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PREFACE: Proceedings of the 13th International Symposium on Trichoptera

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The 13th International Symposium on Trichoptera took place in Bialowieża, Poland, in 22-27 June 2009, but the idea to organize the symposium there was evoked 3 years earlier. When, at the end of the symposium in Mexico City, Professor Hans Malicky suggested that the next symposium take place in Poland, the first question we asked ourselves was, "Where could we organize it?" That night we were discussing this issue with several colleagues and Wolfram Mey said, "Why not do it in Białowieża?" The idea was tempting. In the last 2 decades Trichoptera symposia were organized in big cities. The last one even took place in one of the largest cities of the world—Mexico City. By contrast, Białowieża is just a small village; but for researchers it is paradise. The significance of this last natural European forest for science is reflected in the presence of many scientific institutions there. And so, we decided that Bialowieża would be a perfect venue for our symposium.

Three years latter in June 2009, 65 Trichoptera researchers from 24 countries met here. Over 35 oral presentations and 41 posters were delivered. All of them were of high quality and many of them are published in this volume.

An important part of the symposium was various trips and excursions organized for the participants and accompanying persons. Although summer is usually warm and sunny in Poland, this year proved to be exceptionally wet and stormy. One such powerful thunderstorm descended on Bialowieża Forest in the midst of a walking tour of the Protected Area of the National Park. Within minutes all of us were soaked. We walked quickly through the primeval forest in the near darkness, interrupted occasionally by frightening flashes of lightening. While not entirely pleasant, this hike made us realize the power of the natural elements. The accompanying persons enjoyed trips in the surrounding area, visiting picturesque villages hidden among gently rolling hills.

The caddis on the symposium logo is *Tricholeiochiton fagesii* (Guinard), a species with a small larva that has extremely long legs and a transparent, secreted case. It is rare in Poland and very beautiful. We were inspired by a picture from Bert Higler's book, "De Nederlandse Kokerjufferlarven," in which a group of larvae looks similar to galloping horses. Bert actively participated in most of our symposia and wanted very much to be with us in Bialowieża. Unfortunately, due to illness he was unable to attend. A few months later Bert passed away. We dedicate this volume to his memory.

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