

Not just a taxonomist, but a naturalist! The foundations of “Froehlich’s Autonomous Stonefly Republic”

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ABSTRACT

Prof. Dr. Claudio Gilberto Froehlich's career is presented here using numbers and actions guided by a genuine way to study biodiversity, especially aquatic ecosystems. An extensive number of publications is accompanied by an investment in human resources training and establishing a vast network of collaborators and friendships. Dr. Peter Zwick mentioned the Southeast Region of Brazil as “Froehlich's Autonomous Stonefly Republic”, to express the magnitude of Prof. Froehlich's scientific production on Neotropical Plecoptera. In this special volume in honor of Prof. Froehlich, the numbers of his career support Zwick's affirmation. Thirty-nine students graduated in MSc and/or PhD courses, two books, and 20 book chapters were published, as well as 95 articles on geoplanids, onychophorans, cnidarians, mayflies, coleopterans, caddisflies, and especially stoneflies. Froehlich's legacy includes different ways to observe nature, from taxonomy to ecology, from flatworms to stoneflies.

The first steps in Natural History

Born on June 10, 1927, in São Paulo, Brazil, Professor Dr. Claudio Gilberto Froehlich (CGF) took his initial steps in the realm of Natural History. In 1951, he earned his bachelor's degree in Natural History from the University of São Paulo (USP). The year 1954 marked a significant milestone in his academic journey when he successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis, entitled “Morphology and Taxonomy of Geoplanidae,” under the supervision of Professor Dr. Ernst Marcus (1893–1968) at the Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciências, USP (as depicted in Fig. 1).

Professor CGF embarked on his teaching career in 1952, imparting knowledge in Zoology to undergraduate students pursuing the Natural History course, later renamed Biological Sciences in 1961, at USP. As a dedicated educator, he played an instrumental role in shaping the budding biologists of his era, many of whom went on to lay the foundation for Brazilian zoology and entomology. His influence as a teacher is vividly illustrated in Prof. Dr. Nelson Papavero's biographical article: “Some teachers were important during my undergraduate years.

One of them was Professor Claudio Froehlich, who is now at the FFCLRP [Faculdade de Filosofia, Ciências e Letras de Ribeirão Preto]. We became friends early on. He has an incredible knowledge of zoology” (Klappa and Santos, 2014).

CGF's journey as a teacher commenced in 1952, and within just three years, he published his first article. During his initial phase as a researcher, he authored nine articles, providing detailed descriptions of 59 species of Geoplanidae (Platyhelminthes) (Froehlich, 1955a, 1955b, 1956a, 1956b, 1957, 1958, 1960a, 1967, 1972). This remarkable body of work accounted for nearly one-third of all Brazilian species (199 species) in the field (Lago-Barcia et al., 2023) (refer to Table 1).

Even today, CGF's legacy in geoplanids systematics and biology continues to shine brightly. Four decades after his last publication on geoplanids, during the XXIX Congresso Brasileiro de Zoologia in Salvador, Bahia state (2012), Professor CGF was pleasantly surprised by a group of enthusiastic students and researchers who sought him out to express their admiration for his contributions to the study of land planarians. With his characteristic humor, Prof. Claudio remarked to one of the authors, “After all these years, they must think I'm a ghost!”

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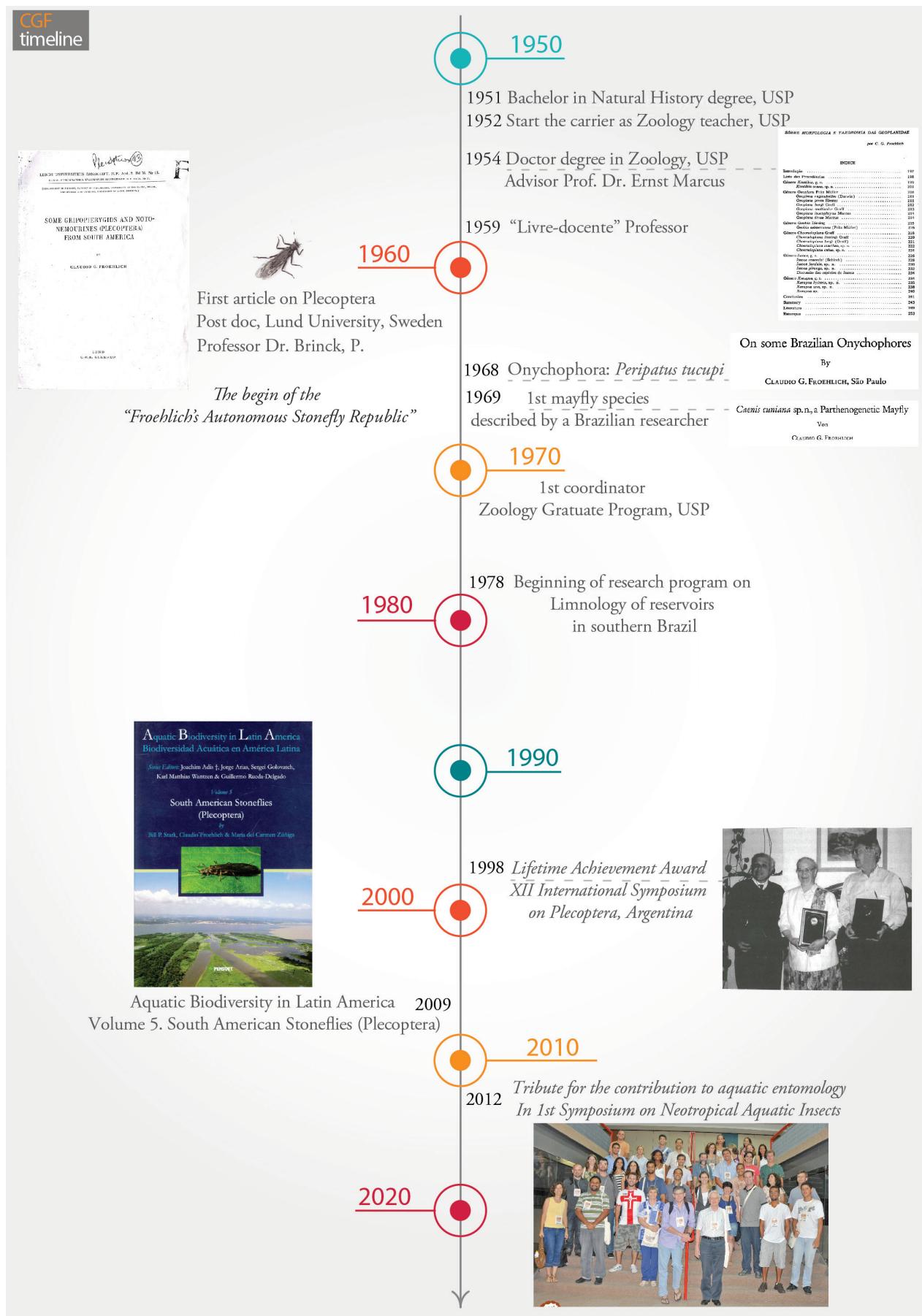


