

The first cross-border dragonfly symposium

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Dragonflies do not care about borders and in many cases the best and most beautiful nature reserves are close to the border. The first cross-border dragonfly symposium was organised on September 19th 2003. The main goals of this symposium were:

- Meeting dragonfly researchers from the other side of the border
- Getting to know what they are doing on the other side
- Looking for cross-border cooperation

The symposium took place at Kranenburg in Germany, a village near the Dutch/ German border close to Nijmegen, the Netherlands. About forty people attended the symposium.

There were a total of eleven lectures on a variety of topics in dragonfly research.

- The organisation of dragonfly research in the Netherlands and North Rhine-Westphalia (Jaap Bouwman, Klaus-Jürgen Conze & Robert Ketelaar)
- Status and conservation of *Coenagrion*



Figure 1. This is where the symposium took place in Kranenburg, Germany (Photo: J. Bouwman).



Figure 2. Suzanne Kloosterman showing the cross-border distribution map of *Libellula fulva* (Photo: J. Bouwman).

mercuriale in North Rhine-Westphalia
(Christian Göcking)

- Ecology and conservation of dragonflies of brooks and rivers: a cross-border perspective (Robert Ketelaar)
- Dragonflies of peat moors and their conservation: a state-of-the-art from Germany (M. Olthoff & M. Aletsee)
- Libellen im Grenzgebiet Teverener Heide und Brunssumerheide (Ulrike Krüner)
- Topical situation of FFH species and process in North Rhine-Westphalia (Klaus-Jürgen Conze)
- Protection through legislation: experiences in the Netherlands

(Vincent Kalkman)

- The rare *Somatochlora arctica* needs cross-border cooperation for its protection (Jaap Bouwman)
- News from *Libellula fulva* at the Lower Rhine area (Suzanne Kloosterman)
- Three-year research on *Sympecma paedisca* shows some remarkable results (Evert Ruiters)
- *Leucorrhinia pectoralis* – FFH Monitoring 2004 in NRW (Thomas Hübner & Friedrich Kiel)

The day was considered a big success with many good lectures and the opportunity of meeting different people. This special edition of *Brachytron* contains the abstracts of the lectures at the symposium.