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In a review like *HYDROBIOLOGIA* it is not necessary to say that AUGUST THIENEMANN is one of the greatest hydrobiologists of our time.

But his work is so important that we think many of our readers will be interested in having a survey of what this man has done.

Born on September 7, 1882 in Gotha as son of the publisher FRIEDRICH THIENEMANN, he did zoological studies at different universities:

Greifswald, Innsbrück, Heidelberg, and became an assistant at the zoological institution of Greifswald in 1904.

In 1905, at the same university, he took his dr. phil. degree, summa cum laude. Already in 1907 he was entrusted with the direction of the hydrobiological section of the Agricultural Research Station at Münster. In 1914 he was mobilized and soon heavily wounded.

From 1917 he was director of the Hydrobiological Station of the „Kaiser Wilhelm Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wissenschaften“ at Plön.

After two months he also became an extraordinary professor at the university of Kiel charged with the courses of hydrobiology.

In 1924 he was promoted to ordinary professor at the same university. From 1928 to 1929 he undertook the well-known expedition to Java, Sumatra and Bali. (Deutsche Limnologische Sunda Expedition.)

Since 1916 he has the direction of the „Archiv für Hydrobiologie“ and since 1925 of the famous series „Die Binnengewässer“, in which there appeared the work of HUBERT PESTALOZZI and so many others.

In 1922 he founded the International Association of Limnology and was its first president, which function he occupied until 1939. From this date, this international organism elected him as an honorary president.

He is a member, corresponding member and honorary member of a large number of scientific societies and academies and one of the scientists who received the Einar Naumann medal.

He also was awarded many distinctions, but his greatest and most important merit lies in what he achieved in the field of hydrobiological research.

His numerous excellent papers on Chironomids, Planaria and on general hydrobiological subjects, hydrobiology, ecology and geographical distribution of freshwater organisms number to more than 450. Most of them surely are of lasting importance.

We hope that he will go on working for many years to come, because every publication of THIENEMANN is worth being read.

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