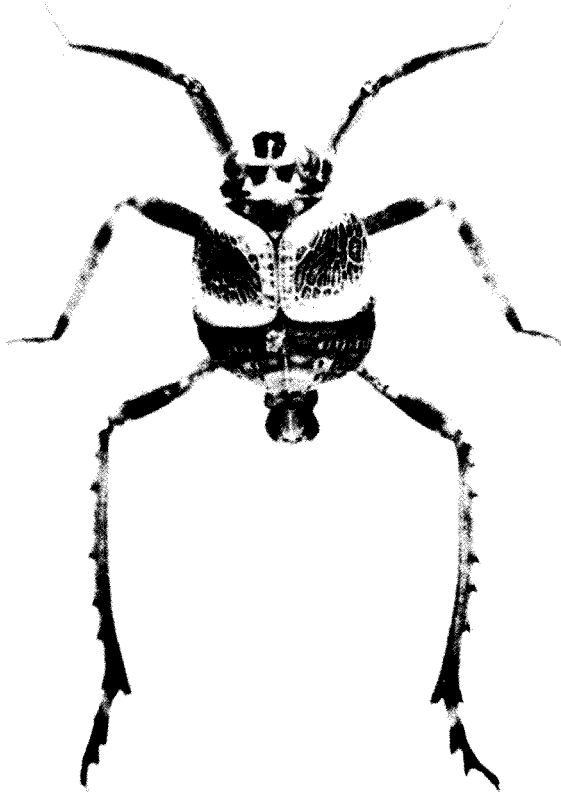


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Opening address

Opening address by the chairman of the Organizing Committee S. Drosopoulos

Dear Governor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Three years already have passed since the first meeting was organized here. Most of you remember the nice and fruitful time we have had in this fascinating area which was so tightly connected with us that everybody refers to it as «The Microlimni Congress». I hope that the new participants have been informed by reading the Proceedings and by Mike Wilson (Tymbal No 2, Antenna Vol. 8) as far as the area and our activities are concerned. It is a wishful thought that we will repeat them somehow once more. Therefore, there is no need for formal talks and for repeating the importance of this meeting. Only I would like again on behalf of the organizing committee, to welcome you in Microlimni.

As you may have noticed all afternoons are allocated to field trips for collecting, identifying material and demonstrating methods particularly specific to some groups of Hemiptera. For this purpose a special permission has been obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry since this area belongs to the «National Park of Prespa» where such activities are forbidden by law. Permission has been also asked from the Army Staff since we are in a military zone and from the «Elliniki Etairia» for using their Biological station where we are now. To all of them as well as to the sponsors of this Congress: Ministry of Culture (Minister M. Mercouri and general secretary C. Alavanos), the Prefecture of Florina County, (Governor F. Papayannis) the «Hellenic Zoological Society» (president S. Drosopoulos) and the «Helliniki Etairia» (president M. Skoulos) for their wishes addressed to us either by themselves or via telegram special acknowledgments are made here. Hereby I should announce also the best wishes mailed to the participants by the unforgettable and friendly Minister of Labour C. Giannopoulos known to us from the first meeting.

Finally I should read the letter of M. Asche and H. Hoch addressed to us: «We would like to transmit all our cordial wishes for a successful and friendly Congress to all the participants amongst which we have our dearest friends. We wish you all an enjoyable time—there's no need to emphasize that both of us would love to be with you—». Similar wishes we have received from other colleagues who were also unable to come.

Opening address by the County Governor F. Papayannis

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

Your presence, outstanding scientists, in this border territory in which I have the honour to serve as a representative of the Government, constitutes a special honour, indeed.

I am referring to the kind and quality of work you represent as much as to your presence, not as representatives of certain countries, but as representatives of your own values, of your own conscience.

Here, in Prespae, you are actually in your own environment!

In the environment that you can simultaneously meditate and observe the action and behaviour of the subject of your scientific interest, as well. Because the life-place of Prespae evidently concentrates the greatest specimen collection of nozzle-animals which is the object of your Assembly during these three days.

Your direct contact with the territory and its peculiarities, as well as with its people, will contribute vitally, I presume, to the effort of alternative development of the territory on one hand, and to the cultivation of ecological conscience of the people who live and act in the major territory, on the other.

And, through this point of view, I consider your presence here of essential importance. The conclusions of your Assembly will give us the basic resultant of the problem: «Development of the territory» so that after reason we may take our decisions, either as a Government, or as Local Self-Government, decisions which will not confront with or disturb the ecological system of the territory.

With these thoughts, I want to express my immense gladness that I am receiving you in this place, to congratulate the Organizing Committee for the perfect arrangement of the meeting and to wish you good luck at your work.

I also want to confirm you that I shall be at your disposal during all your works and stay here for whatever you might need.

Other activities and acknowledgments

As at the previous Congress besides the morning sessions afternoons were allocated to field trips, resting and swimming at the Megali Prespa lake. It is worth to mention here the collecting method of Aradidae demonstrated by E. Heiss and the Video-tape produced and shown to the participants by H. Strubing on the mating behaviour of *Euscelis*. The younger participants had the unique chance to get invited by the herdman George Daulas (Barbayorgis) at his shepherdshiding high in the mountains for dinner and overnighing in the open air.

Lunch and dinner were taken at the picturesque tavern of George Hassios and special recipies were made by his very friendly wife Lina. Of course, her delicious dinners were «strictly associated» with the well known, to the participants (Asche, Cobben, Drosopoulos, De Vrijer 1983) «Amynteon rose wine».

We also thank the inhabitants of Microlimni for letting rooms to all the participants and their spontaneously expressed love through their local dances during the farewell dinner. A lunch was offered to all participants by the Mayor of the village of Microlimni G. Constantinides and a dinner by the Governor F. Papayannis. To both of them as well as to G. Katsadorakis and J. Petrides (for various contributions to the success of the meeting) many thanks are due.

Closing Session

All participants expressed their thanks to the organizers (S. Drosopoulos and P. Petrakis). The Organizing committee expressed its sincere appreciation to all participants for their contribution to the success of the Congress which stimulated the agreement on a 3rd meeting. It has been decided that the third meeting will be organized either in Bulgaria by M. Josifov or in Yugoslavia by M. Gogala. Already now after personal communication with these two colleagues it has been decided that the third meeting will be organized by M. Gogala in Ljubljana (Yugoslavia) during the summer of 1989.

Participants

Austria	: E. Heiss
Germany W.	: R. Remane, Mrs Remane, I. Hopp, D. Kammerschen, H. Strubing
Greece	: S. Drosopoulos, P. Petrakis, G. Katsadorakis, V. Koutsoumpa
Holland	: R.H. Cobben, W. Cobben, P. De Vrijer
Italy	: V. D'Urso, S. Ippolito, A. Guglielmino, F. Lobardo
Lebanon	: H. Abdul-Nour
U.K.	: M.C. Gillham
Yugoslavia	: M. Gogala, Mrs Gogala, A. Gogala
Missing	: M. Asche, H. Hoch, G. Zimmermann, H. Günther, L. Jankovic, M. Josifov, N. Lodos, M. Klein, M. Loukas, L. Argyriou, V. Kokkinos, N. Zeidan-Geze, D. Evans, R. Carmelo, G. Nixon, M. Wilson.