Table 1

Taxa described by C. G. Froehlich which occur in Brazil, including land planarians, onychophorans, and aquatic insects (Source: CTFB).

PLATYHELMINTHES:	<i>Amaga righii</i> (Froehlich & Froehlich, 1972)
GEOPLANIDAE	<i>Cephaloflexa nataliae</i> (Froehlich, 1959)
	<i>Choeradoplana catua</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Choeradoplana marthae</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Cratera joia</i> (Froehlich, 1956)
	<i>Geoplana beckeri</i> Froehlich, 1959
	<i>Geoplana cafusa</i> Froehlich, 1956
	<i>Geoplana chita</i> Froehlich, 1956
	<i>Geoplana fragai</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Geoplana jandira</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Geoplana nigra</i> Froehlich, 1959
	<i>Geoplana picta</i> Froehlich, 1956
	<i>Geoplana toriba</i> Froehlich, 1957
	<i>Issoca</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Issoca jandaia</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Issoca piranga</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Issoca potyra</i> Froehlich, 1957
	<i>Luteostriata fita</i> (Froehlich, 1959)
	<i>Notogynaphallia mourei</i> (Froehlich, 1956)
	<i>Notogynaphallia nana</i> (Froehlich, 1956)
	<i>Notogynaphallia plumbea</i> (Froehlich, 1956)
	<i>Obama apeva</i> (Froehlich, 1959)
	<i>Obama assu</i> (Froehlich, 1959)
	<i>Obama glieschi</i> (Froehlich, 1959)
	<i>Obama poca</i> (Froehlich, 1957)
	<i>Obama riesteri</i> (Froehlich, 1955)
	<i>Obama schubarti</i> (Froehlich, 1957)
	<i>Obama tapira</i> (Froehlich, 1958)
	<i>Paraba caapora</i> (Froehlich, 1957)
	<i>Paraba gaucha</i> (Froehlich, 1959)
	<i>Paraba suva</i> (Froehlich, 1959)
	<i>Pasipha hauseri</i> (Froehlich, 1959)
	<i>Pasipha oliverioi</i> (Froehlich, 1955)
	<i>Xerapoa</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Xerapoa hystrix</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Xerapoa una</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Diporodemus hymanae</i> Froehlich & Froehlich, 1972
	<i>Kontikia</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Kontikia orana</i> Froehlich, 1955
	<i>Epiperipatus tucupi</i> (Froehlich, 1968)
ONYCHOPHORA:	
PERIPATIDAE	
ARTHROPODA:	
INSECTA	
	Plecoptera:
	<i>Gripopteryx clemira</i> Lecci & Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Gripopteryx coruja</i> Froehlich, 1993
	<i>Gripopteryx flinti</i> Froehlich, 1993
	<i>Gripopteryx japi</i> Lecci & Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Gripopteryx juetah</i> Froehlich, 1990
	<i>Gripopteryx liana</i> Froehlich, 1993
	<i>Gripopteryx pilosa</i> Froehlich, 1990
	<i>Gripopteryx pinima</i> Froehlich, 1993
	<i>Gripopteryx serrensis</i> Froehlich, 1993
	<i>Guaranyperla</i> Froehlich, 2001
	<i>Guaranyperla beckeri</i> Froehlich, 2001
	<i>Guaranyperla guapiara</i> Froehlich, 2001
	<i>Guaranyperla nitens</i> Froehlich, 2001
	<i>Paragripopteryx anga</i> Froehlich, 1969
	<i>Paragripopteryx blanda</i> Froehlich, 1969
	<i>Paragripopteryx delicata</i> Froehlich, 1994
	<i>Paragripopteryx egena</i> Froehlich, 1994
	<i>Paragripopteryx guardae</i> Froehlich, 1994
	<i>Paragripopteryx hamata</i> Froehlich, 1994
	<i>Paragripopteryx meru</i> Froehlich, 1994
	<i>Tupiperla</i> Froehlich, 1969
	<i>Tupiperla eleonorae</i> (Froehlich, 1988)
	<i>Tupiperla illiesi</i> Froehlich, 1998
	<i>Tupiperla jumirim</i> Bispo & Froehlich, 2007

Table 1

Continued...

