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<p><b>Plecoptera scholarships Awarded, XVIIth International Symposium on Plecoptera in JAPAN</b></p>
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Subscriptions to **Perla**, together with donations and income from the conference auctions, enable the The Standing Committee of the International Society of Plecopterologists to award scholarships to Plecoptera conferences. These are awarded primarily to younger students or workers from countries where it is difficult to obtain funding to attend such conferences.

The Committee has awarded a total of US\$4,300 for three travel scholarships to attend the International Joint Plecoptera-Ephemeroptera Conference in Kiyosato, Japan, June 2011. The recipients are **Ms. Ram Devi Tachamo Shah** (US \$1,300), **Mr. Lucas Silveira Lecci** (US\$2,500) and **Mr. Louis Boumans** (US\$500). Ms Shah is from Nepal and she will be presenting her work on the biodiversity, distribution and sensitivity of mayflies and stoneflies in the Central Himalaya. As her work covers both Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera she has been granted a joint scholarship from both the Plecoptera and Ephemeroptera Committees. The second recipient of a Plecoptera scholarship is Lucas Silveira Lecci, a PhD. student at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. He will present his studies of the Gripopterygidae from the Paranapiacaba Mountains of south-eastern Brazil. Louis Boumans, a PhD. student at the University of Oslo is the third recipient. He will present his project on the intraspecific variation in western Palaeartic stoneflies, in particular short-winged populations. These three students have also been awarded free registration by the Japanese conference organisers.

In addition, the following six students of Plecoptera have been awarded free registration by the Japanese conference organisers (presentation topic given in parentheses): **Susanna Cherechesova**, North Ossetian State University, Russia (Plecoptera of River Urshdon, North Ossetia); **Valentina Teslenko**, Far East Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok, Russia (Biodiversity of stonefly fauna in the Amur Basin); **Purevdorj Surenkhorloo**, Mongolian Benthological Society (Mongolian endemic Plecoptera); **Olga A. Loskutova**, Institute of Biology, Komi Scientific Centre, Syktyvkar, Russia (Variation in wings and body size of *Arcynopteryx compacta*); and **Jindřiška Bojková**, Masaryk University, Czech Republic (Changes in diversity & distribution of Plecoptera in the Czech Republic after 50 years) [John Brittain].