

## **PREFACE**

The Second International Simuliidae Symposium was held from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2006 at the Faculty of Agriculture in Novi Sad, Serbia. After the great success of the First Symposium, which was held at the Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, and organized by Dr. Doreen Werner, it was a tremendous challenge and a serious task to attract, animate, and encourage the participation of scientists and students involved in blackfly research. One of the major goals was to gather members of Simuliidae working groups of Central Europe and Great Britain, as well as those working on the same subject but spread throughout other working groups such as Blackfly and the European Mosquito Control Association - Blackfly Working Group and the North American Blackfly Association.

With 48 participants from 14 countries (Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Mexico, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, UK, USA), this symposium demonstrated an increasing interest in topics related to blackflies, an insect group of special medical and veterinary importance. During two working days, 31 scientific presentations were given, covering systematics, evolution, biogeography, ecology, behavior, physiology, natural enemies, symbiotic interactions, economic impacts, and management.

As a continuation of the good tradition of publishing papers presented at distinguished entomological meetings in full length, this supplementary volume of Acta Entomologica Serbica contains those submitted to the Second International Simuliidae Symposium. We are very grateful to all authors for their contributions and to the Ministry of Science and Environment Protection of the Republic of Serbia, which financially supported the publication of this supplement.

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Participants of the Second International Simuliidae Symposium, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2006, Novi Sad, Serbia

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