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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:

1. YES, IT'S A NEW MILLENNIUM, BUT WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR PLECOPTEROLOGY IN NORTH AMERICA?. R. E. DeWalt. Illinois Natural History Survey, Center for Biodiversity. 1816 S Oak St., Champaign, IL 61820. edewalt@inhs.uiuc.edu
2. HIERARCHICAL PATTERN OF NORTH AMERICAN PLECOPTERAN SPECIES DISTRIBUTIONS USING STATES AND PROVINCES AS AREAS OF ENDEMISM. Charles H. Nelson, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 615 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403. charles-nelson@utc.edu
3. DIVERSITY, LIFE HISTORY, AND PRODUCTION OF PLECOPTERA IN FOUR OUACHITA MOUNTAIN HEADWATER STREAMS. Robert K. Heth, Department of Biology, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri 64801. heth-r@mssu.edu
4. THE TALLADEGA-CHEAHA STONEFLY (PLECOPTERA) FAUNA OF ALABAMA. Scott A. Grubbs¹ and Andrew L. Sheldon², ¹Department of Biology and Center for Biodiversity Studies, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 42101 USA, E-mail: scott.grubbs@wku.edu; ²University of Montana, 16 Bryant St., Crawfordville, FL 32327 USA, E-mail: andysheldon@comcast.net.
5. NEW SPECIES AND RECORDS OF *NEOPERLA* (PLECOPTERA: PERLIDAE) FROM VIETNAM. Bill P. Stark, Department of Biology, Mississippi College, Box 4045, Clinton, MS 39058, and Ignac Sivec, Slovenian Museum of Natural History, Presernova 20, P.O. Box 290, SLO-1001 Ljubljana, Slovenia. Email: stark@mc.edu, ignac.sivec@guest.arnes.si
6. ON THE INTERESTING DISTRIBUTION OF SOME *ALLOCAPNIA* AND CHLOROPERLID STONEFLIES IN PENNSYLVANIA. Jane Earle, 20 Red Fox Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. janeearle7@msn.com.
7. ILLIESIA-FREE INTERNET ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL. Ignac Sivec, Slovenian Museum of Natural History, Presernova 20, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia, ignac.sivec@guest.arnes.si; Bill P. Stark, Mississippi College, Box 4045, Department of Biology, Clinton, MS 39058, stark@mc.edu
8. NYMPH DESCRIPTIONS OF RARE WESTERN STONEFLIES. Kenneth W. Stewart, Department of Biological Sciences, P. O. Box 305220, University of North Texas, Denton, TX 76203. stewart@unt.edu
9. A HOLOMORPHOLOGICAL COMPARISON OF *KOGOSTUS NONA* (NEEDHAM & CLAASSEN) AND *K. MODESTA* (BANKS). B. C. Kondratieff, Colorado State University, Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

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10. THE STATUS OF IOWA PLECOPTERA FROM THE PALEOZOIC PLATEAU. Dennis P. Heimdal and Mike W. Birmingham, University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory, 102 Oakdale Campus, Iowa City, IA 52242. dheimdal@uhl.uiowa.edu, mbirming@uhl.uiowa.edu
11. NEW SPECIES OF EASTERN NEARCTIC *ALLOCAPNIA* (CAPNIIDAE) AND *SOYEDINA* (NEMOURIDAE). Scott A. Grubbs, Department of Biology and Center for Biodiversity Studies, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 42101 USA. scott.grubbs@wku.edu
12. STONEFLIES ON MOUNTAINSIDES: CONTROLS AND LIMITS IN A CHANGING WORLD. Andrew L. Sheldon, University of Montana, 16 Bryant St., Crawfordville, FL 32327. andysheldon@comcast.net.
13. EXTIRPATION AND RANGE LOSS OF STONEFLIES IN THE MIDWEST TILL AND DRIFT PLAINS. R. E. DeWalt & D. W. Webb. Illinois Natural History Survey, Center for Biodiversity, 1816 S Oak St., Champaign, IL 61820, edewalt@inhs.uiuc.edu, dwebb@inhs.uiuc.edu and Scott A. Grubbs, Department of Biology and Center for Biodiversity Studies, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 42101 USA. scott.grubbs@wku.edu.
14. THE *ALLOPERLA SEVERA* COMPLEX OF WESTERN NORTH AMERICA. Richard W. Baumann, Department of Integrative Biology and Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84604. richard.baumann@byu.edu and Boris C. Kondratieff, Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523. boris.kondratieff@colostate.edu.

Following is a photograph of the participants of the 8th North American Plecoptera Symposium.

1. Bill Shepard
2. Ollie Heth
3. Peter Harper
4. Dennis Heimdal
5. Dick Baumann
6. Ed DeWalt
7. Bill Stark
8. Jane Earle
9. Rachel Heth
10. Ken Stewart
11. Andy Sheldon
12. Don Webb
13. Scott Grutbs
14. Ignac Sivec
15. Boris Kondratieff
16. Charles Nelson
17. Kip Heth
18. Not shown
19. Mark Wetzel
- And Francene Stewart



ANNOUNCEMENTS



XII International Conference on Ephemeroptera
 XVI International Symposium on Plecoptera
 June 8 – 14, 2008 Stuttgart, Germany

The next International Joint Meeting will take place at the State Museum of Natural History in Stuttgart, Germany, from 8-14 June 2008.

Please note that the conference website has changed:

<http://www.jointmeeting08.naturkundemuseum-bw.de/>

This preliminary site will have a major update around the end of February. If you want to get notified when the site is updated, please subscribe to the conference newsletter. Just send an e-mail to

jointmeeting08.smns@naturkundemuseum-bw.de and you will receive a note as soon as the major update will go online.

The Joint Meeting will have an informal welcome party at the evening of June 8th. The conference will start on June 9th. There will be four days packed with talks and poster sessions – the best poster will be awarded at the conference dinner on Thursday night! On Wednesday 12th there will be a field trip to creeks and rivers of the Swabian Alps, linked to a visit to a medieval monastery and University town. The post conference tour on Saturday 14th will lead to the Black Forest.

Take the opportunity and meet your colleagues at the Joint Meeting 2008!

Dr. Arnold H. Staniczek, *Curator*, Department of Entomology, Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Stuttgart, Germany

TRAVEL GRANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE, CHECK THE WEBSITE.

Current Research on Plecoptera

Ian McLellan

I am currently working on a number of projects. Steve Pawson (Canterbury University) has a grant to construct a website on New Zealand Plecoptera and of course, as the authority, I am very much involved in the scheme. So far he has data based on my collection and those in NZAC, OMNZ, CMNZ and AMNZ, recording in all 50,000+ specimens and about 6,000 localities. He has gathered copies of all literature including unpublished theses; many images and we are constructing a key to all NZ species. In between I work on new species of New Zealand notonemourids, gripopterygids, a eustheniid and South American gripopterygids. An on going job is identification of stoneflies for various institutions through out New Zealand.

Two Otago University students have started on theses that will involve New Zealand stoneflies. Andrew Sparrow (M.sc) is working on the interaction between aquatic and terrestrial organisms on a floodplain on the Kauri River inland from Oamaru.

Graham McCulloch (Ph.D) is constructing a DNA based phylogeny of New Zealand stoneflies.

Dr. Richard W. Baumann

Here are my stonefly goals for the next several years. Some studies are short term and others will take longer. I know that these are ambitious goals and that I cannot accomplish them without the help of many colleagues. This includes not only those individuals listed, but everyone that is willing

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