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## POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON EPHEMEROPTERA

Submitted by W. L. Peters, Chair

A number of scientists have made requests to members of the Permanent Committee to formalize the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera into an international association. Reasons for such requests have ranged from more scholarship funds to developing a new international journal. These requests were considered at the meetings of the Permanent Committee during the VIIth International Conference on Ephemeroptera in Orono, Maine.

While the Permanent Committee believes these requests have merit, the development of an international association is very complex and should be considered thoroughly. The major goal of the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera is to involve scientists from around the world in the conferences. This goal has been achieved to a large extent; however, the formation of an international association at this time would require a dues structure that would be prohibitive to many scientists around the world who have participated in the conferences.

While each conference is individually financed by funds developed externally by the convenor and participant registration fees, there has been an increased need to develop new funds to conduct the business of the conferences. Additional funds are needed for more and larger scholarships, proceedings and other publications, and for awards and gifts. The Permanent Committee has been hesitant to meet these needs through dues.

In looking toward the successful future of the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera, the Permanent Committee makes the following recommendations for change:

1. Starting in 1993, the Permanent Committee will solicit donations from scientists and other interested groups worldwide who wish to make contributions to the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera. Donations can be made in any amount in one to multiple payments and should be designated in advance as either scholarships or as publication donations. No scientist will be excluded from the normal functions of the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera, because he/she is unable to donate; however, over time, benefits will be developed for scientists and groups through these donations.
2. All moneys designated as scholarship donations will be invested in the International Ephemeroptera Scholarship Fund, Inc., for conference travel scholarships.
3. Moneys designated publication donations will be placed in a new bank account to conduct the business of the conferences.
4. *The Mayfly Newsletter* will become the official newsletter of the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera. Dr. Peter M. Grant will continue to be Editor.
5. *Eatonia* will become an official publication of the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera. The format of *Eatonia* will remain the same. (See "Position," p. 2)



## Position, from p. 1

6. As a first step towards formation of an International Association: a) Two members-at-large will be elected to the Permanent Committee from the delegates attending the VIIIth International Conference in Switzerland. b) The locale for the IXth and subsequent International Conferences will remain the decision of the Permanent Committee as negotiations for locales start many years in advance. However, starting with the IXth International Conference, locales will be ratified by participants at the preceding conference. Normally, locales alternate between North America and Europe with occasional sites in other parts of the world. c) A subcommittee will be formed composed of members from the Permanent Committee and representatives from the delegates present at the VIIIth International Conference. This committee will report at the IXth International Conference on the feasibility and advisability of setting up an International Association, and will, if its report is in favor, present a plan for bylaws, motions, fee structures, elections of executives, committees, etc.

Editor's note: *The Mayfly Newsletter* will publish responses to this position statement. The Permanent Committee of the International Conferences on Ephemeroptera is composed of W. L. Peters, USA, Chair; J. Alba-Tercedor, Spain; I. Campbell, Australia; G. F. Edmunds, Jr., USA; J. F. Flannagan, Canada; J. Fontaine, France; K. E. Gibbs, USA; V. Landa, Czech Republic; I. Muller-Liebenau, Germany; and T. Soldan, Czech Republic.

## Ryszard Sowa

1934-1989

Alain Thomas published a very nice tribute to Ryszard Sowa, who died suddenly in December 1989: Thomas, A. 1992. A tribute to Ryszard Sowa (1934-1989). His scientific work. Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat., Toulouse 128:7-10. This paper contains some biographical information and also Alain's personal comments. Seventy-eight of Ryszard's publications are listed. Write to Alain at Laboratoire d'Hydrobiologie, Université Paul Sabatier, 118 route de Narbonne, Toulouse, 31 062, France.

## Dick Allen

1925-1992

George Edmunds reported that Richard K. (Dick) Allen died at his home in California on 7 August 1992. Chad Murvosh and George will write an obituary for publication. George mentioned that he and Chad have compiled a complete bibliography of Dick's papers (66) and a list of all his proposed taxa. The bibliography and list of taxa are available from George (Department of Biology, The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112 USA) or Chad (Department of Biological Sciences, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154 USA).

## Preliminary Announcement

Château d'Oex, Switzerland  
14-20 August 1995

Two major events for aquatic entomologists and hydrobiologists!

VIIIth International Conference on Ephemeroptera, 14-18 August 1995

and

XIIth International Symposium on Plecoptera, 18-20 August 1995

Both congresses will be held in Switzerland at Château d'Oex, a village in the Swiss Alps, located between the Bernese Oberland and the Lake Geneva area, at an altitude of 1,000 m. Château d'Oex is situated in an alpine valley and is close to many streams providing collecting sites for both mayflies and stoneflies. It is also near some attractive places for tourists such as Gruyères, Montreux and Gstaad.

This event will be organized jointly by the Institute of Zoology of Fribourg University (Peter Landolt) and the Museum of Zoology in Lausanne (Michel Sartori).

The first announcement (including registration costs, program, social events and so on) will be sent to interested people at the beginning of 1994. Those who already receive either *Perla* or *The Mayfly Newsletter* will be contacted directly. Others are asked to contact the following to receive further information: Dr. Michel Sartori, Mayfly-Stonefly Conference, Museum of Zoology, P.O. Box 448, CH-1000 Lausanne 17, SWITZERLAND, phone: + 41 21 312 83 36, FAX: + 41 21 23 68 40

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# More on Existing Databases on Mayflies

Javier Alba-Tercedor

As was published in the last issue of the *Newsletter*, there was some interest at the VIIth International Conference in Orono to develop a general database on mayflies that would be available for general use and that would be updated with the collaboration of a number of people. This idea is attractive, but the problem is that different people have different ideas and are using different computer packages. Here I want to introduce these packages and I promise to give a detailed study of each in future issues.

