

## A tribute to Albert Lillehammer (1930-1992) and his scientific work

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It was with great shock that we received notification of the untimely death of our good friend and colleague Dr Albert Lillehammer. He had suffered a fatal heart attack in Stockholm on his return from giving a guest at the University of Umeå. In his scientific career, which spanned some 30 years, he had gained an international reputation for his work on stonefly taxonomy and ecology as well as in the field of regulated rivers research. Throughout his scientific career he worked at the Zoological Museum of the University of Oslo, progressing to this present position of Senior Curator of Entomology.

Albert Lillehammer was a pioneer in regulated rivers research. He was a founder member of the permanent committee responsible for arranging the international symposia on regulated streams. His active participation in research on regulated rivers, both nationally and internationally led to the Second International Symposium on Regulated Streams being arranged in Oslo in 1982. He chaired the organizing committee and also co-edited the proceedings, « Regulated Rivers ». In his M.Sc. thesis from 1964 he had compared a regulated river with an unregulated one, the Suldalslågen. The Suldalslågen was subsequently regulated and this particular Norwegian river and its salmon population always had a special significance for him. He frequently returned there to work and at the time of his death he was occupied more than ever with research on this salmon river in south-western Norway, not far from the town where he was born.

However, for many scientists Albert Lillehammer is probably better known as a skilled worker on stoneflies. In fact he took his doctorate in 1975

on the systematics, distribution and ecology of Norwegian stoneflies. He made a major contribution to our knowledge of stonefly life history strategies and his laboratory studies of egg and nymphal development are widely recognized. He was particularly interested in the variation in the morphological characters used in taxonomy and in 1988 he published his major taxonomic work, « The Stoneflies (Plecoptera) of Fennoscandia and Denmark ». This work will serve as an excellent key and information source on the region's stonefly fauna for many years to come.

His vision was to build up a strong scientific group in Norway in the field of river ecology. Some of it this was fulfilled, but much still remains for his colleagues and friends to complete. Albert will be sadly missed, both for his scientific achievements and for his pleasant and friendly nature. The scientific community, and in particular freshwater biology, has lost a valuable member.

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