

Wakayama, Honshu, Japan, **Drs. John Brittain** and **Yu Isobe** were presented with the award for their exemplary research on Plecoptera.

### **Dr. Yu Isobe**

Dr Yu Isobe holds the position of professor at the Nara Bunka Women's College, in Nara, Japan. She has published extensively on the Plecoptera, maintaining the long Japanese tradition of excellence in stonefly research, including such scientists as Drs Ueno, Kohno and Kawai. In fact Dr. Isobe was a student of Dr Kawai with a doctoral thesis entitled, "Studies of ecological differentiation in four species of Perlidae (Plecoptera). She has focused very much on teaching and has had several students of Plecoptera, including Drs Yoshimura and Hanada.

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## **Dr. John Brittain**

Dr. John E. Brittain has been studying Plecoptera and other aquatic insects for over 40 years. Initially, he took his Ph.D. on the ecology and distribution of Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera at the University of Wales, Bangor, U.K., before moving to Norway on a post-doctoral fellowship, where he worked together with the late Dr. Albert Lillehammer for a number of years. He has stayed in Norway ever since, obtaining a Norwegian dr. philos. degree in 1978. He was awarded a D.Sc. from the University of Wales in 1993 for his significant contribution to science. At present he is Senior Research Scientist at the Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries Laboratory at the Natural History Museum, University of Oslo. In addition he holds the post of Adjunct Professor, in the Department of Ecology and Natural Resources, Norwegian University of Life Sciences and is a Senior Adviser at the Norwegian Water Resources & Energy Directorate, thus combining research, teaching and management.

Dr. Brittain has published extensively on aquatic insects, especially Plecoptera and Ephemeroptera, with a focus on their ecology, notably egg development, life cycles and their use as environmental indicators. The studies have largely been in Europe, especially in arctic and alpine areas, although sorties have been made to Canada and Australia. He is currently chair of the Standing Committee of the International Society of

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