, who recently published with Ken Stewart a revision of the chloroperlid genus *Suwallia* (see 1999 Bibliography) has accepted a teaching-research position at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado, beginning Fall, 2000.

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### **Plecoptera Catalogue still in the making**

The update of the Plecoptera world catalogue as an ACCESS database which Dr Ulrike NEU-BECKER and myself started a while ago (see PERLA 17) is making progress, but is still far from completion. The work continues being done by Dr NEU-BECKER on a half time basis. She is a trained chemist now devoted to this project after the Max-Planck-Society closed the famous GMELIN-Institute of Inorganic Chemistry where she worked previously. Dr NEU-BECKER is on the way to turning into an entomologist: after reading much about Plecoptera and seeing preserved ones in the local collection she is now eager to see them in the wild; we plan on some spring field trips to the Rhoen Mts, in May.

Initially, Dr NEU-BECKER had some support from the GWDG, an institution specializing in scientific data processing run jointly by the Max-Planck-Society and the University of Goettingen. At the start, the stonefly bibliography assembled by C. RAVIZZA and a list of presumably Plecoptera-relevant journals were entered into the database, but bibliographic entries were since not yet consistently compared to actual papers and errors resulting from scanning were not yet corrected; that can easily be done at a later stage. The development of the database structure and of the necessary input masks what was more important and has really made impressive progress. The database will accommodate all the taxonomic, ecological, distributional, pictorial and other information on Plecoptera, although there are of course limits to detail. Database structure is complex; we considered including a relation diagram but even in the smallest available script it occupied a DinA3 page, i.e., would not have come out after reduction to the size of our newsletter; we consider a display at the meeting in Perugia!

During the second half of this year we hope to complete various test runs and will then start putting actual data in; we will keep you informed how things go. At this moment, the best help you can provide is sending reprints of your recent papers to Peter ZWICK at Schlitz so that none is overlooked. While bibliographies like the one which we routinely publish in PERLA can largely be assembled from abstracting journals or the internet, we need to see actual papers to exploit them fully for the catalogue database; thank you all in advance!

Peter Zwick

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## NAPS 2000

By the time most of you receive this issue of PERLA, the May, 2000 meeting of the North American Plecoptera Society (NAPS) 6<sup>th</sup> symposium in Provo, Utah will already be in progress or have taken place. The latest announcement is repeated here and a report on the meeting will be forthcoming in PERLA 19.

### 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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## **Other Meetings of Interest:**

### **NABS 2000**

**1. 48<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting of the North American Benthological Society**, Keystone Resort, Colorado, May 28-June 1, 2000. The NABS annual meeting has established a reputation, not only for its camaraderie, but also for the high quality of its program and presentations.

The NABS 2000 Program Committee has assembled a record number of 521 presentations on many aspects of benthic science. Local Arrangements Chair is Steve Canton, Chadwick Ecological Consultants, Inc., 5575 S. Sycamore St., Suite 101, Littleton, CO 80120, USA. E-mail [chadeco@aol.com](mailto:chadeco@aol.com)

### **IST 2000**

**2. 10<sup>TH</sup> International Symposium on Trichoptera**, Potsdam, Germany, July 30-August 5, 2000, will be held in "Ostdeutsche Spartassenakademie", the training and meeting centre for East German Savings Banks. An informal reception will be held on Sunday night, 30 July, and opening session of the symposium will begin on Monday morning at 10:00. Paper presentations will continue through Tuesday. On Wednesday, 2 August, a field trip by motor boat will be held as a round trip of the lakes, channels and rivers of Potsdam and Berlin. On Thursday, 3 August, presentations will resume and on Friday, 4 August, the final session and business meeting will conclude the symposia. For further information, contact Dr. Wolfram Mey, Museum für Naturkunde, Humboldt-Universität, Invalidenstr. 43, D-10115 Berlin.

