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Editorial

THIRIMCO is just around the corner and another 3 years has past in the blink of an eye. Many of us are looking forward to renewing long-time, long-distance relationships with colleagues and compatriots. The rarity of week-long discussions focused on wee-beasties many only consider in passing is itself a unique event compelling celebration. The THIRIMCO Organizing Committee has worked diligently to put together an outstanding conference (see below). For those “regulars” unable to attend our conference, YOU WILL BE MISSED!

This will be my last Psammonalia before the new Chairperson takes over in the New Year and publishes the January issue. The past few years have been, ah, challenging, but it is with a mixture of relief and sadness that I step down as Chairperson at the end of 2007. Relief in that I won’t have to struggle to overcome my severely limited artistic abilities and produce yet another Psammonalia cover, and sadness in that there is so much I feel has been left undone; mea culpa. Our society may or may not be at a crossroads, and the future represents both a promise and a challenge. A promise in that what started out as a small group of “friends” in the mid-1960s has maintained an unbroken record of encouraging and fostering international dialogs that span the range of questions from taxonomic to ecologic. The same group has continued to champion meiofauna as model organisms with which serious scientific questions can be addressed. A challenge in that the complexities of modern-day life increase the pressures to set priorities scrupulously and simplify, simplify, simplify. Under such pressures, the head often rules over the heart and much is lost. It is my sincere hope that IAM will meet the challenges and live up to the promises that wait over the horizon. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Chairperson these past 3 years and I would like to thank every IAM member for their support, input, and understanding!

Cheers and see y’all in Recife,
Keith

THIRIMCO

Dear participant,

As THIRIMCO approaches the website (http://www.ufpe.br/thirimco/) will be edited and updated continually so the Organizing Committee recommends participants and interested parties to check the site for new information about the Conference.

IAM will be providing 10 student travel awards for the Organizing Committee to cover registration+ at THIRIMCO, similar to the number provided at the Ravenna Conference. Awards will be provided to the selected students at the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

LOCAL COMMITTEE
### Scientific Agenda & Social Events

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The Olinda Tour and Opening Dinner transport will take the group from the Recife Palace Hotel to visit Olinda Old City until 18:00 h.

Afterwards, the group will be taken to the Conference’s Opening Banquet where a music and dance group will present typical dances. Transport will return to Recife Palace Hotel at 22:00 h.

At the Poster Session typical cocktails will be served. A local dance group will present typical dances to close the session.

The Closing Banquet will be held at a Barbecue Restaurant near Recife Palace Hotel after which the traditional society raffle and limerick contest will be held. Please bring would like to ask every one to bring souvenirs of his/her country to donate to the raffle.

Porto de Galinha Beach Excursion transport will pick participants up at the Recife Palace Hotel at 8:30 h (travel time ca. one hour). Individuals will be left in the village’s center and during three hours the participants may enjoy the beach, go on board the rafts (typical vessel), swim in sandstone reef pools, shop at popular craft fairs, or rent a Buggy to visit nearby beaches. Lunch will be served at 1300 h in a local seafood restaurant where a typical music group will play. The afternoon is free time to go shopping, etc. with the return to the hotel at 17:00 h.

Accompanying persons will have a daily schedule to visit Recife, Olinda, the cities nearby, museums and other tourist places, but must pay for these separately.

The Organizing Committee
IAM WebMaster

It has been 10 years since Plymouth and XIMCO where I became WebMaster for the IAM website. During that time the site has undergone two major facelifts including the latest designed and programmed by Courtney Burge (http://www.courtneyburge.com). Time has come for the site to “move on” and take up residence at a new institution administered by a new webmaster. If anyone is interested in taking on the job, please contact the current webmaster. The new site location and webmaster will be confirmed at THIRIMCO during the Business Meeting.

Thanks!
Keith

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All Things Turbellaria

Dr. Anno Faubel will be retiring in September 2007 and has accumulated a more or less complete stock of all important Turbellarian taxonomic and many ecological references (e.g., books, reprints and copies). The materials are compiled in two data bases (Microsoft Access), one on the literature and the other on species. The compilation at the species level contains a complete species list with many cross-references to the related literature data base. Dr. Faubel would like to sell the complete set (data base and reprints), low-priced, to a “loving home.” For more information see the website below.

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Recent Literature


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Rho, H. S., W. Kim, and C. Y. Chang. 2007. Description of two new free-
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Dear Participant,

We kindly ask you to contact us about the XIII International Meiofauna Conference. We are the OFFICIAL AGENCY of this Conference that will be held at Recife Palace Hotel, at Boa Vagem Beach, from July 29th to August 3rd, 2007.

THIRIMCO - Thirteenth International Meiofauna Conference
July 29 - August 2, 2007
Recife (Brazil)
Conference Center of Recife Palace Hotel *****

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Prices can be changed according to hotels rules.

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