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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,
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Recent North American Plecoptera Symposium: A Success

The 8th North American Plecoptera Symposium was held in Dixon Springs, Illinois, 18-21 May 2006. Attendance was 19 people and 14 presentations were given. Presentations topics included a look to the challenges for Plecoptera scientists in the future, large and small-scale biogeographical patterns, life history and production, species descriptions, electronic publishing, revisionary work, and potential effects of climate change.

Comradeship was shared through lively discussion of these topics, through the culinary efforts of Mark Wetzel and Don Webb, and by collecting forays into the beautiful Shawnee National Forest. While cool, rainy weather ensured that the group would indeed leave enough stoneflies in Illinois to start the next generation, several stonefly species were collected including the rare *Leuctra alta* James and an early emerging, dark species of *Perlesta*, somewhere near *Perlesta xube* Stark & Rhodes.

During the business meeting we had a fruitful discussion of the future of our science. We all noted the aging of our members and agreed that a reinvigoration of Plecopterology was necessary. Accomplishment of this will require an increase of our profile, implementation of major collaborative efforts as a society, modernization our scientific approach, and in the training of graduate students. The group decided as part of the effort to raise our profile that a stable Internet presence was necessary. The group has taken on the name "Plecoptera Society of North America" and a fledgling website with nomenclatural tools now exists at <http://plsa.inhs.uiuc.edu/plecoptera>.

The 9th North American Plecoptera Symposium will be hosted by Dr. William D. Shepard at the Sagehen Creek Research Station of the University of California in 2009.

A list of titles of presentations at the Symposium follows:

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