ARTHROPODA:	<i>Tupiperla modesta</i> Froehlich, 1998
INSECTA	<i>Tupiperla oliveirai</i> Froehlich, 1998
	<i>Tupiperla reichardti</i> Froehlich, 1998
	<i>Tupiperla robusta</i> Froehlich, 1998
	<i>Tupiperla sulina</i> Froehlich, 1998
	<i>Tupiperla umbra</i> Froehlich, 1998
	<i>Anacroneuria amargosa</i> Righi-Cavallaro & Froehlich, 2013
	<i>Anacroneuria amazonica</i> Froehlich, 2003
	<i>Anacroneuria boraceiensis</i> Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Anacroneuria brandaoi</i> Bispo & Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Anacroneuria caraa</i> De Ribeiro & Froehlich, 2007
	<i>Anacroneuria caraja</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Anacroneuria cathia</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Anacroneuria fiorentini</i> De Ribeiro & Froehlich, 2007
	<i>Anacroneuria fittkaui</i> Froehlich, 2003
	<i>Anacroneuria flintorum</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Anacroneuria guakuru</i> Froehlich, 2007
	<i>Anacroneuria iporanga</i> Bispo & Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Anacroneuria itajaimirim</i> Bispo & Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Anacroneuria mantiqueirae</i> Froehlich, 2010
	<i>Anacroneuria marlieri</i> Froehlich, 2001
	<i>Anacroneuria ofaye</i> Froehlich, 2007
	<i>Anacroneuria payqua</i> Froehlich, 2007
	<i>Anacroneuria petersi</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Anacroneuria quilombola</i> Righi-Cavallaro & Froehlich, 2013
	<i>Anacroneuria rondoniae</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Anacroneuria simulans</i> Froehlich, 2010
	<i>Anacroneuria stanjewetti</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Anacroneuria tabatae</i> Froehlich, 2010
	<i>Anacroneuria tinga</i> Bispo & Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Anacroneuria toriba</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Anacroneuria tupi</i> Bispo & Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Anacroneuria uyara</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Anacroneuria vanini</i> Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Anacroneuria xinguensis</i> Froehlich, 2002
	<i>Kempnyia alterosarum</i> Froehlich, 1988
	<i>Kempnyia auberti</i> Froehlich, 1996
	<i>Kempnyia goiana</i> Bispo & Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Kempnyia guassu</i> Froehlich, 1988
	<i>Kempnyia jatim</i> Froehlich, 1988
	<i>Kempnyia kaingang</i> Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Kempnyia mirim</i> Froehlich, 1984
	<i>Kempnyia ocellata</i> Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Kempnyia oliveirai</i> Bispo & Froehlich, 2004
	<i>Kempnyia petersoni</i> Froehlich, 1996
	<i>Kempnyia pinhoi</i> Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Kempnyia pirata</i> Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Kempnyia reichardti</i> Froehlich, 1984
	<i>Kempnyia sazimai</i> Froehlich, 1988
	<i>Kempnyia tamoya</i> Froehlich, 1984
	<i>Kempnyia tijucana</i> Dorvillé & Froehlich, 1997
	<i>Kempnyia tupinamba</i> Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Kempnyia umbrina</i> Froehlich, 1988
	<i>Kempnyia vanini</i> Froehlich, 1988
	<i>Macrogynopla delicata</i> Ribeiro-Ferreira & Froehlich, 1999
	<i>Macrogynopla poranga</i> Ribeiro-Ferreira & Froehlich, 1999
	<i>Macrogynopla pulchra</i> Ribeiro-Ferreira & Froehlich, 1999
	<i>Macrogynopla veneranda</i> Froehlich, 1984
	Ephemeroptera:
	<i>Caenis cuniana</i> Froehlich, 1969
	<i>Segesta riograndensis</i> Siegloch, Polegatto & Froehlich, 2006
	<i>Thraulodes amanda</i> Mariano & Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Thraulodes pelicanus</i> Mariano & Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Thraulodes xavantinensis</i> Mariano & Froehlich, 2011
	Diptera:
	<i>Fissimentum fordlandense</i> Pinho & Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Fissimentum guairensense</i> Pinho & Froehlich, 2011
	<i>Fissimentum mateusi</i> Pinho & Froehlich, 2011

Undoubtedly, his enduring passion for the study of planarians remains unwavering. On numerous occasions, he extended invitations to students, encouraging them to step out of the confines of their collection sites and embark on quests to discover geoplanids.

The foundation of “Froehlich's Autonomous Stonefly Republic”

The “Froehlich's Autonomous Stonefly Republic” was mentioned by Dr. Peter Zwick during the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Awardees 1998, International Association of Plecopterists (Fig. 2).

The foundation of the republic started in 1960 when CGF published “On The Stonefly Fauna Of Western Lule Lappmark, Swedish Lapland” (Brinck and Froehlich, 1960a), and “The Reproductive Organs Of The Plecopteron *Isoperla grammatica*” (Poda, 1767)” (Brinck and Froehlich, 1960b). These two papers on European fauna were written during his post-doctoral period at Lund University, Sweden, with the coauthor and supervisor, Professor Dr. Per Simon Valdemar Brinck (1919–2013).

