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Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. In Hanyang university, there was another big event, 12th International Conference on Copepods (12th ICOC). It was very happy to see colleagues all over the world, especially to see many colleagues from IAM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my local committee and students who made it very successful with their effort. I must also thank all the participants who made it more successful with their presence. Again I hope all of you have a cool, happy and fun-filled winter.

Editor – in – Chief
Dr. Wonchoel Lee

Editorial Board
Vinod Vakati

News to IAMs

With regret we inform you as the chairperson of the International Association of Meiobenthologists that the traditional meiobenthological journal "Meiofauna Marina" will end its publication this year. The publisher Friedrich Pfeil as well as both editors, Antonio Todaro and Kai Horst George, took that final decision with a heavy heart. However, the apparent lack of interest in publishing in the journal we faced since many years made it increasingly difficult to compile new volumes after the publication of the Meiofauna Marina vol. 20 (and even that volume had to be issued with a remarkable delay, due to missing manuscripts). Thus, the discontinuation of publishing the journal is the logical consequence.

Database

NeMys – The World Database of Free-Living Marine Nematodes – has joined forces with WoRMS. WoRMS and the online nematode biodiversity information system NeMys have joined forces. Early
2014, it was decided to transfer the World Database of Free-Living Marine Nematodes (NeMys) from its original host institute – the Marine Biology Section at Ghent University (MarBIOL) – to the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), the host institute of the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS). NeMys is now fully integrated into WoRMS and it has kept all its functionalities as in the previous stand-alone version at Ghent. As NeMys is now part of WoRMS, all changes made in NeMys will automatically be visible within WoRMS.

NeMys focuses on the taxonomy of the free-living marine nematodes. In addition, NeMys holds 11 identification keys, to identify nematode specimens to their genus level. Some ID-keys to species level are included as well. Registered users have full access to the available taxonomical literature, either through PDFs of entire papers, or as snippets of the relevant information from the literature. This easy access to literature is a major advantage, as the original species descriptions are needed to correctly identify nematodes to species level. As such, NeMys and thus WoRMS - are opening the taxonomical literature on Nematodes to all interested taxonomists and ecologists.

Since NeMys and WoRMS have joined forces, a new editorial team for free-living marine nematodes has been installed. The editorial team currently consists of 10 members, covering a large geographical area and a broad taxonomical expertise. Early next year, these taxonomic experts will meet at the Flanders Marine Institute for a 2-3 day workshop, where they will get familiar with WoRMS and its online editing interface and discuss the way forward for NeMys.

http://nemys.ugent.be/

Upcoming Events

Marine Molecular Ecology

August 2-7, 2015.
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Hong Kong, China

Chairs: Hongbin Liu & Peter D. Steinberg
Vice Chairs: Stanley Lau & Curtis Suttle

Overview: The Gordon Research Seminar on Marine Molecular Ecology is a unique forum for graduate students, post-docs, and other scientists with comparable levels of experience and education to present and exchange new data and cutting edge ideas.

The focus of this meeting is to explore new perspectives within the field of marine molecular ecology, from invertebrate zoology to virus-host interactions. Presentation and discussions of current findings will include, but are not limited to recent developments using new and unique approaches in predator-prey interactions, parasitism, symbiosis, virus-host interactions and microbial contributions to marine biogeochemistry.

Note: The Marine Molecular Ecology Gordon Research Seminar will be held in conjunction with the Marine Molecular Ecology Gordon Research Conference. Those interested in attending both meetings must submit an application for the GRC in addition to an application for the GRS. Please refer to the Marine Molecular Ecology GRC web page for more information.

Dead line: July 5, 2015.
Important Deadlines:
Second Circular: November 2014
Registration Open: January 2015
Submission of abstracts May 31, 2015
Acceptance of abstracts June 30, 2015
Latest payment: June 30, 2015
Arrival of participants from: August 29-31, 2015

Main symposium programme:
August 31 – September 5, 2015
Post-conference tours: September 6, 2015
Bdelloid workshop: September 7-8, 2015
Submission of manuscripts (for peer-review):
October 30, 2015.