### **ICE 2000**

**3. XXI International Congress of Entomology**, Foz do Iguassu-Brazil, August 20-26, 2000. Theme "Entomologists preserving biodiversity". For information go to website (<http://www.embrapa.br.ice>) The 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement is available. Nearly a dozen symposia are scheduled on systematics, phylogenetic relationships, and diversity (especially Neotropical diversity) of insect groups. Also, many individual papers and posters will consider general and specific aspects of arthropod diversity and phylogeny, Organizing Committee-ICE, Caixa Postal 231, 86001-970 Dondrina, Brazil. E-mail: [ice@sercomiel.com.br](mailto:ice@sercomiel.com.br).

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### **Photo Guide Book on American Stoneflies**

The book 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) is still available. 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 genus and for many stonefly species throughout North America. The book should be of great interest to flyfishers and flytiers wanting to learn more about colors, morphology and biology of stoneflies as well as to stonefly specialists. Cost is \$50.00 plus shipping and can be ordered from the Caddis Press, address given above.

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### **Illinois Natural History Survey Plecoptera Holdings now on Internet.**

As announced in PERLA 17, part of the Illinois Natural History Survey's attempt to make their collections useful to a wider range of scientific, management and lay public, includes 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 geo-referencing specimen locations and serving maps via the web for some taxa. Please see [www.inhs.uiuc.edu](http://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.

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### **CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS**

Decision in Tucuman by the Standing Committee to increase dues to \$15.00, and allocate the increase (\$5.00) to the Scholarship Fund of the Society (see Subscription Policy on previous page and announcement in PERLA 17) should contribute to helping active and deserving workers or students to participate in future symposia.

However, increasing costs of travel and expense involved in traveling internationally project that scholarship support of the full expense of participation may not be possible. Therefore, to maximize the amount of scholarship support that the Society will be able to provide to any one or more recipients, we solicit any consideration members might give to making a donation to the Scholarship Fund to supplement the subscription allocation. Donations can be sent to Peter Zwick, Corresponding Secretary of the Society; address inside cover of this PERLA.

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## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR PERUGIA, ITALY, 2001

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 (see announcement elsewhere in this issue) may send a letter of application for a scholarship to Peter Zwick (address on inside front or back cover), providing the following information:

1. Name and age.
2. Mailing address (including fax and/or e-mail).
3. Affiliation and current position.
4. Title and summary of proposed presentation.
5. A resume and list of publications.
6. Approximate amount of financial support needed (include information on any personal or other commitment to the travel expense).

International Committee Selection Criteria will be financial need, potential contribution to the symposium and to professional development of the applicant and geographical location of the applicant. Applications should be made before March 31, 2001.

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### How Many Stonefly Flytiers in Our Society?

**Robert H. Boyle**, President of Hudson Riverkeeper Fund, a senior writer for Sports Illustrated and co-author with Eric Leiser of "Stoneflies for the Angler" (1982, Alfred A. Knopf, New York) wonders how many readers of PERLA tie imitations of stoneflies to catch trout. He recently sent Ken Stewart an imitation of his generic adult *Pteronarcys* that is so realistic, it looks ready to take off into flight. He says it has caught trout and bass (the latter in lakes that have never seen a stonefly) "to beat the band" (an American expression), and even when a *Pteronarcys* emergence is long over. Dr. Heinz Meng, professor of biology at SUNY, New York, has taken a 24-inch cutthroat on a tributary of the Green River last October with this fly. It is made of a stiff center quill (rachis) of a Canada goose primary feather snipped to fit inside (and out) of the butt end (calamus) on the same feather. The cerci, antennas and side markings are javelina; the segmentation, black thread; the thorax, flat sheet cork; the wings, a mallard flank feather coated with vinyl cement and 5-minute epoxy; the eyes, burned nylon; and the legs, turkey "biots" from a wild turkey primary feather dyed black. Magic Markers color the body of the fly. Bob Boyle resides at 12 Shad Roe, Cold Spring, New York 10516.

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### PUBLICATION OF TUCUMÁN PROCEEDINGS

Eduardo Dominguez, organizer of our XIII International Symposium in Tucumán Argentina, has contracted with Kluwer Academics/Plenum Press to publish the Proceedings of that joint meeting with the IX International Conference of Ephemeroptera. Title of the Proceedings will be "Trends in Research in Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera". Contributors should be receiving proofs of the papers in May or June, 2000.

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