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MEMBER NEWS

CALL FOR MATERIAL

Dear Colleagues, during my continuing revision of the African *Neoperla* (Perlidae) all surviving types of the 30 nominal species named between 1839 and 1936 plus collections in major museums in Europe and North America have by now been studied. More than 50 species are presently known to me. However, because the Ethiopian Region is large and incompletely sampled, even small additional collections may add significantly to present knowledge.

Identification of *Neoperla* species requires dissection and study of inner genitalia and eggs. Both pinned material and specimens in fluid preservatives are suitable for study. Larvae can presently not be identified.

Should you have adults of African *Neoperla* and be willing to let me study your material, please contact me at pleco-p.zwick@t-online.de, to discuss details and arrange a loan.

Thank you in advance!

Peter Zwick

The Plecoptera Collection of Dietrich Braasch (1931-2016) transferred to the Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin

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The Plecoptera were one of several orders of aquatic insects that interested Dietrich Braasch. His work in eastern and central Germany was initiated before pollution-sensitive water insects had been largely wiped out. Several species that once occurred in Germany – Dietrich Braasch had still seen some of them. The faunistic work of Dietrich Braasch in East Germany, mainly in Brandenburg and Saxony, is important today, e.g. the article by Küttner et al. (2017, see the reference section of PERLA above). D. Braasch worked in a

state institution for plant protection and plant quarantine, his work on aquatic fauna was largely private. However, political restraints in the German Democratic Republic (DDR) permitted no open contacts with colleagues in countries of the *Klassenfeind*; field work was possible only in socialistic brother states. Among other activities, Dietrich Braasch and his friend, the late Dr. Wolfgang Joost, collected repeatedly in Bulgaria and published a series of faunistic and taxonomic studies on the stoneflies of the country, including descriptions of several new species.

The collections of D. Braasch and W. Joost include important stonefly material. The material of Wolfgang Joost is deposited in the Museum der Natur, Gotha, Germany (Perla 23, 2005: 43-48), that of Dietrich Braasch is now in the Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany. I am grateful to Dr. Wolfram Mey for informing me of the recent transfer.

This transfer came to my knowledge immediately before the closing deadline of the present issue of PERLA. Therefore, I refer to published bibliographies of Dietrich Braasch. The laudation at the occasion of his 65th birthday (Joost and Klausnitzer, 1997) lists all 210 publications published at that time, numbers 211-253 are presented by Mey (2016). I have PDF files of these publications and will make them available on request.

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RECENT PLECOPTERA LITERATURE (CALENDAR YEAR 2017 AND EARLIER). Papers made available after 1 February 2018 will be included in the next issue. **If papers were missed, please bring these to the attention of the Managing Editor.** Drs. Richard W. Baumann, Bill P. Stark, J. M. Tierno de Figueroa, and Peter Zwick are thanked for reviewing and providing additions to this present list.

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