In the same year, CGF published his first article on Neotropical stoneflies as a single author, “Some Gripopterygids and Notonemourines (Plecoptera) From South America” (Froehlich, 1960b). Ever since, he has published many works on ecology and taxonomy of aquatic insects, especially stoneflies (Froehlich, 1964a, 1969b, 1981, 1984a, 1984b, 1984c, 1988, 1990a, 1990b, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 1999a, 2000, 2001a, 2002a, 2002b, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009a, 2009b, 2010a, 2010b, 2011a, 2011b, 2011c, 2012, 2015, 2016; Dorvillé and Froehlich, 1999; Froehlich and Oliveira, 1997; Ribeiro-Ferreira and Froehlich, 1999, 2001; Bispo and Froehlich, 2004a, 2004b, 2007, 2008; Bispo et al., 2005; Ribeiro and Froehlich, 2007; Righi-Cavallaro and Froehlich, 2013; Righi-Cavallaro et al., 2013, 2014).

The “Catalogue of Neotropical Plecoptera” published in Illiesia (Froehlich, 2010a) and the book “Aquatic Biodiversity in Latin America. South American Stoneflies (Plecoptera)” (Stark et al., 2009) constitute fundamental references to any researcher working on Neotropical stoneflies.

Professor CGF was not the first South American researcher dedicated to aquatic insects, especially stoneflies, however, he was the first South American-born researcher to study aquatic insects. This led Zwick (1999) to declare that “a large part of the South American Subcontinent is now well studied, by a resident South American student”. Prof. Claudio has always been dedicated to research on Plecoptera, and participating in almost all International Symposium on Plecoptera held around the world. Always taking knowledge of Brazil's Plecoptera to the world (Figs. 5–7).

Professor CGF also dedicated his time to advisory activities. Presently, at least five active researchers are dedicated to stoneflies in Brazil (Dr. Pitágoras C. Bispo, Universidade Estadual Paulista, Assis, São Paulo state; Dr. Lucas Silveira Lecci, Universidade de Cuiabá, Rondonópolis, Mato Grosso state; Dr. Karina O. Righi-Cavallaro, Universidade Federal do Mato Grosso do Sul, Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul state; Dr. Lucas Henrique de Almeida, Universidade Estadual Paulista, Assis, São Paulo state), and Argentina (Dr. Tácio Duarte, Centro de Investigación Esquel de Montaña y Estepa Patagónica, Esquel, Chubut province), all of them belonging to CGF's direct lineage (Fig. 2). In Brazil, two other researchers have received CGF's contributions by collaboration in papers or evaluation committees (Dra. Fernanda Avelino-Capistrano, Centro Universitário São José, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro state; Dr. José Moacir Ferreira Ribeiro, Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, Belém, Pará state).

The legacy of Prof. CGF is clearly expressed in the Brazilian stonefly taxonomy (Table 1). Considering the current knowledge about the Brazilian stoneflies, 200 stonefly species have been described until now, 83 (ca. 42%) of them described by CGF (65 species described exclusively by him (35%), and the other 18 in collaborations). If we consider only the taxonomy of Brazilian stoneflies after 1969, the year of his first valid species description (*Paragripopteryx anga* Froehlich, 1969b), the contribution of Prof. CGF can be better scaled. Excluding the 68 stonefly species described before 1964, the 83 species described by CGF represent circa 63% of the total (132 species). Considering the CGF's impact in the second and third levels (species described by his academic descendants), the contribution is above 90%, with only 12 species described by other authors.

Not just a taxonomist, but a naturalist who integrated systematics and ecology

CGF's exemplary and productive scientific career did not stop on the geoplanids and stoneflies (Fig. 1), as he also studied onychophorans (Froehlich, 1963a, 1968) and cnidarians (Froehlich, 1963b). Froehlich (1968) proposed the first revisionary paper on Brazilian Onychophora, which included comments on three described species, *Epiperipatus edwardsii* (Blanchard, 1847), *Macroperipatus acacioi* (Marcus & Marcus, 1955), *Peripatus (Peripatus) evelinae* Marcus, 1937 (a new combination and a lectotype designation), and the description of a new species, *Peripatus (Epiperipatus) tucupi*, based on two female specimens from the state of Pará (Sampaio-Costa et al., 2009). This species was reallocated to *Epiperipatus tucupi* by Peck (1975).



A



B

Figure 2 Awards received by Prof. Dr. C. G. Froehlich. A, Lifetime Achievement Award, offered by International Association of Plecopterologists, XII International Symposium on Plecoptera, Tucumán, Argentina (1998); B, Plate offered by students and colleagues for the outstanding contribution to Neotropical Aquatic Entomology, 3rd Symposium on Neotropical Aquatic Insects, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil (2015).

Froehlich (1963b) is his single contribution on cnidarians. CGF recorded the occurrence of the polyp stage of *Craspedacusta sowerbii* (peach blossom jellyfish), a species of freshwater hydrozoan jellyfish native to the Yangtze basin in China that has been introduced on every continent except for Antarctica.

