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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EIGHTH NORTH AMERICAN PLECOPTERA SYMPOSIUM

18-21 MAY 2006

Conference Co-Organizers, Dr. R. Edward DeWalt and Dr. Donald W. Webb

Hosted by the Illinois Natural History Survey and the University of Illinois Dixon Springs Agricultural Experimental Station, Rt. 1, Box 256, Simpson, Illinois 62985. 618-695-2441

Tentative Schedule:

• Thursday night (18 May)-registration, preconference greetings, program on the natural history of the Shawnee Hills.

Friday (19 May)-symposium papers and posters.

• Saturday (20 May)-AM symposium papers, PM field trip to Lusk Creek and other sites.

Sunday (21 May)-AM business meeting, establish 2009 site. Adjourn

Location: The Shawnee Hills are an ancient vaulted area with many seasonal and permanent streams. This is the richest Illinois natural division for stoneflies and hosts many famous collecting locations, including Lusk Creek, Burden Falls, Hutchins Creek, and Bell Smith Springs. The weather at this time of year is usually pleasant, with temperatures in the 70s and 80s, with moderate humidity. It should be good weather for light trapping. The station is located in Pope County, Illinois. Regional (St. Louis area) and local scale maps are provided. Exit Interstate 24 at Vienna and travel east on IL-146 approx. 10.5 mi, turn north on IL-145 and proceed 3.5 mi N to the station. It is on the east side of the road. Come to the dormitory next to the pavilion and picnic benches for registration.



Lodging: The station has dormatory style housing at very low prices. Rooms in the main dormatory have private baths (\$15/night/person for double or triple occupancy) or shared bathrooms (\$13/night/person, double occupancy). Additionally, there are two houses with 14 and 11 beds (multiple occupancy) and shared bathrooms. These rooms run \$15/night/person. Motels are 14 miles away in Vienna for those who wish better accommodations: **Ramada Inn,** 709 E Vine St, Vienna, IL, 618-658-6300; **Budget Inn,** 1420 State Route 146 E, Vienna, IL (2.41 miles away), 618-658-2802. The Ramada Inn is definitely the better of the two.

Meals: This is a relatively remote location, so meals will be included, at a reasonable cost, in the price of registration. Mark Wetzel and Don Webb have volunteered to put on a great feed using the kitchen facilities in the main dormatory. Please indicate if you have food allergies or preferences (vegetarian or vegan).

Field Trip: Don Webb and Ed DeWalt will lead a caravan of vehicles to Lusk Creek and other locations on late Saturday morning. Time of departure depends on the number of presentations that morning. We will also lead a trip back to Lusk Creek, or other locations, for evening light trapping. This area routinely yields large numbers of *Acroneuria filicis* and a few *A. frisoni*, as well as other species.

Paper and Poster Sessions: We are planning a brief presentation on Thursday evening, 8 pm, entitled "The Natural History of the Shawnee Hills Area". Two sessions are planned for Friday and one for Saturday AM. Posters may be set up at any time beginning Friday morning, but must be down by noon Sunday.

Abstract Format for Papers and Posters: Please submit abstracts as MS Word or Word Perfect files in rich text format. Posters are limited to 3x4 ft. Please include the following:

- Brief, descriptive title
- Authors, addresses, emails
- Abstract of 300 words or less.
- Clear indication of preference for poster or oral format
- If oral, we can accommodate PowerPoint on LCD projector and Slide Projector formats. Indicate your choice.

Other Activites or Presentations: We will accommodate other activities or presentation formats that are beneficial to the symposium. Please give us some advance notice of these needs.

Submit Abstracts via email to <u>edewalt@inhs.uiuc.edu</u>. Email submission is preferred, but you may also send a hardcopy to Dr. R. Edward DeWalt, Illinois Natural History Survey, 607 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign, IL 61820, 217-244-7515.

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Registration

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Housing: twin beds, linens, pillows, towels, soap	Nights	Cost
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Room with private bath (total of four rooms,		
reserved for those with spouses attending, double		
or triple occupancy) \$15/night/person		
Room with shared bath in dormitory (double		
occupancy), \$13/night/person		
Rooms in one of two houses, shared baths,		
multiple occupancy, \$15/night/person		
Meals	Cost	Amount
Thursday Dinner	8	
Friday, all meals and snacks	22	
Saturday, all meals and snacks	22	
Sunday, breakfast, lunch	10	
Commemorative Tee Shirt: Circle size: S M L	15	
XL XXL		
Total		

Please make check payable to the University of Illinois (Tax ID Code 37-6000511) and write in the memo field 2006 NAPS Meeting. Send check and registration form to Dr. R. Edward DeWalt, Illinois Natural History Survey,

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Dr. Arnold H. Staniczek, *Curator*, Department of Entomology, Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Stuttgart, Germany (<u>staniczek.smn@naturkundemuseum-bw.de</u>) has graciously agreed to host the International Joint Meeting of the XII International Conference on Ephemeroptera and XVI International Symposium on Plecoptera from 8-14 June 2008. The Conference website is now online <u>http://www.naturkundemuseum-bw.de/stuttgart/projekte/jointmeeting08/</u>

IT IS NOT TOO EARY TO START PLANNING TO ATTEND!

OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The joint North American Benthological Society and American Geophysical Union meetings (23-27 May 2005) at Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana.

4th International Meeting on Plant Litter Processing in Freshwaters (25-28 July 2005) in Toulouse, France.

4th Biennial Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society Symposium, May 15- 18, 2005, Radisson Riverfont Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota

New Currents in Conserving Freshwater Systems, Thursday and Friday,

April 7 and 8, 2005. American Museum of Natural History, New York.

Tenth International Symposium on Tardigrada - Catania, Italy, 18-23 June 2006.

26th Annual International Wetlands Meeting - Coastal Plain Wetlands:Ecological, Landscape, and Regulatory Transformations, Charleston, South Carolina USA, 5-10 June 2005

Meeting of the European branch of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), Lille (France), 22-26 May 2005

NEW HOME FOR NORTH AMERICAN STONEFLY WEBSITE

The website listing all North American stonefly species has a new name and site: "North American Stonefly (Plecoptera) Complete List" and the authors are Stark, B. P. and R. W. Baumann. 2005.

The list can be accessed in one of two ways: To go directly to the list the address is: <u>http://mlbean.byu.edu/plecoptera/list.asp</u> and to go from the website use <u>http://mlbean.byu.edu/plecoptera</u> and then click on Stonefly List.

Current Research on Plecoptera

Dr. Richard W. Baumann

1. Revision of the genus Malenka with Boris Kondratieff

2. Studies on the stoneflies of Ohio with Fred Kirchner, Ed Dewalt and Brian Armitage

Dr. Ken W. Stewart, University of North Texas.

1. Collection of stoneflies from the Canadian Province of Nunavut were continued through 2004. An eventual paper on the stoneflies of that province will result with Donna Giberson of University of Prince Edward Island.

2. A book "Stoneflies of Alaska and Western Canada" is expected to be published in late 2005 with co-author Mark Oswood of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The book will cover a historical perspective of stonefly studies and records for this northwestern corner of North America, and have illustrated adult keys to all 155 species and generic keys to regional nymphs. 3. Ken and Bill Stark have a paper in press in Trans. Amer. Entomol. Soc. on nymphs of selected *Sweltsa* species. Ken will attempt to rear most southern Rocky Mountain species in summer of 2005.

4. John Sandberg finished his PhD requirements in October, 2004, and he and Ken have publications in press on the extended egg diapause and drumming of *Isogenoides* species, and a submitted manuscript on holomorphology and systematics of the genus *Isogenoides*. John's doctoral committee included Boris Kondratieff and Stan Szczytko.

5. Ken is working with Eugene Drake to rear and describe the nymphs of rare stonefly species of southern California. Ken will be collecting in the Los Angeles area in April, 2005.

6. Ken is working on a manuscript diagnosing the nymphs of *Taenionema* species, which is the result of a 15 -year project of rearing, and collaboration with several colleagues.

7. Ken and Bill Stark are revising and updating the Plecoptera Chapter for the upcoming 4th Ed. of the Merritt and Cummins book "An Introduction to the Aquatic Insects of North America".

8. A chapter on "Vibrational Communication and Mate Searching Behavior in Stoneflies" by Ken Stewart and John Sandberg will soon be published in a CRC book entitled "Insect Sounds and Communication".

Progress report of Stonefly study of Mongolia

Purevdorj Surenkhorloo "Puje", P.O.Box 1237, Ulaanbaatar 13, MONGOLIA; e-mail: s purevdorj@num.edu.mn or ospur@yahoo.com is currently researching the Stoneflies of West Khentii, Northern Mongolia as part of a benthic insect study on the Eroo river. To mention briefly, when I was a bachelor student at NUM I attended the first training course on aquatic insects in Mongolia, taught by Prof.Dr. John C.Morse (Clemson). This is where I learnt basic aquatic insect classification skills. I remembered those inspiring times. Further material in the form of useful newsletters and photocopied materials on Stoneflies were sent to me by Prof.Dr. Bill Stark (Clinton). Later, I decided to study the Stoneflies of Mongolia and acquired further experience in Vladivostok, Russia, working with Dr. Valentina Teslenko for one month. I have since worked at Mongolian Isoperlinae with Prof.Dr. Peter Zwick at Schlitz. Germany from April to May in 2003 and four weeks during November 2003 and January 2004. We presented this joint research at the International Joint Meeting (Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera) in Montana, USA in August 2004 (Zwick and Surenkhorloo, in press). I found doing a presentation, reading other peoples posters and talking to other scientists a very stimulating experience. I feel that the experiences gained will be useful and great progress for my future Stonefly

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