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Dear TCS-colleagues,



It is a pleasure to greet you in this November issue of The Ecdysiast. As the year moves toward its end, I find myself reflecting on how much our Society has achieved through the energy, generosity, and curiosity of its members.

One of the most encouraging signs this year has been the growth of our community. With more than 400 renewed members, TCS is now among its strongest membership levels of the past decade.

This matters because our Society is, above all, a community: a place where students, early-career researchers, established scientists, amateur naturalists, and colleagues from every region can share ideas, find support, and celebrate the remarkable diversity of crustaceans.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to the organizers of our mid-year meeting in Stellenbosch, South Africa. It was truly a great meeting, well organized, scientifically stimulating, and full of the collegial spirit that makes TCS gatherings so special. My sincere appreciation goes to everyone who contributed to making it such a success.

I am also deeply proud of the ways TCS continues to invest in the next generation. From our fellowships and travel awards to the recognition of outstanding student presentations at our mid-year meeting in Stellenbosch, we are helping young researchers attend meetings, present their work, build networks, and take confident steps in their careers. None of this would be possible without the members who volunteer as reviewers, mentors, judges, organizers, and donors. Thank you.

Looking ahead, there is much to anticipate. The Society will support the symposium on crustacean life cycles at the SICB meeting in January, and preparations are advancing for the 11th International Crustacean Congress in Natal, Brazil. I sincerely hope to see many of you there. Meetings like these remind us why our work is so rewarding: the conversations between sessions, the new collaborations, the field stories, and the shared enthusiasm for organisms that continue to surprise us.

Finally, please remember that TCS belongs to all of us. Share your news, photographs, publications, meeting announcements, and ideas with The Ecdysiast and our social media channels. Every contribution helps make our community more visible, more connected, and more welcoming.

Thank you for your continued commitment to The Crustacean Society. I wish you a productive end to the year, successful fieldwork and laboratory work, and many good encounters with crustaceans, whether in the field, under the microscope, or on the page.

With warm regards,

William Santana — President, The Crustacean Society

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Submissions for the May newsletter should be received by mid March, while those for the November newsletter should be received by mid September. All types of crustacean-related contributions are encouraged, including announcements of upcoming workshops and meetings, regional updates, meeting summaries (with photos!), new publications and any other crustacean news.

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Treasurer's Report for November 2026

This will be my last report as TCS Treasurer (it's been a fast 13 years, wow!). I am happy to report that as of October 2025, TCS had had 411 renewed members - one of the highest membership counts in the past decade! In total, there are 234 Regular members, 9 Financial hardship members, 12 Amateur members, 21 Patron members, and 117 Student or Postdoc members and 18 Financial hardship Student or Postdoc members. Our numbers are up by over 50 members overall from the same time last year (390 total members in 2025). Please keep up the great work in promoting the Society! With this in mind, TCS Scholarship and Grant Opportunities will be due in March 2027 (Fellowship in Graduate Studies due March 31, TCS Early-Career/Post-PhD Travel Awards due March 15 and TCS Student Travel Awards due March 15). Both the student and their faculty sponsor/mentor must be TCS members at the time of application. Reminder that if you join after Oct. 1 your membership will be processed for the next year. So please renew now!

The TCS Executive Committee has approved the 2027 budget, which includes the first year under the new Oxford University Press (OUP) 5-year contract term (January 2027 to December 2031) for the Journal of Crustacean Biology. OUP anticipates a projected average return of at least $30,000 per year to TCS and expands page charge benefits to TCS members (members will no longer be capped at 12 pages waived) and all membership fees will be applied to the society. The Executive Committee approved supporting the symposium "The Life Cycle of Crustaceans: Reproduction, Development, and Growth" ($2000) which will be held at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology meeting in Pittsburg, PA in January 2027 and providing $3500 in seed money for the 11th International Crustacean Congress to be held in Natal, Brazil (those monies were part of the 2026 budget). In addition, the committee approved increasing support available to TCS officers to travel to meetings if funding is needed. In total, the 2027 budget projects a small (~3K) surplus, depending on income from JCB and other factors.

Our Schwab accounts now total ~$1,060,000. While reaching this level is encouraging, it does not yet place TCS in a position to fully fund our expenses (primarily student scholarships and management fees) through dividends alone. I hope that under the next Treasurer we will reach that important milestone. Until then we remain dependent on membership support and JCB income, so please remember to renew and encourage others to join! It has been an amazing opportunity to work with seven TCS presidents (Shane Ahyong, Brian Tsukimura, Shirley Lim, Ingo Wehrtmann, Benny Chan, Amanda Windsor, and William Santana) over my time as Treasurer and they (plus all the other wonderful TCS Officers) have taught me so much. I'm happy to be able to continue service to the Society as President-Elect and look forward to seeing you in Brazil.

