

The Third Baltic Coleopterists' Symposium

The Third Baltic Coleopterists' Symposium was held in Daugavpils, Latvia, on September 26-28, 2002. Entomologists from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Germany and Byelorussia, studying beetles (Coleoptera), gathered for the third occasion to present their recent research results on faunistics and ecology of this largest order of insects. The Symposium was organised by the Faculty of Biology, University of Daugavpils, and the Baltic Institute of Coleopterology headed by Dr. Arvids Barševskis.

A plenary lecture was given by Prof. Dietrich Mossakowski (Bremen, Germany): Regional composition of Baltic bog beetle assemblages. The results of the studies of the entomofauna of mires and bogs in Estonia, Latvia and the Kaliningrad region of Russia were presented. Considering the specificity of this journal, the presentation by A. Rutkiewicz (Poland) "Cambiophagous insects of pine and spruce in Białow-

ieza Primeval Forest" is also worth mentioning. Majority of other presentations (A. Barševskis, S. Huruk, J. Sklodowski, I. Solodovnikov, V. Tamutis) dealt with carabid beetles (Carabidae) in Latvia, Lithuania, Byelorussia and Poland.

An exhibition of entomological literature was open during the Symposium. A new issue of the "Baltic Journal of Coleopterology" (founded in 2001) and CD software for identification and taxonomy of leaf-beetles, the genus *Cryptocephalus* (Chrysomelidae) of the Palearctic region (by I.K. Lopatin and K.E. Dovgailo) were introduced. Field trips were organised to the Pilskalne and Silene nature parks and to the Ilgas Nature Reserve in the vicinity of Daugavpils.

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