

**Per Simon Valdemar Brinck**  
(4 September 1919 – 6 October 2013)

Per Brinck was one of the seven founders of post-war European Plecoptera studies who gathered in Lausanne for the First International Symposium on Plecoptera in 1956. Per Brinck was a veterinary surgeon from Skåne, Sweden, doing his military service in Lapland. He subsequently started to study stoneflies, resulting in a large monograph on the Swedish fauna (1949). His papers include a key to the Swedish Plecoptera (1952) and various other papers on stoneflies from elsewhere. He took an interest in morphological and functional aspects of Plecoptera reproduction, examined their internal and external genitalia (1956, 1962a) and produced the first significant contribution to this field of study since Klapálek (1896). Per Brinck also trained visiting colleagues, participated in the 3rd Plecoptera Symposium (Plön, 1964), and was an excellent host of the 4th Symposium at Abisko, in 1968 (Fig. 1). He also attended the 12th Symposium in Lausanne (1995), although at that time he no longer worked on Plecoptera.

The Plecoptera were Per Brinck's initial entomological interest. As an entomologist, he is, however, best known as a world specialist of Coleoptera: Gyrinidae. He travelled the world to collect whirligig beetles. He loved Africa most and was co-editor of 15 monumental volumes on *South African Animal Life* (1955-1973). From 1958 to 1986 Per Brinck was Professor of Zoology at the University of Lund. Together with his colleagues and students he worked on Baltic ecology, Nordic pine forests, impacts of hydropower plants, etc. Ecology became his main interest, and for almost thirty years he edited the journal *Oikos*. He was an active and successful organizer of integrated Scandinavian ecology, with global connections. His initiatives led, among others, to the establishment of an Ecology Building (1994) in Lund, open to other universities, and the foundation of a Nordic Editorial Office publishing new ecological journals.

In his spare time and after retirement he invested a lot of effort to re-establish an old farm on Öland, learning and practising all the crafts and skills needed to run and maintain it. The Plecoptera work of Per Brinck represents only a small part of his lifetime activity, but Plecoptera students will remember him for his important contributions.

For details on Per Brinck's activities refer to the *In memoriam* by Enckell et al. (*Oikos* 123: 1-2, 2014) and the following links: <http://www.sydsvenskan.se/2013-10-26/per-brinck>; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Per\\_Brinck](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Per_Brinck); <https://thesmallermajority.com/2013/12/19/who-was-per-brinck/>

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**David Ralph Lenat**

April 17, 1950-April 28, 2016

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