Among aquatic insects, Prof. CGF also dedicated to the study of mayflies (Froehlich, 1963c, 1964b, 1969a; Ferreira and Froehlich, 1992; Polegatto and Froehlich, 2001, 2003, 2009; Lopes et al., 2003; Siegloch et al., 2006, 2012; Mariano and Froehlich, 2007; Mariano et al., 2011; Dias et al., 2007), coleopterans (Segura et al., 2013), caddisflies (Oliveira and Froehlich, 1996; Crisci-Bispo et al., 2004; Calor and Froehlich, 2008; Calor et al., 2016; Spies and Froehlich, 2009; Quinteiro et al., 2011) and dipterans (Pinho & Froehlich, 2011).

CGF was the first Brazilian researcher to publish a new mayfly species, *Caenis cuniana* Froehlich, 1969 (Caenidae). It was described based on a parthenogenetic species (Fig. 3) from Estação Biológica de Boracéia, Salesópolis, São Paulo state.

During the decades of 1970s and 1980s, CGF divided his attention between studying aquatic insects and limnology, especially the ecology of reservoirs in São Paulo state (Froehlich et al., 1978; Arcifa et al., 1981a, 1981b; Froehlich and Arcifa, 1984, 1986). Later, GCF scientific contributions were directed to stream ecology, under the main objectives of BIOTA-FAPESP projects (Oliveira and Froehlich, 1998a, 1998b; Melo and Froehlich, 2001a, 2001b, 2004a, 2004b, 2022; Bispo and Froehlich,

2004a; Bispo et al., 2002a, 2002b; Spies et al., 2006; Crisci-Bispo et al., 2007a, 2007b; Siegloch et al., 2008; Roque et al., 2008; Corbi et al., 2010, 2011a, 2011b; Suriano et al., 2011) (Table 1). Two of the articles (Melo and Froehlich, 2001a, 2001b) of this period have been the most cited of CGF's career, with 150 and 115 citations until now (public profile of Scholar Google).

BIOTA period and the Laboratório de Entomologia Aquática, Universidade de São Paulo (USP), Ribeirão Preto

In 1985, CGF retired and moved out to Ribeirão Preto city, São Paulo state, where he started a new cycle at Faculdade de Filosofia, Ciências e Letras de Ribeirão Preto, USP, teaching at the Graduate Entomology Program and participating in the training of several students, mainly on aquatic insects. During this period, he coordinated two of the most critical projects on the aquatic biodiversity of Brazil, the BIOTA projects granted by FAPESP named "Survey and Biology of Freshwater Crustacea, Insecta and Mollusca from São Paulo state" (1999–2003) and "Survey and Biology of Aquatic Insecta and Oligochaeta from lotic systems in the State of São Paulo" (2005–2009). With these projects, CGF was able to build roots in the interior of the State of São Paulo, providing resources to build a laboratory specialized in aquatic insects, that trained researchers in systematics and ecology.



Figure 3 The foundation of "Froehlich's Autonomous Stonefly Republic". A, Claudio G. Froehlich (CGF), his Ph.D. students Adolfo R. Calor (ARC) and Rodolfo Mariano (RM), and Dr. Eduardo Domínguez (ED) in a collection expedition at the Estação Biológica de Boracéia (EBB/USP), Salesópolis, São Paulo, Brazil, 2007; B, CGF in his classic undergraduate course "Aquatic Entomology" at the EBB/USP, 2005; CGF, his PhD students ARC and RM, and ED in a light trap collect, 2007; CGF and ED in Venerando river, in EBB, collecting stoneflies and mayflies.

During the BIOTA period, CGF experienced the most productive time of his career in different aspects (Fig. 3), with 58 articles (61% of his total), 53 new species described (~45% of total), and 22 graduate students (nine M.Sc., and 13 Ph.D. students), almost 50% of the total.

Prof. Dr. Claudio Froehlich and his own way of mentorship

In parallel to scientific publications, CGF invested a lot of his time forming the next generation of Brazilian researchers (Fig. 4), directly through formal advising of students or indirectly by collaboration on papers or examining committees.

Prof. CGF has also had a prolific career as an advisor, shown in his high Descendancy index (Di = number of academic descendants, direct and indirect), which is 3,056 *sensu* Acacia Platform (<http://plataforma-acacia.org/profile/claudio-gilberto-froehlich/>). Considering the Di, CGF's first generation presents outstanding researchers, which evidences the success of his mentoring approach (e.g., Dr. Ivan Sazima, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Di = 1,350; Dr. Aristides Pereira Rocha, Faculdade de Saúde Pública, USP, Di = 441; Dr. Hitoshi Nomura, Escola Superior de Agricultura Luiz de Queiroz, USP, Di = 432; and Dr. José Henrique Guimarães (Museu de Zoologia, USP, Di = 286).

The direct CGF's academic descendancy is 41, counting M.Sc. and Ph.D. students, most of them working (or retired) at Brazilian public universities (26, around 70%). Another five of them work at Brazilian private universities, three in research institutes (Instituto Butantan and Instituto de Pesca, both in São Paulo state), and three are in the private sector as teachers or environmental consultants. Considering the 31 former students working (or retired) at Brazilian universities, we can observe the breadth of Prof. CGF's legacy (Fig. 4). Research centers have been established at universities in all Brazilian regions (four in the Central-western region, one in the Northern region, two in the Northeastern region, four in the Southern region, and 21 in the Southeastern region). Some of these research centers focus on the systematics of aquatic insects, others on ecological studies, but most are developing integrative research with systematics, biogeography, and ecology (Table 2).

