



South Fork of the Poudre River, a pristine Rocky Mountain stream flowing through the campus area.

## ILLIESIA



### *Illiesia* Is Closing

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*Illiesia, The International Journal of Stonefly Research*, was founded by Bill Stark and Nace Sivec in 2005 as a taxonomic journal counterweight to publication models with high page charges and limited access. *Illiesia* provided a model that was free and completely open access, a noble goal that helped authors to publish 231 articles and two monographs issues (see graph).

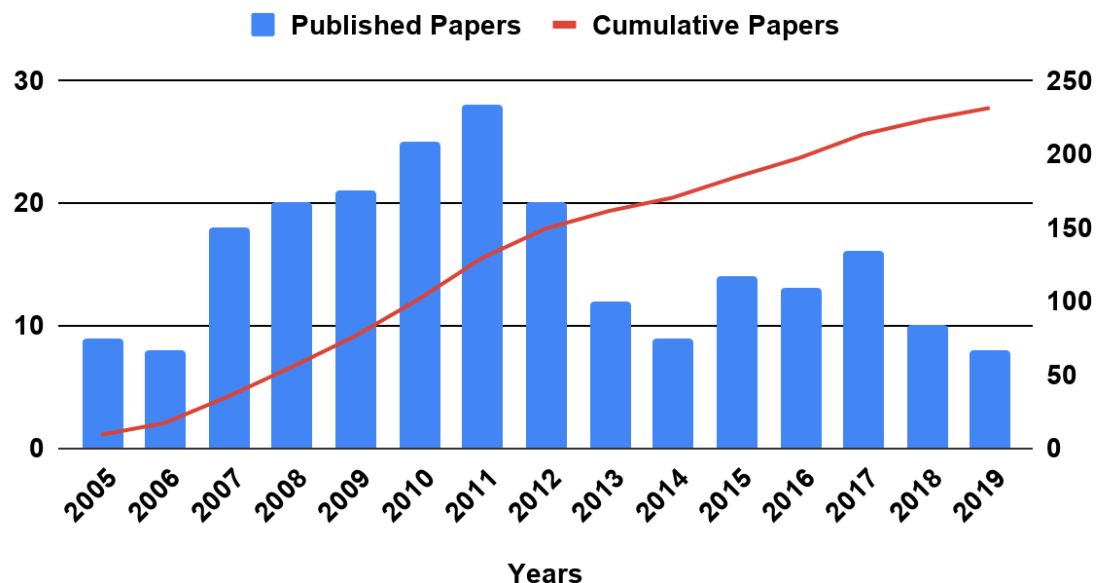
Though the pay-to-play model is still alive and well, there are now venues where publication is free and access is open or at nominal cost (*Zootaxa* is one example). Often these journals allow posting of pdf copies of articles on social media sites to promote

access for educational/research purposes. Many of the reasons for the creation of *Illiesia* are now gone.

The editors of *Illiesia* (Ed DeWalt, Bill Stark, and Nace Sivec) have recently witnessed a decline in the number of submitted manuscripts. We believe that this is due to our inability to offer certain services to our authors. The lack of an impact factor is key among these services. Unfortunately, the amount of effort it would take the editors to develop impact factors for *Illiesia* is prohibitive and nearly impossible with our small yearly output.

The dwindling submissions, lack of key modern services, and an aging web infrastructure has led the editors to the unfortunate decision to close the journal, effective immediately. We will work to archive all volumes and articles with ClockSS (archival service) and Ed will keep the website open for the next several years. There are a few manuscripts that have been reviewed and have been in the authors' hands for many months without revision. We realize this is a major inconvenience, but authors are requested to re-submit at another journal for publication. To all of you who have published in *Illiesia*, thank you for supporting the journal. You have contributed greatly to the science and knowledge of Plecoptera and it has been a pleasure publishing your papers.

### Published Papers and Cumulative Papers



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