Jason Williams — TCS President-Elect and Acting Treasurer

A running reminder: Be aware of PHISHING scams: no TCS Executive Committee would ever request money from our members! If you receive a suspicious email along these lines, please let me know of the issue (mailto:jason.d.williams@hofstra.edu) and flag it as SPAM. Unfortunately, these scams are getting more savvy (specific details mined from the web) with the use of AI.



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2026 Progress Report (Vol. 26)

There has been a sharp increase in the number of submissions and published articles, most probably as a result of our new 2025 Impact Factor of 1.4, up from 1.2 in 2024. Issue no. 3 (July-September 2026) closed on 30 September:

***JCB* issue**	**Published articles by 30 September**	**Accepted for October-December issue**	**Accepted and waiting for authors' revisions**	**In peer-review by 30 September**
July-September 2026	**37**	**9**	**12**	**18**
July-September 2025	19	8	5	9

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of submissions on isopods, amphipods, and anomuran crabs, as well as from authors from Japan, Brazil, and Mexico.

The October-December issue already includes ten published articles plus seven in press as of 1 November, more than the 15 articles published in the October-December 2025 issue. An additional twelve manuscripts have been accepted and waiting for the authors' revisions; 24 are in peer review.

The current issue of Volume 46 (issue 4) cover features a silk nest built by *Ampelisca lobata* Holmes, 1908 (Amphipoda, Ampeliscidae). See "Comparative morphology of silk-spinning systems of the families Ampeliscidae and Paragammaropsidae (Amphipoda)" by Siena A. McKim and Thomas L. Turner.



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The Social Media Corner

Dear Crustacean Society Members,

Since our last newsletter in May, The Crustacean Society's social media community has grown considerably! We have seen our best growth in followers and reach to date, and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who follows us, shares our posts, and helps spread the word about the fantastic work happening across the crustacean community.

Community Growth Highlights:

We have now passed the 2,000-follower milestone on Facebook, gaining 1,000 new followers to reach 2,128! Our Instagram community has also grown considerably, increasing from 1,059 to 1,987 followers and bringing us close to 2,000 there, too. Our community on X (formerly Twitter) currently stands at 892 followers, while our Bluesky account has reached 103 followers. It is wonderful to see more people engaging with the Society and the content we share.

Recent Top Post:

One of our most successful recent Instagram posts highlighted environmental science fellowships at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, covering research opportunities in areas such as biodiversity, conservation and ecosystem ecology. The post reached an impressive 23,300 views and received more than 482 saves!

Help us share your news!

Our social media is a great way to showcase the work and achievements of our members. Have you published a new paper, heard about an upcoming conference, spotted an interesting crustacean in the field, or come across a job or fellowship opportunity? Or perhaps you have a great crustacean photograph to share? We would love to hear from you!

Send your news, opportunities and photos to thecrustaceansociety@gmail.com and help us highlight the fantastic work taking place across our community.

If you're not already following us, we'd be delighted to have you join our online community.
You can also help us reach more people by following us and sharing our posts:
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Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more of your news and achievements!

Warm Regards, **Karlotta Kürzel** — TCS Social Media Coordinator



TCS Fellowships and Awards

The Crustacean Society provides a wide range of grants and scholarships for students and postdoctoral researchers. The various options are presented below. Please make sure to apply before the deadlines. If you have any questions please contact the TCS Program Officer.

TCS Fellowship in Graduate Studies

TCS annually awards up to six US$1,000 Fellowships in Graduate Studies in any research concerned with the biology of crustaceans. The fellowship is to support the research objectives and career goals of the graduate student. This award requires a letter of support from their faculty sponsor/mentor. Both the student and their faculty sponsor/mentor must be a TCS member at the time of application. Further details and requirements are in the application and can be downloaded here.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 31 March annually.

TCS Early-career, post-Ph.D. Travel Awards

TCS annually awards up to three (3) US$1,500 travel awards for early-career researchers with a Ph.D. awarded within five years of the application deadline. Extension of up to eight years post- Ph.D. will be considered at the discretion of the Program Officer for applicants having taken a career break for family reasons. The grants shall cover travel to present, preferably in an oral session, results of their research in any field of study involving crustaceans at a TCS meeting (mid-year or SCIB meeting). Preference will be given to applications that will result in a manuscript suitable for publication in *Journal of Crustacean Biology*. The application can be downloaded here.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 15 March and 15 September annually.