CGF also contributed to academic management as the first coordinator (1970–1972) of the Graduate Program in Zoology of the Institute of Biosciences, USP, which was the single Zoology Ph.D. program in Brazil for a long time. Later, in Ribeirão Preto, CGF contributed to the Graduate Program in Entomology, USP, as a member of its deliberative committee, and member of the several evaluation committees of Ph.D. theses and M.Sc. dissertations.

Homages to Prof. Claudio Froehlich in zoological nomenclature

Prof. CGF had an enormous number of species named after him, another clear indication of his importance in Brazilian zoology. These homages comprise 35 species in 21 families of seven insect orders (three Coleoptera: two Elmidae, and one Torridincolidae; six Diptera, all Chironomidae; six Ephemeroptera: one Leptocephalidae, four Leptophlebiidae and one Polymitarcyidae; one Mecoptera, Bittacidae; one Neuroptera, Myrmeleontidae; five Plecoptera: two Perlidae, and three Gripopterygidae; fifteen Trichoptera: five Leptoceridae, two Hydroptilidae, Two Polycentropodidae and one each of the families Atriplectididae, Calamoceratidae, Hydrobiosidae, Hydropsychidae, Glossosomatidae and Philopotamidae). In addition, CGF has been honored with three insect genera names: *Claudioperla* Illies, 1963 (Plecoptera, Gripopterygidae), *Claudiella* Reichardt & Vanin, 1976 (Coleoptera, Torridincolidae), and *Claudiotendipes* Andersen, Mendes & Pinho, 2017 (Diptera, Chironomidae). Two other species were described in CGF's honor, one in Crustacea (Copepoda, Parastenocariidae) and one in Platyhelminthes (Tricladida, Geoplanidae). All taxa names are presented below.

INSECTA

COLEOPTERA

ELMIDAE

Hexacylloepus froehlichi Polizei, Barclay & Bispo, 2020
(Polizei et al., 2020)

Macrelmis froehlichi Barbosa, Fernandes & Oliveira, 2013

TORRIDINCOLIDAE

Claudiella Reichardt & Vanin, 1976

DIPTERA

CHIRONOMIDAE

Axarus froehlichi Andersen & Mendes, 2002

Claudiotendipes Andersen, Mendes & Pinho, 2017

Claudiotendipes froehlichi Andersen, Mendes & Pinho, 2017

Claudiotendipes gilbertoi Pinho & Fusari, 2023

Oukuriella froehlichi Fusari, Bellodi & Lamas, 2014

Tapajos froehlichi Pinho & Fusari, 2023

EPHEMEROPTERA

LEPTOHYPHIDAE

Loricyphes froehlichi Molineri & Mariano, 2015

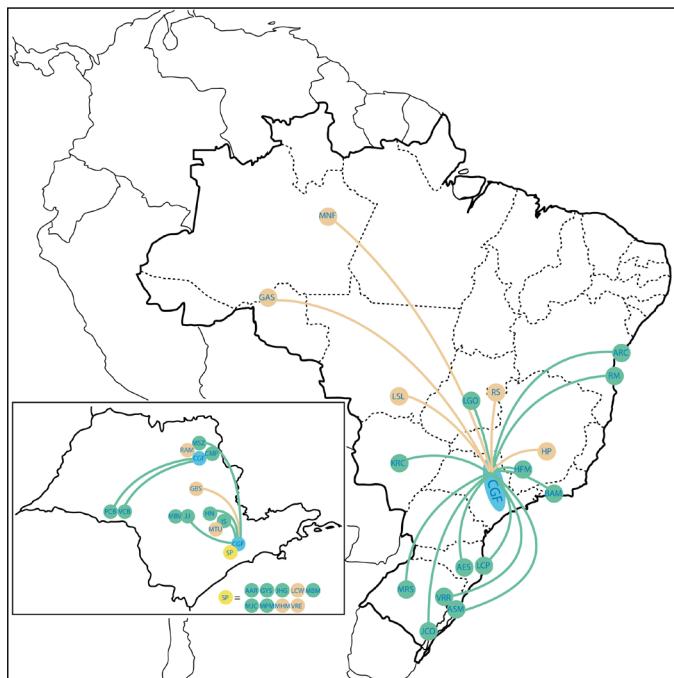


Figure 4 The legacy of Prof. Dr. C. G. Froehlich is reflected in several new Brazilian research centers. M.Sc. students (in yellow) and Ph.D. students (in green) advised by him are represented by the initial letters of each name. São Paulo state is magnified. The list of the full name and their respective initials is provide at the Table 2.

Table 2

The list of the researchers with their respective initials names, the region with their institutions and the number of indirect descendants of CGF. The color of the initial names means: in yellow M.Sc. students and in green Ph.D. students advised by CGF Brazilian regions: CW=Central-west; S=South; SE=Southeast; N=North; NE Northeast.

