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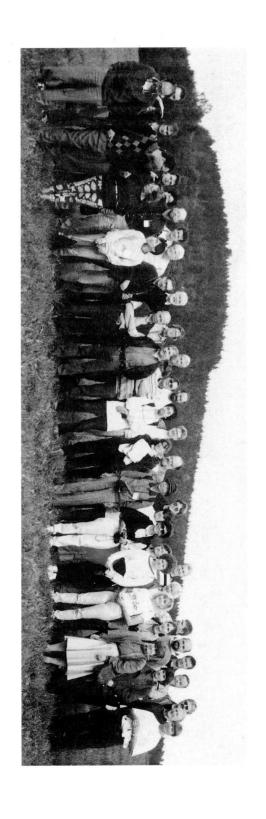
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The papers published in this volume of the *European Journal of Entomology* were presented at the Second European Workshop of Invertebrate Ecophysiology. The meeting was organised by Dr. Magdalena Hodková through the Institute of Entomology of the Czech Academy of Sciences and the Faculty of Biological Sciences in the University of South Bohemia. The workshop attracted about 50 participants, including scientists from Japan, USA, South Africa and Russia, as well as most European countries.

The meeting was based around six main themes: Latitudinal and altitudinal adaptations, Resistance to cold and drought, Cold hardiness, respiratory metabolism in relation to environment, Diapause and life history strategies, and Temperature effects. Each topic was introduced by a keynote lecture: Geographic variation of life cycle in crickets (S. Masaki, Hirosaki University, Japan); Cold or drought – the lesser of two evils for terrestrial arthropods? (W. Block, Cambridge, UK); Insect cold hardiness: a matter of life or death (J.S. Bale, Birmingham, UK); The adaptive significance of respiratory metabolism in arthropods (S.L. Chown, Pretoria, South Africa). Invited review lectures were also presented on Anhydrobiosis and cold hardiness in tardigrades (L. Sømme, Oslo, Norway); Regulation of supercooling and ice nucleation in insects (R.E. Lee Jr., Oxford, Ohio, USA); The multiple stressor approach in ecophysiology (H.A. Verhoef, Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and The end of diapause – a point of view (I. Hodek, České Budějovice, Czech Republic).

The main impressions to emerge from the workshop, reflected in these published papers, were the increasingly dominant role of cold resistance studies (categories of cold hardiness, overwintering survival, control of ice nucleation, antifreeze proteins), the importance of water management and the need for a more comprehensive approach to the study of respiratory metabolism (including CO₂) in arthropods, the evolution and ecological significance of diapause, and the possible future impact of components of global climate change.

All the papers published in this volume have been subject to the normal refereeing procedure of the journal. The guest editors would like to thank the editorial office of the *European Journal of Entomology* for their assistance in the preparation of this issue. The next meeting in the sequence of European Workshops of Invertebrate Ecophysiology will be in Birmingham (UK) in September 1998.

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