After the meeting in Orono, I knew that we had the following computer databases:

- a) A WordPerfect file containing species of mayflies with their taxonomic status. This belongs to Michael Hubbard (Florida), and it probably is the most complete list existing. He has been working very hard for many years and still continues to compile more data. My opinion is that he will publish a catalogue on the mayfly species of the world in the future. This database is not available for general use, but if some of you are interested in the status of a particular group, he is available to help you.
- b) A computer package for "Apple Macintosh" computed by Jean-Marc Elouard. This includes not only the bibliographic references but also the species and the capability of drawing distribution maps. As far as I know, he has a database on mayflies from Madagascar. This package is, as far as I know, the most impressive.
- c) I have a package computed in DBASE-III, named "BIBLIO," to handle any type of bibliographic reference. This includes around 3000 records with the subject, distribution, and genera recorded for each paper. The package is menu driven and can be used to print reports, cards for normal files, the bibliography for papers, etc. It is also possible to use multiple conditional searching. Moreover, mailings to colleagues can be handled by it. There are Spanish and English versions and a booklet with instructions.
- d) I recently received a letter from Carlo Belfiore (Italy) saying that he had computed a package, named BIB-LION, in Clipper language with an English version. He is compiling the mayfly literature in this package.
- e) Recently, one of our colleagues in Taiwan, Shih-Chang Kang, has developed a program for handling a database that includes about 3500 records with species name cards (most represent a copy of the Zoological Record from 1971 to 1991) and with about 2500 bibliographic records. This package would need some reconstruction to be able to be used by others and run on a PC.

Therefore, with so many important and impressive databases, it is difficult to decide which to use and how to unify criteria, especially when I haven't got the opportunity to study some of them. I will ask for more detailed information from the authors so that I will be able to analyze them in more detail. Most of the authors would be happy to distribute the programs freely. I suggest, however, that we should help a "good cause." For instance, I suggest that a small amount of money be requested for each program and that this money be placed in the trust fund for scholarships awarded by the International Ephemeroptera Scholarship Fund. [Editor's note: See article on p. 1]

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## Group Rates

Thinking ahead to the mayfly conference in Switzerland (see notice on p. 2), American Airlines currently offers a 16% discount off air fares for a group of individuals (minimum of 10) who make reservations on the same flight. I'll keep you up to date on this plan as the conference draws near. Group fares are certainly something to think about for 1995. If someone else has information on travel discounts, please send it to me and I will publish it.

## Change of Address

Occasionally I get a copy of the *Newsletter* returned because of an incorrect or an insufficient address. Most recently, a copy mailed to Luz Maria del Socorro Gil in Colombia was returned. If someone has her current mailing address, I would appreciate knowing what it is. Remember to keep me updated on address changes. Thanks.

## Reprint Swap

In response to an article in the last *Newsletter* about obtaining much needed reprints, Claudia Cressa suggested having a reprint swap at the NABS meeting in Calgary, 25-28 May 1993. If you plan to attend this meeting, how about stashing a few extra reprints in your suitcase just in case?

Also, Shih-Chang Kang sent a letter saying thanks to those of you who sent reprints to him.

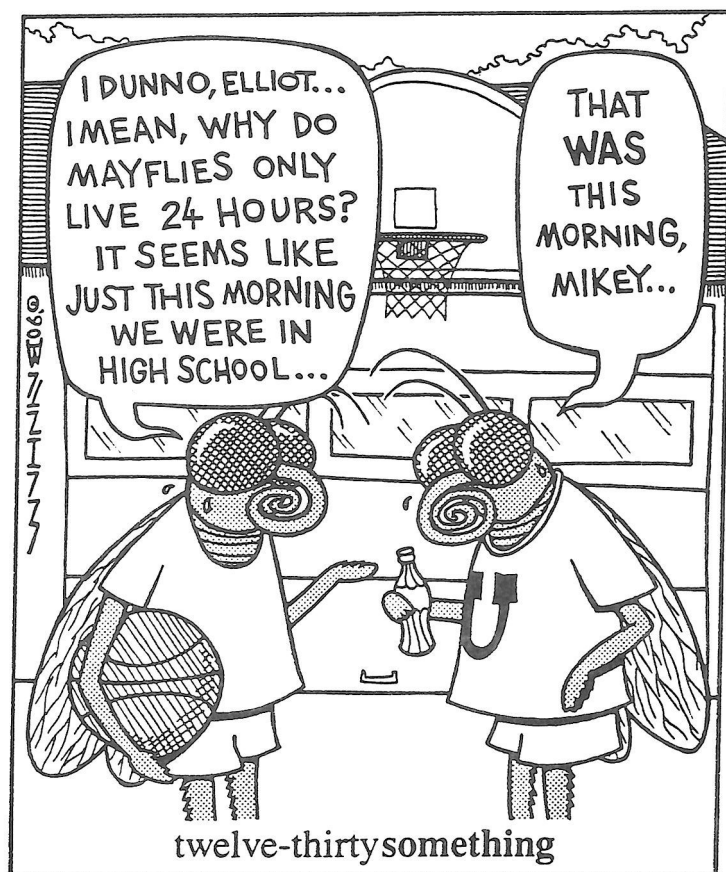
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