Scientific Topics:
1. Patterns in biodiversity (Taxonomy, Biodiversity, Zoogeography & Barcoding)
2. Organism functioning (Molecular Biology, Phylogeny, Genetics & Biochemistry)
3. Population studies
4. Ecosystem functioning (Feeding, Trophic Interactions, Behaviour and Autecology & Population Ecology)
5. Integrative and applied research (Aquaculture, Ecotoxicology & Indicator Organisms)
6. Bdelloid Rotifera as models in evolutionary research (Special Session)

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13th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TARDIGRADA

23-26 June 2015, Modena, Italy

Overview: The 13th International Symposium on Tardigrada is the scientific forum to provide an up-to-date perspective on the biology of tardigrades. Lectures and posters will cover a broad spectrum of themes such as taxonomy, phylogeny, biogeography, reproductive and developmental biology, biochemistry, physiology, genetics, molecular biology, extreme stress resistance and further topics on these fascinating water bears. We plan to make it a truly memorable meeting, and we are looking forward to welcoming you in Modena, thirty years since the 4th Symposium on Tardigrada in 1985.

The registration fees are:

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Registration for accompanying children under 10 years is free.

Young Scientist Award: The Awards will honor the best oral and also the best poster presentations. Young researchers (registered as bachelor, master or PhD students) who want to be considered for the Awards must indicate that intention on the registration form and abstract submittal.

http://www.tardigrada2015.it/#intro
8th Course
International School on Foraminifera

3rd – 22nd June, 2015, Urbino

Course Description
The 8th Course on Foraminifera is designed to provide an overview of the Taxonomy, Ecology, Biodiversity, and Geological History of Benthic and Planktonic Foraminifera. This intensive course is intended for students interested in Micropalaeontology, Palaeoceanography, Palaeoecology, Climatic History, Biology, and Environmental applications.

Course Structure
Four distinct courses are planned:
Foraminiferal Introduction (4-8 June),
Larger Benthic Foraminiferal Course (9-12 June),
Small Benthic Foraminiferal Course (14-18 June)
and Planktonic Foraminiferal Course (19-22 June).

Min number of participants: 10
Final deadline May 9th, 2015
Registration fees
Early registration (application sent and payment before February 7th, 2015)

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http://isf.tmsoc.org/

Historical Biogeography: Fundamentals and Applications

This course provides basic knowledge on selected theoretical and methodological problems of historical biogeography. Also provide the practical skills to enable the students to carry out empirical biographical analyses. A considerable part of the course is therefore allocated to practical problems as well as to the use of computer programs specifically developed for biogeography analyses.

Requirements:
Graduate or postgraduate degree in any Biosciences discipline, basic knowledge of statistics and personal computers. All participants must bring their own personal laptop (Windows).

Course length: 40 hours on-site.

Language: English.

Fees:
Reduced fee until February 28, 2015: 480£;
Full fee: 640£.
All Inclusive option: Reduced fee until February 28, 2015: 780£; full fee: 940£.

Participants:
Limited to 20 participants.

Registration: www.transmittingscience.org
Contact: courses@transmittingscience.org
Note: Transmitting science provides wide range of courses related to evolutionary biology. Above link allows you to get through every information related to courses.
News from Members

Dr. Nabil Majdi got a “Alexander von Humboldt foundation” for a two-year stay (2014 - 2016) at the University Bielefeld.

Animal Ecology, Prof. Dr. Walter Traunspurger.

Recent Literature


Arndt C and Sommer U (2014) Effect of algal species and concentration on development and fatty acid composition of two harpacticoid copepods, Tisbe sp. and Tachidius discipes, and a discussion about their suitability for marine fish larvae. Aquaculture nutrition 20: 44-59.


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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL

The International Association of Meiobenthologists is a non-profit scientific society representing meiobenthologists in all aquatic disciplines. The Association is dedicated to the dissemination of information by publishing a quarterly newsletter and sponsoring a triennial International Conference. The newsletter, Psammonalia, is published twice per year (January and June). Membership is open to any person who actively is interested in the study of meiofauna. Annual membership dues are EU$10 (US$10) and payment for up to 3 years in advance is possible. New members will receive Psammonalia beginning with the February issue of the year joining. Additional contributions to the Bertil Swedmark Fund, used to support student attendance at the triennial conferences, is encouraged.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

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Dues payable in US dollars by check made payable to the Intl. Assoc. of Meiobenthologists. Send dues and application to: Dr. Robert Feller, Baruch Institute, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208 USA.

All Other Members:
Dues payable in Euros by check made payable to Ann Vanreusel or by credit card (see below). Send dues and application to: Dr. Ann Vanreusel, Marine Biology Section, Ledeganckstraat 35, B-9000 Gent, BELGIUM.

VISA/MASTER/EUROCARD number: ___________________________ Expiry date: __________

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(*) New members are encouraged to introduce yourself to members in a short bio (ca. 10 lines).