TCS Student Travel Awards

TCS awards a maximum of five (5) US$500 awards twice a year to support student attendance at TCS meetings (TCS mid-year/ICC and SICB) or other meetings taking place from January to May where there is an opportunity to present crustacean-related research. Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program, be the presenter of an oral or poster presentation at the meeting they are attending and demonstrate financial need for TCS support to travel to the meeting. Both the student and their faculty sponsor/mentor must be TCS members at the time of the application. The application can be downloaded here.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:
15 March (TCS summer meeting/ICC) and 15 September (SICB/or other crustacean-related meetings happening from January to May of the next year) annually.

For additional information, please contact:
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TCS Best Student Presentations 2026 mid-year meeting

Thank you to the fantastic student contributions and the host of judges at the TCS mid-year meeting in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Please consider volunteering to judge student presentations in the future, as many hands make light work. We congratulate this year's student winners!

Oral presentations were judged on the following criteria: originality, hypothesis/objectives, experimental design, implementation, validity of conclusions, graphic quality, oral clarity for content and answers to questions.

Poster presentations were judged on the following criteria: abstract, originality, hypothesis/ objectives, experimental design, implementation, validity of conclusions, graphic quality, answers to questions, quality of writing and bibliography. For more details, see our website link here.

The winners of the competitions received each:
1st place: A copy of the book "Two Oceans: A guide to the marine life of southern Africa", signed by the authors, a US$100 money price, and free TCS membership for next year
2nd place: a US$100 money price, and free TCS membership for next year
3rd place: free TCS membership for next year

The winners are:

Best Oral Presentation:

Ari Drummond, Alexander DM Wilson, Lucy M Turner & Mark Briffa
Flicking fibres: Microfibres act as sensory disruptors in a marine crustacean (University of Plymouth, United Kingdom)

1st RUNNER-UP: **Grant van der Heever, Sven Kerwath, Charlene da Silva & Lutz Auerswald**
First insights into bycatch patterns in the West Coast Rock Lobster (*Jasus lalandii*) trap fishery (Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment and Stellenbosch University, South Africa)

2nd RUNNER-UP: **Lucas Oliveira-Rogeri, Pedro A. Peres, Heather D. Bracken-Grissom, Sérgio L. S. Bueno & Fernando L. Mantelatto**
Phylogenomics meets *Aegla*: phylogeny and biogeography of Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest aeglid species (Decapoda: Anomura) using genomic-scale data (Laboratório de Bioecologia e Sistemática de Crustáceos (LBSC), Departamento de Biologia, Faculdade de Filosofia, Ciências e Letras de Ribeirão Preto (FFCLRP), Universidade de São Paulo (USP), Brazil and Crustacean Genomics and Systematics Lab (CRUSTOMICS), Department of Biology, Institute of Environment, Florida International University (FIU), Miami, FL, USA)

Best Student Poster Award:

Antonia M. Johnstone, Brett C. Gonzalez & Alan J. Jamieson
Out of sight: The evolution of vision in the deep sea Minderoo (UWA Deep-Sea Research Centre, School of Biological Sciences and Oceans Institute, The University of Western Australia)

2nd place: **Léandre Bertin, Laura Mégevand, Elliott Sucré, & Guillaume Marchessaux**
Thermal tolerance under climate warming in the mangrove fiddler crab *Paraleptuca chlorophthalmus*: an integrative metabolic and behavioural approach (Université de Mayotte, Dembeni Mayotte, France)

3rd place: **Taigi Sato, James Davis Reimer & Tohru Naruse**
Re-classification of hexapodid genera *Hexapinus*, *Mariaplax* and *Rayapinus* (Decapoda: Brachyura) based on molecular phylogeny and morphology (Molecular Invertebrate Systematics and Ecology (MISE) Laboratory, Graduate School of Engineering and Science, University of the Ryukyus, Japan)

Congratulations and wishing success to you from all of us!

Larval Biology Society

TCS-sponsored student awards at the 2026 Larval Biology Symposium

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to sincerely thank The Crustacean Society for being a sponsor of the International Larval Biology Symposium.

