

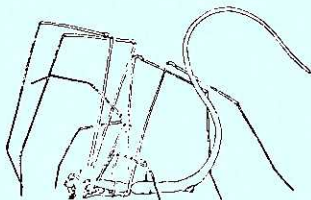
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American Arachnology Number 15 is following hard on the heels of AA # 14 mainly to bring you updated information about the 1976 regional meetings.



Meetings

WESTERN: There have been some changes made. The Meeting will be in San Francisco, June 18-20, Stan Williams host.

Dan Jennings, who was to have held the meeting in Albuquerque, received notice in January that his office (Forest Entomology Research, US Department of Agriculture) was being closed and that he was being transferred to Maine.

(We hope that Dan will offer to host a meeting another year; Maine is a lovely place, but perhaps not too suitable for a western regional meeting.)

We feel extremely fortunate to have found an alternate host and place for our 1976 Western Meeting on short notice.

NOTE: If you have received a notice about this meeting directly from Williams before this newsletter, the information in that notice is more recent.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, June 18

- 9-10 am Registration. There will be a fee of \$5-\$6 to cover lecture room rentals, coffee, etc.
- 10-12 Opening Address and Invited Papers
- 12-2 pm Lunch
- 2-5 Invited and contributed papers
- 7-8 Social at Steinhart Aquarium--no-host bar in front of Alligator Arena (the local way to control over-indulgence?)
- 8-9:30 Banquet. Arrangements not final, but cost about \$6-\$10. One of the attractions of San Francisco is the possibility of avoiding the Colonel.
- 9:30-10:30 Invited speaker--Arachnid films?

Saturday, June 19

- 9-10 am Invited Papers
- 10-12 Contributed papers
- 12-2 pm Lunch
- 2-3 Invited papers
- 3-5 Workshops

5-6 General meeting and closing remarks

Sunday, June 20

Field trip--one-day option for those who don't care to camp. Good possibilities for photography and collecting.
 --overnight and possibility of 2nd day for those who wish to camp and/or have the time.

Some of the invited speakers will be: Kaston on The Development and History of Arachnology, Schuster on The Use of the Scanning Electron Microscope in Arachnid Research, Briggs on Faunal Transplant Studies in Limestone Caves, Bentzien on Biology and Zoogeography of Diplurid Spiders, and Ennik on Biology and Medical Significance of Brown Recluse Spiders.

Some of the possibilities for workshops will include: Scorpion Identification, Phalangid Identification, Spider Identification, Amblypygid Identification, Acarine Identification, Photography--macro and micro, Numerical Taxonomy, Tools and Methods.

Housing Facilities: For those of you who fear that Big Cities mean Big Hotel Bills--good news! Dorm facilities are available at San Francisco State University for \$7 a night per person, double occupancy.

Anyone who wishes more information about attending the meeting or contributing a paper write directly to S. C. Williams, Biology Dept., San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132.



EASTERN: The Eastern Regional Meeting will be in Carbondale, Illinois, July 30 to August 1, Joe Beatty host.

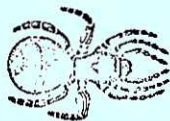
Registration will begin the evening before the meeting, on July 29. There will be a fee of \$5.50 for regular members, or \$3.50 for students. Registration will be in Brush Towers, 17-story structures, said to be conspicuous.

The meeting will include contributed papers, workshops on sampling methods, identification of salticids and lycosids, and a field trip, on July 31.

Dormitory rooms are available for \$8.50 a night, and camping in State Parks about 6 miles from Carbondale. Giant City and Lake Murphreesboro are two of the closest parks, and they do charge overnight camping fees (the standard rate is \$2-\$3 a night).

For those who prefer public transport to private cars, it is possible to reach Carbondale by Amtrack, Ozark Airlines or Air Illinois.

For further information about attendance or contributing a paper write to Joe Beatty, Department of Zoology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.



Exchanges & Requests

MARK STOWE, Room 48 Hurlburt House, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, would like to hear from anyone who could send him live bolas spiders, either American or foreign genera, or species of Celaenia other than kinbergi=excavata. Mark would also appreciate learning of any unpublished observations of habits of these spiders.

Announcements

Now Available: W. Kulczynski, Complete works on spiders (Araneae Hungariae excepted). 3 volumes with 2140 pages original text. Polish parts summarized in English. Edited and introduced by P. J. van Helsdingen.

Beginning in 1873 Kulczynski published a steady stream of papers describing spiders of Central Europe, Madeira, Eritrea, Kamchatka, Java, Sumatra and New Guinea. The accuracy of his diagnoses and adequate descriptions make his work useful even today. Price approx. \$202. Dr. W. Junk B. V., 13 Van Stolkweg, The Hague, The Netherlands.

For collecting equipment--nets, headlamps, night lights, light traps; Storage equipment--vials, vial cabinets, genitalia vials, insect boxes; other equipment for field, laboratory for the natural sciences: Bioquip Products, P.O. Box 61, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

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A NOISELESS PATIENT SPIDER

A noiseless patient spider
I mark'd where on a little promontory it stood isolated,
Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding,
It launch'd forth filament, filament, filament, out of itself.
Ever unreeling them, ever tirelessly speeding them.

And you O my soul where you stand,
Surrounded, detached, in measureless oceans of space,
Ceaselessly musing, venturing, throwing, seeking the spheres to connect them.
Till the bridge you will need be form'd, till the ductile anchor hold,
Till the gossamer thread you fling catch somewhere, O my soul.

--Walt Whitman