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BYRON ROSS INGRAM, JR.

A short biography of Dr. B. R. INGRAM (born: Oct. 3, 1940, Smithfield, North Carolina, USA; deceased: Aug. 3, 1977, Clemson, South Carolina, USA: limnologist, ecologist and aquatic entomologist; Associate Professor of Zoology, Clemson University) is followed by his odonatological bibliography (1971-1976).



On August 3, 1977, BYRON ROSS INGRAM died of a ruptured Berry aneurysm at his home on Lake Hartwell near Clemson, South Carolina, USA. Though his death came at the early age of 36 years, his contributions to the knowledge of life histories of the Odonata and the effects of photoperiod and temperature on the development of various damselflies were significant.

Byron Ingram was born in Smithfield, North Carolina, near Selma, on October 3, 1940. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Ross Ingram, SR. of Wilson, North Carolina. He became interested in insects at a very early age and pursued studies of other invertebrates including the Crustacea. After attending

Elon College, Dr. Ingram received his A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1963, and his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1971 under the direction of C.E. JENNER. Throughout his educational development in North Carolina, Ingram was very active in sports and fishing. He had a great love for the outdoors and collected vigorously throughout the southeastern United States.

He became an Instructor at Clemson University in 1970, where he was later promoted to Assistant Professor, and in 1976 attained the position of Associate

Professor. He served on the directorate of the Water Resources Research Institute, the Board of Scientific Advisors of the Highlands Biological Station in Highlands, North Carolina, as chairman of the Taxa Committee on Crustacea of the South Carolina Endangered Species Committee, and was faculty advisor of the Clemson University Zoology Club. Byron Ingram served as biological consultant to Enwright Associates, Inc., and to Duke Power Company. He was active in many professional societies, including the Societas Internationalis Odonatologica, Society of Sigma Xi, North American Benthological Society, Association of Southeastern Biologists, American Society of Zoologists and the South Carolina Academy of Science.

Byron Ingram was vitally interested in all aspects of Zoology. He, along with Dr. EDMUND BRODIE, Jr., rediscovered *Plethodon jordani clemsoni*, a subspecies of salamander which was thought to be extinct; however, his scientific enthusiasm was centered primarily on the ecology of the Odonata.

Most of the specimens in his collection have been deposited in the Clemson University collection.

At the time of his death, Ingram was preparing several manuscripts which are now being completed by his former students in cooperation with other colleagues.

The Byron Ross Ingram, Jr. Memorial Award has been created at Clemson University and will be presented annually to an outstanding Clemson University Zoology student.

With his great enthusiasm Byron Ingram exerted considerable influence in the professional and personal development of his graduate students. His principal concern was that the students chose research problems in their own particular field of interest while developing a broad biological background.

The loss of Byron Ingram both as a researcher and a friend is truly great.

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