This meeting, held in Woods Hole from September 28 to October 1, was a fantastic success. It was the first full-length Larval Meeting in almost 10 years, with over 100 attendees from 10 countries and at least 19 U.S. states, and early-career participants made up ~50% of total attendees.

We are very grateful for your funding, which helped enable us to support four students to attend the symposium. Student travel awards were given to:

Sean Devine (Master's student at Rutgers University, USA), who presented a poster titled "Model effects of phenologic shift in spawning on larval dispersal of the mud snail Ilyanassa trivittata"

Chloe Root (Master's student at the University of Maine, USA), who presented a poster titled "Interannual Variation in Larval Lobster Phenology and Environmental Drivers in the Gulf of Maine"

Lorelei Cunningham (Master's student at California State University, USA), who presented a poster titled "Constructing a dynamic energy budget model for the larvae of the Pacific Sand Dollar"

Isabella Jackson (PhD student at Heriot-Watt University, Scotland), who presented a talk titled "Commonly co-occurring stressors in industrialised estuaries disrupt larval development in blue mussels"

For the application, the students were asked to describe their research field and motivation for attending the symposium, as well as provide information about their current career stage and budget. Among all eligible applicants, we randomly selected awardees by location (giving tiered awards to students from the US East Coast, US West Coast, and international).

All students presented their work and actively engaged during the entire symposium. Please find attached our conference program, a photo of our student travel awardees and student presentation prize winners, and a photo of our symposium attendees

Again, thank you very much for your support, which means a lot to early-career participants.

Kind regards, **Jane B. Weinstock**, on behalf of The Larval Biology Society

Upcoming TCS Elections

Voting will shortly commence to fill the TCS positions vacated in even years: Treasurer, Secretary, Africa Governor, Indo-Pacific Governor, North America Governor, and Europe Governor. This is alternated with TCS positions elected in odd years: President-Elect, Program Officer, Latin America Governor, Asia Governor, and SICB Liaison. If you wish to be considered for any of these positions in the future, please contact President-Elect Jason Williams.

Introductions by the candidates for the current TCS positions 2026 are included below, keep an eye out for the voting link which will be sent to you shortly:

Treasurer

Megan Porter



I have spent most of my academic career studying the ecology and evolution of a diversity of crustacean taxa. I started as an undergraduate studying the ecology of cave-adapted peracarids and decapods, followed by a M.S. focused on food-web dynamics of cave ecosystems, particularly terrestrial isopods. During my Ph.D., I focused on the molecular evolution and systematics of mysids and decapods, and developed an interest in the molecular evolution of crustacean visual systems, which led to a post-doc studying the visual ecology of stomatopods. My current research program is built on this diverse background, and my lab has researched the molecular evolution of vision of diverse crustacean groups, including various stomatopods, decapods, copepods, and peracarids. My research experience in a diversity of terrestrial, freshwater, and marine crustacean groups gives me broad perspective of the multiplicity of research represented by the TCS membership.

As a candidate for the TCS Treasurer position, I am committed to supporting the mission of the organization. I have been a North American Governor of the TCS since 2025 giving me experience on the TCS board. Additionally, past experience as a treasurer of a local non-profit conservancy which, if elected, will help me transition into the role more seamlessly. If elected, I will work to grow our membership so that we can continue and expand our ability to support early career researchers in the field.

Secretary

Ari Drummond



My research interests in carcinology are broad. My PhD at the University of Plymouth focused on the sensory biology of intertidal hermit crabs, and I have published on hermit crab sensory morphology, behaviour, and how anthropogenic pollutants affect information acquisition and use. Over the past year, I have expanded my research to include patterns and plasticity in limb regeneration and repair in hermit crabs, cognition and signalling in isopods, and epibioses and symbioses in decapods. In addition to my research, I founded and lead The Crab Lab (www.thecrablab.co.uk), a research group providing training and mentorship opportunities for undergraduate and Master's-level students while advancing research in crustacean ecology, behaviour, and biodiversity.

I am excited to run for TCS Secretary and to support the Society and its mission in an official capacity. Between completing my PhD and running an independent research group, I have developed exceptional organisation, time management, and attention to detail, which I would bring to the role. Beyond fulfilling the core responsibilities of Secretary, I would look for opportunities to contribute more broadly to the Society, support TCS leadership in delivering its activities and initiatives, and help strengthen engagement with its membership. I would particularly welcome the opportunity to support early-career carcinologists and help foster connections across the diverse areas of crustacean research represented within TCS.