Researchers	Initials letters	Region	Institution	M.Sc. and Doctors/M.Sc. students or Ph.D. students
Adolfo Ricardo Calor	ARC	NE	UFBA	22
Adriano Sanches Melo	ASM	S	URGS	27
Ana Emilia Sieglach	AES	S	UNIPLAC	15
Aristides Almeida Rocha	AAR	SE	USP	13
Cleber Macedo Polegatto	CMP	SE	Iniciativa privada/ área ambiental	0
Giovanni Battista Aldo Mario Strixino	GBS	SE	UFSCAR	8
Gisela Yuka Shimizu	GYS	SE	USP	18
Guilherme Abbad Silveira	GAS	AC	Iniciativa privada/ área ambiental	0
Henrique Paprocki	HP	SE	PUC-MG	15
Hitoshi Nomura	HN	SE	ESALQ	2
Humberto Fonseca Mendes	HFM	SE	UNIFAL	5
Ivan Sazima	IS	SE	UNICAMP	55
Jorge Jim	JJ	SE	UNESP	31
Jose Eduardo Chapon de Oliveira	JCO	S	PUC-RS	0
Jose Henrique Guimaraes	JHG	SE	ICB	15
Karina Ocampo Righi Cavallaro	KRC	CW	UFMS	0
Bernardo José de Araújo Mascarenhas	BAM	SE	UFRJ	0
Leandro Gonçalves Oliveira	LGO	CW	UFG	33
Lucas Silveira Lecci	LSL	CW	FAIESP/UNIC	0
Luiz Carlos de Pinho	LCP	S	UFSC	4
Luzia de Carvalho Wolle	LCW	SE	Departamento de Zoologia - USP	0
Marcia Regina Spies	MRS	SE	UNIPAMPA	6
Maria Amalia Basile Martins	MBM	SE	Instituto de Pesca	0
Maria Aparecida Juliano de Carvalho	MJC	SE	Departamento de Zoologia - USP	0
Maria Elisa Quissak Pereira Martins	MPM	SE	Departamento de Zoologia - USP	0
Maria Helena Maier	MHM	SE	Instituto de Pesca	0
Maria José Bauab Vianna	MBV	SE	UNESP	0
Maria José do Nascimento Ferreira	MNF	N	INPA	0
Marlene Sofia Arcifa-Zago	MSZ	SE	USP	18
Marlene Tiduko Ueta	MTU	SE	UNICAMP	16
Pitágoras da Conceição Bispo	PCB	SE	UNESP	25
Rafael Alberto Moretto	RAM	SE	USP	0
Reimar Schaden	RS	CE	UNB	7
Rodolfo Mariano Lopes da Silva	RM	NE	UESC	15
Valdelânia Ribeiro de Ribeiro	VRR	S	Prefeitura Municipal de São Leopoldo, RS.	0
Vera Lucia Crisci Bispo	VCB	SE	-	0
Vera Regina Dessimoni von Eickstedt	VRE	SE	Instituto Butantan	0

LEPTOPHLEBIIDAE

Askola froehlichi Peters, 1969

Hermanella froehlichi Ferreira & Domínguez, 1992

Miroculis (Ommaetheus) froehlichi Savage & Peters, 1983

Paramaka froehlichi Lima & Salles, 2023 (Lima et al., 2023)

NEUROPTERA

MYRMELEONTIDAE

Tyttholeon froehlichi Tavares, Marquez & Contreras, 2023
(Tavares et al., 2023)

POLYMITARCYIDAE

Campsurus froehlichi Cruz, Molineri & Hamada, 2022

PLECOPTERA

MECOPTERA

GRYPOPTERYGIDAE

Claudioperla illiesi, 1963

Tupiperla claudius Varella & Pinto, 2024

Tupiperla froehlichi Bispo & Lecci, 2011

BITTACIDAE

Bittacus froehlichi (Collucci & Amorim, 2000)



Figure 5 A, Prof. Claudio Froehlich at the Museum of Zoology of University of São Paulo (MZUSP) in 1969, São Paulo, Brazil; B, CGF at the 4th International Symposium on Plecoptera, Abisko, Swedish Lapland, 1968; C, CGF and Marlene Sofia Arcifa Froehlich at the XIII International Symposium on Plecoptera, Tafí de Valle, Tucumán, Argentina, August 1998; D, CGF and Oliver Flint, both were honored at the III Symposium on Neotropical Aquatic Insects, Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo, Brazil, 2015; E, CGF in a collection expedition at the Estação Biológica de Boracéia (EBB/USP), Salesópolis, São Paulo, Brazil, 2006.



Figure 6 A, The 6th International Symposium on Plecoptera, Schlitz, Germany 1977.; B, The 7th International Symposium on Plecoptera, Nara, Japan 1980.

PERLIDAE

Anacroneuria froehlichi Miguel, Almeida & Bispo, 2022 (Miguel et al., 2022)
Enderleina froehlichi Ribeiro-Ferreira, 1995

TRICHOPTERA

ATRIPLECTIDIDAE

Neoatrisplectides froehlichi Holzenthal, 1997

CALAMOCERATIDAE

Phylloicus froehlichi Miranda & Calor, 2024

HYDROBIOSIDAE

Atopsyche froehlichi Gomes & Calor, 2024

HYDROPSYCHIDAE

Smicridea (Rhyacophylax) froehlichi Almeida & Flint, 2002
 (Almeida and Flint Junior, 2002)

HYDROPTILIDAE

Alisotrichia froehlichi Alves, Takiya & Santos, 2023
Ochrotrichia froehlichi Desidério, Moreno & Hamada, 2023

GLOSSOSOMATIDAE

Mortoniella froehlichi Blahnik & Holzenthal, 2011

LEPTOCERIDAE

- Nectopsyche froehlichi* Assunção & Quinteiro, 2023
Neoathripsodes froehlichi Dias & Calor, 2024
Notalina claudiofroehlichi Desidério & Calor, 2024
Notalina (Neonotalina) froehlichi Calor & Holzenthal, 2006
 (Calor et al., 2006)
Oecetis froehlichi Quinteiro & Calor, 2015

