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EDITORIAL

The best feature of a newsletter like Psammonalla is the information it brings. So far, news from the members has come to me regularly, but I want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to continue to send news items. Of special interest are news of address changes (and the opportunities they bring), new research projects, special requests, reports on meetings you have attended, announcements of specialized courses or workshops and of meetings or symposia of interest to meiofaunologists. I will continue to ask new members to give me hearing aid of their research interests. I feel like I have been able to keep abreast of events (especially meetings) in the US, but I do not want to miss anything important in other countries. So if you know of meetings etc., please send me the information. My address is on the opposing page, my phone number is (907) 388-1738 and I have a BITNET address (logonid=ZOFFLEY and node=SUMS) for computer mail from mainframe computers world-wide. (If you have access to a mainframe computer, chances are you can send messages to other users quickly with no direct charge by BITNET.)

The second best feature of Psammonalla is the sense of camaraderie and fun it provides. Here again, I request help to continue the tradition.

The fine art of cartooning has escaped me. To stimulate our creative members to provide ideas or drawings, I announce below the Great Melo Fauna Cartoon Contest, complete with a first place prize. Let’s keep Psammonalla informative and entertaining.

John Fleeger

The Great Melo Fauna Cartoon Contest

It helps to have a sense of humor to work with meiofauna. I want to channel that humor into a form we can all share. Cartoons have long been a part of Psammonalla, and I want to keep this tradition alive. So if you feel creative, here’s a chance to participate. Draw a cartoon in a form which can be reproduced and send it to the editor. To the artist of the cartoon judged best, we offer one year of dues to the society. The editor will be the sole judge. Any cartoon which seems appropriate will appear in some issue of Psammonalla, and I will even acknowledge the artist if he/she wishes.

You may be familiar with the "Far Side" cartoons of Gary Larson. His offbeat gags and themes are often at the expense of scientists and invertebrates, and it is easy to see how this style could lend itself to meiofaunal humor. Certainly, your entry doesn’t have to be patterned after the "Far Side", but it might be fun to try. Let’s share the fun of working with meiofauna, and keep cartoons in Psammonalla.

New Members

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No Interests stated

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Melo Fauna research interests: macrofaunal-melo Fauna interactions; role of meio Fauna in energy transfer to higher trophic levels. I (with John Fleeger) am currently in the third year of a long-term study relating changes in meio Fauna composition and density with respect to sedimentation of the spring bloom in a subarctic ecosystem.

Susan Walls
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Research Interests: The importance of meio Fauna, particularly harpacticoi d copepods, in the diets of post-larval flatfish.

Monika Bauer
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My Ph.D. thesis is on the ultrastructure of Echinodermes (Kinorhychina: Cyclorchida) from the GULF OF TIFTEST (Atlantic Sea). I am especially interested in nervous system, sensory organs and epidermal glands.

Linda A. Thomas
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Research Interests: Cellular adhesive systems in marine invertebrates.

John McCall
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Research Interests: I am interested in estuarine trophic ecology, particularly the role played by meio Fauna as food for juvenile fish.

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I am currently working on a Ph.D. under John Fleeger. The system I am studying is a community of meio Fauna living on culms of Spartina alterniflora. This community is especially interesting since two species of the harpacticoi ds on the culms have not been found in any other habitat, and the vertical distribution of the community extends above the water line.
IRWIN LOOPS AGAIN AVAILABLE!!

Loops are made of non-corrosive nickel-chromium wire. Ideal for sorting and transferring marine fauna and other small invertebrates. Available in three sizes: blue (about 200 μm x 500 μm), red (about 350 μm x 700 μm) and yellow (about 500 μm x 1100 μm). Set of three loops (any size) - $25.00 + $1.00 shipping and handling. U.S. currency, please. Arkansas residents add 6% sales tax.

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New Publication

Official Lists and Indexes of Names and Works in Zoology. The 1987 edition of the "Official Lists and Indexes..." has been published by the International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature. This publication records for the first time in a single volume all the animal names and titles of works on which the International Commission has ruled since it was set up in 1895. The volume comprises 492 pages and includes 13,000 entries. References are arranged alphabetically in four sections: family group names, generic names, specific names and titles of works. In North America, copies can be ordered from the American Association for Zoological Nomenclature (AAZN, c/o NHB Stop 163, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC 20560). The cost is $110.00.

Coming Meetings


International Estuarine Research Conference, October 25-29, New Orleans, Louisiana. Keynote theme sessions include Marshes: Their Importance to Estuaries, Mechanisms of Recruitment of Estuarine Organisms, Sub-tropical and Tropical American Estuaries, Latin America and the Gulf of Mexico, and Comparisons of Estuarine Processes among Major Estuaries. Contact Estuarine Research Conference, P.O. Box 30, Chauvin, LA 70344
FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT!


Hosted by: The Institute of Zoology, University of Vienna

Organizer: Jorg Ott

Where: Vienna, Austria

When: The dates are not finalized yet as the meetings will be planned to coordinate with the European Marine Biology Symposium and the International Society of Limnology Meeting. However, our next conference will be some time during the last two weeks of August or the first two weeks of September, 1989.

Themes: An emphasis on the integration of marine and freshwater meiofaunal systems is planned. Dan Danielopol is organizing a half day session on the Origin of Groundwater Fauna. Jorg Ott requests ideas from the members on other topics for emphasis.

Contact: Dr. Jorg Ott, Institute of Zoology, University of Vienna, Althanstr. 14, A-1020 Vienna, AUSTRIA, with your ideas on topics. Otherwise, more information will appear in the next issue of Psammonalia.

THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL MEIOFAUNA CONFERENCE IS LESS THAN TWO YEARS AWAY YOU SHOULD START PLANNING TO ATTEND NOW!

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT!
CURRENT LITERATURE


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At the end of each reference, the content of the respective paper will be indicated by capital letters in parentheses. These letters stand for the following subjects: (B) Biology, morphology, fine structure; (D) Distribution, biogeography, ecology; (G) General and review; (M) Methods; (O) Original descriptions; (P) Physiology, ecophysiology; (S) Systematics, taxonomy. Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 and Part 4 of this bibliography have been published in PSAMMONALIA No. 64 (May 1984), No. 65 (August 1984), No. 67 (February 1985) and No. 72 (May 1986).


