

## 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](mailto:michel.sartori@vd.ch)) and the International Society of Plecopterologists (**Dr. John Brittain**, [j.e.brittain@nhm.uio.no](mailto: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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John F. Hanson was a student of the pre-eminent insect morphologist Guy Chester Crampton. In fact upon the latter's retirement in 1947, he succeeded Crampton as Assistant Professor of Insect Morphology in the Department of Entomology at the University of Massachusetts. There 'Doc', as he was affectionately known by students, spent much of his career teaching courses in insect morphology, evolution, and forest entomology.

As early as 1938 John Hanson's first publication, "Studies on the Plecoptera of North America. I." was indicative of his avid interest in stoneflies. Successive contributions on the records and descriptions of new species and/or genera of Leuctridae, Capniidae, and Perlodidae provided further evidence of his fascination with stoneflies and his capacity to conduct original investigations. These studies were based on numerous field-collecting trips in eastern and western North America. The line drawings that accompanied each paper were always skillfully done and carefully crafted to depict the diagnostic characters that readily distinguished the relevant taxonomic groups. Several papers reflected his interest in thoracic sternal plate morphology and what it could inform about stonefly relationships. He also produced papers on enhanced techniques for studying insects on such subjects as improving and accelerating KOH clearing of specimens, a foot-focusing device for the stereomicroscope, a dripless dispensing bottle, and trays for filing and storing liquid preserved specimens. With Jacques Aubert he produced a bibliography of stoneflies that bridged some of the period between the Claassen catalog and the more inclusive Illies and Zwick catalogs. Many of his papers appeared in the *Bulletin of the Brooklyn Entomological Society* where he served for a number of years as editor.

John Hanson was also successful in securing funding from Sigma Xi, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (as a Fellow) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which provided financial support for research and for several graduate and undergraduate students. It was working on the latter grant on the studies of Plecoptera of the Eastern Seaboard States that I was introduced to the excitement of conducting stonefly research.

His published doctoral dissertation the “Comparative Morphology and Taxonomy of the Capniidae (Plecoptera)” is a publication that stands as an authoritative contribution to the phylogenetic and taxonomic relationships of the genera within this family. Per Brinck in a paper that surveyed milestones in Plecoptera research as part of a history detailing a century of progress in the natural sciences (1853 -1953) remarked about the type of future work that would be necessary “what is needed is comparative morphological investigations like the excellent study of J. F. Hanson on the Capniidae”.

Upon his retirement in 1980, John Hanson’s Plecoptera collection with its types and many thousands of specimens was provided to the United States Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution. There it is available for use by present and future generations of workers in Plecoptera.

In his acknowledgment of the lifetime achievement award ‘Doc’ wrote, “The time I spent studying Plecoptera I very much enjoyed. I wish there had been more time.” A sentiment that very likely speaks for many of us.

## **TENTH NORTH AMERICAN PLECOPTERA SYMPOSIUM**

The **Tenth North American Plecoptera Symposium** will be held in northcentral Pennsylvania in **2013**. Final arrangements were unavailable by the deadline for this issue of Perla. The time frame will be late May to early June. Meeting dates will set to avoid conflicts with the 2013 SFS (NABS) meeting, which has not yet been scheduled, and other activities at the facility. The facility has lodging on site for up to 30 people, meeting and recreation rooms, and open grounds with a picnic area, hiking trail, and a stream.

Those who have not previously responded with an intent to attend should contact **Jane Earle** at [janeearle7@msn.com](mailto:janeearle7@msn.com) or at **20 Red Fox Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, USA**. Information will be send to responders when available. Requests for abstracts will be sent later this year.

## **ILLIESIA**

**Illiesia**, International Journal of Stonefly Research has completed publication of Volume 7 with the inclusion of 28 individual articles submitted by 31 authors. Articles are given rigorous peer review under direction of the Advisory Board and Editors and with the assistance of many colleagues who agree to review manuscripts. Editors are Ignac Sivec, Slovenian Museum of Natural History, and Bill P. Stark, Mississippi College. The Advisory Board includes Boris Kondratieff, Richard Baumann, Kenneth Stewart, Stan Szczytko, C. Riley Nelson, Charles H. Nelson, John Brittain, Takao Shimizu, Claudio Froehlich, Wolfram Graf and Peter Harper, and journal formatting is under the direction of Mia Sivec and Mojimir Stangelj. We thank you for your continued support and invite your submissions for consideration for Volume 8. Questions or submissions should be sent to [isivec@mrc.pms-lj.si](mailto:isivec@mrc.pms-lj.si) or [stark@mc.edu](mailto:stark@mc.edu). The Illiesia website is located at <http://www2.pms-lj.si/illiesia/>

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