

A message from the Permanent Committee of the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera and the Standing Committee of the International Society of Plecopterologists

Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of our respective committees we wish to encourage you to attend the forthcoming conference in Wakayama City, Japan. The meeting was due to be arranged in June this year, but unfortunately had to be postponed due to the tragic events resulting from the tsunami. Our Japanese colleagues have made considerable efforts to rearrange the conference in a new location. Your attendance will be recognition of the outstanding spirit shown by our Japanese colleagues in organizing this conference. This will be a unique opportunity to meet your colleagues in a friendly atmosphere and share your enthusiasm for mayflies and stoneflies. We also encourage you to support the auction, even though you may be unable to attend. A successful auction is essential in raising funds for travel scholarships. Finally, we request your proposals for the 2015 joint conference.

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Below are instructions for persons interested in hosting future international conferences and symposia provided by Dr. John E. Brittain.

How to host a conference

Representatives from the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera and the International Society of Plecopterologists have established a set of guidelines for submitting proposals to host the joint conferences. These guidelines are:

Preliminary proposals

Preliminary proposals to host a conference may be submitted six years prior to the year of the proposed conference, but a final vote on the conference site will not be made until three years prior to the actual conference date.

Final proposals

1. Proposals should be submitted at least one month prior to the conference during which the proposal will be officially presented.
2. A copy of this proposal should be sent to the chair of each committee – International Conference for Ephemeroptera (**Dr. Michel Sartori**, michel.sartori@vd.ch) and the International Society of Plecopterologists (**Dr. John Brittain**, j.e.brittain@nhm.uio.no).
3. Proposal should be submitted by e-mail. This facilitates distribution of the proposal to the members of the two committees.
4. Proposals should contain detailed information regarding plans to host the conference.

2012 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The International Committee continued the practice begun at the XI Symposium in Treehaven, Wisconsin, USA, of presenting Lifetime Achievement Awards to Plecopterologists who have made exemplary contributions to our field over their professional lifetimes. Previous awards have been made to **Noel Hynes**, **Bill Ricker** (announced in Perla 11), **Jacques Aubert**, **Teizi Kawai**, **Ian McLellan** (announced in Perla 14), **Claudio Froehlich**, **Lidija Zhiltzova**, **Peter Zwick** (announced in Perla 17), **Kenneth Stewart**, **Elisabetha Ravizza Dematteis**, **Carlaberto Ravizza** (announced in Perla 20), **Richard Baumann**, **Bill Stark** (announced in Perla 23), **Peter Harper**, and **Ignac Sivec** (announced in Perla 27). Traditionally, the publication of the the overview of the awardee's professional accomplishments is published in the issue of Perla after the conference. However, the Committee felt it was appropriate to present the overview of one of the 2012 awardees before the June meeting in Japan in this issue of Perla. The two reasons were that Dr. John Hanson advancing age (97 in April, 2012) and the fact that he has already been told of the award.

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