PHILOPOTAMIDAE

- Chimarra (Curgia) froehlichi* Flint, 1998 (Flint Junior, 1998)

POLYCENTROPODIDAE

- Polycentropus claudioi* Queiroz, Vilarino & Calor, 2024
Polycentropus froehlichi Hamilton & Holzenthal, 2011

PLATYHELMINTHES

TRICLADIDA

GEOPLANIDAE

- Choeradoplana claudioi* Lago-Barcia & Carbayo, 2021
 (Lago-Barcia et al., 2021)

CRUSTACEA

COPEPODA

PARASTENOCARIDIDAE

- Forficatocaris claudii* Noodt, 1972

Awards for CGF's contribution to zoology and aquatic entomology (Fig. 2)

2015 – Plaque offered by Biology Department, FFCLRP, USP, for his great contribution to the formation of new biologists and researchers as well as to Brazilian zoological research, 3rd Symposium on Neotropical Aquatic Insects, Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo state, Brazil.

2012 – Plaque offered by students and colleagues for the outstanding contribution to Neotropical Aquatic Entomology, 1st Symposium on Neotropical Aquatic Insects, XXIX Congresso Brasileiro de Zoologia, Salvador, Bahia state, Brazil.

2010 – Plaque offered on occasion of 40 years of Zoology Graduate Program, Biosciences Institute, USP, São Paulo, São Paulo state, Brazil.

2010 – Book “Ciência, História e Arte”, Nelsita Trimer (Org.), Edusp-FAPESP, offered as honor and recognition, Biosciences Institute, USP, São Paulo, São Paulo state, Brazil.

2007 – Book “Goya”, R. Hughes, offered on the occasion of his 80th birthday for relevant services to the Biology Department de Biologia, FFCLRP, USP, Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo state, Brazil.

1998 – Plaque “Lifetime Achievement Award” offered by International Association of Plecopterologists, XII International Symposium on Plecoptera, Tucumán, Argentina.

List of publications of Prof. Dr. C. G. Froehlich

All 95 papers, two books, and 20 book chapters published are presented chronologically in the following sections (Fig. 8).



Figure 7 A, 9th International Conference on Ephemeroptera & 13th International Symposium on Plecoptera, Tucumán 16–21 August 1998; B, 15th International Conference on Ephemeroptera & 19 International Symposium on Plecoptera, Aracruz, Brazil 3–8 June 2018.

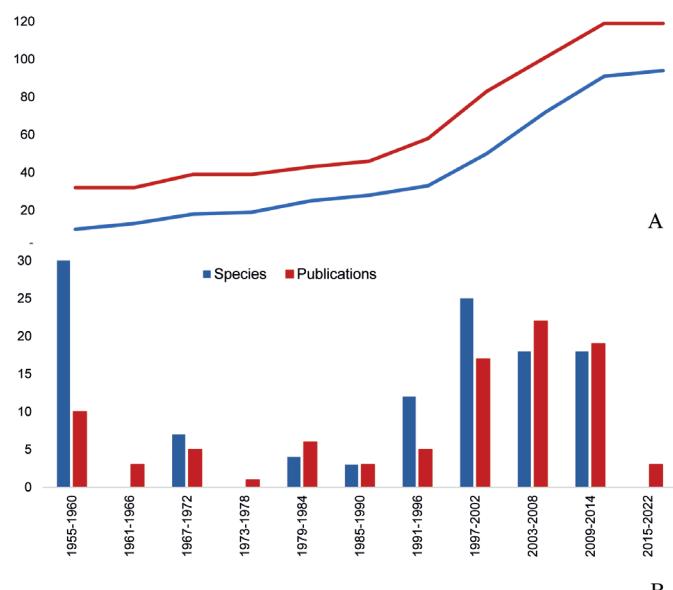


Figure 8 Number of species and articles authored by Prof. Dr. C. G. Froehlich. A, accumulative curves of the number of publications (red) and species (blue). B, number of publications (red) and species (blue) in periods of five years.



Figure 9 CGH on his 90th birthday, Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo, Brazil, 2017 (photograph by Augusto Froehlich).

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Final considerations

CGF's publications include several land planarian species, one velvet worm, and more than a hundred aquatic insect species, as well as some articles on the limnology of reservoirs or ecological studies.

This article presents a synthesis of the CGF's legacy, either in scientific articles or human resources training. The multiplying factor of CGF's advisorship can be observed in the several new research centers distributed in Brazil that continue to follow in his footsteps in the study of Brazilian aquatic ecosystems. Prof. CGF provided a solid, scientific, and ethical basis to the next generation of researchers on Brazilian aquatic entomology, and this short article is a summary of his bestowal and also the result of our pure gratitude.

More than an adviser...

Information Compilation

Synthesizing a magnificent academic career built by our great advisor was a very difficult task. Thus, we assume responsibility for any misinterpretation or errors. All information was mainly extracted from the Lattes Platform, Acacia Platform, "Catálogo Taxonômico da Fauna do Brasil" website (<http://fauna.jbrj.gov.br/fauna/listaBrasil>), and Stark et al. (2009). All data was sewn with our memories from lab and field work under the supervision of Prof. Claudio. Other publications were cited occasionally. All CGF's publications were presented, as well as all taxa names dedicated to him.

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