Africa Governor

Thomas (Arno) Botha



My name is Thomas Botha, though many of you may know me as Arno. I got my undergraduate, master's and PhD degrees at the University of Cape Town under the guidance of Emeritus Professor Charles Griffiths and Enrique Macpherson. During this time my studies were focussed on the taxonomy of several crustacean groups including hermit crabs, acrothoracican barnacles and squat lobsters. I am currently a postdoctoral fellow at Stellenbosch University, SAEON (South African Environmental Observation Network) and SAIAB (South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity) in South Africa, working under the guidance of Dr Nasreen Peer, Dr Lara Atkinson and Dr Gwynneth Matcher. My research currently focusses on South African Dromiidae, mainly working on their taxonomy, phylogenetics and biodiversity.

If my application is successful as African Governor, I hope to encourage participation and membership from the African continent, especially in young, aspiring researchers. I also aim to grow networking between researchers on the African continent with TCS peers from other continents, by building and strengthening ties between TCS and local research networks, such as the African Network of Deep-Water Researchers (ANDR). This will hopefully facilitate some much-needed upskilling and capacity building on the African continent.

Europe Governor

Anne Helene Tandberg



Anne Helene Tandberg (Pans) is an amphipod taxonomist focusing on taxa from deep-sea and "extreme" (polar, hydrothermal) habitats. She works at the University Museum of Bergen (Norway), where she has built two award-winning exhibitions about the marine realm, and she very much enjoys going out to sea to sample. She teaches Arctic benthic ecology at the University of Svalbard (UNIS), and is committee-leader for Red Listing several groups of marine invertebrates (Very much including crustaceans!) for the national Red Lists for Norway. She has also worked at the Senckenberg Nature Research Institute in Frankfurt. Publishing the Amphipod Newsletter with a yearly bibliography, and co-editing the World Amphipoda Database/Amphipods in WoRMS are among her activities. She is keen to get more people, and especially students to join the Crustacean Society. Anne Helene has been the European governor since 2021.

North America Governor

Stormie B. Collins



I recently completed my Ph.D. in Biology at Florida International University (Spring 2026) under the mentorship of Dr. Heather Bracken-Grissom, where I am now a postdoctoral researcher. My research focuses on the systematics, evolution, and biodiversity of decapod crustaceans, particularly deep-sea shrimps. I integrate classical taxonomy, comparative morphology, molecular phylogenetics, and genomic approaches to investigate evolutionary relationships and the evolution of complex traits, including bioluminescence and visual systems. My doctoral research included reconstructing a comprehensive shrimp Tree of Life, providing a phylogenetic framework for investigating crustacean diversity and evolutionary history. I am also passionate about developing taxonomic resources and identification guides that make crustacean biodiversity more accessible to researchers, students, and non-specialists alike.

My involvement with The Crustacean Society (TCS) began in 2022, when I gave my very first conference presentation at the joint TCS Summer Meeting and Brazilian Crustacean Congress. Although held virtually, this meeting marked an exciting milestone in my scientific journey. I have since continued engaging with the international crustacean research community, most recently attending the 2025 TCS Summer Meeting in Paris, France.

Although I am an early-career scientist, I have a profound appreciation for the generations of carcinologists whose foundational contributions continue to shape our understanding of crustacean biodiversity. I believe that honoring this rich scientific legacy while embracing new approaches and perspectives is essential to the future of our field. As North American Governor, I hope to foster an enthusiastic, inclusive, and connected community of carcinologists by encouraging mentorship, collaboration, and scientific exchange across generations and disciplines. Above all, I want to share my genuine excitement for crustaceans by highlighting fascinating discoveries, promoting accessible taxonomic resources, and inspiring greater appreciation for these remarkable animals both within the scientific community and among the broader public. I would be honored to serve TCS and contribute to its continued growth and success.

Andrew G. Cannizzaro



I currently am a postdoctoral researcher with concurrent appointments at Miami University and Florida A&M University. I received my Ph.D. in Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology from Miami University in 2025. My research focuses on the biogeography, systematics, taxonomy, and conservation of freshwater amphipods/isopods throughout the Nearctic; and I have currently authored or co-authored over 30 publications on these topics. I focus my research not just on species discovery but on broad questions examining the historical and contemporary processes that shape the origins, diversification, and geographic distributions of biodiversity.

I have been an active member of The Crustacean Society and have benefited greatly from the Society's support and opportunities to interact with other Crustacean biologists, where I have been able to cultivate a network of amphipod researchers. I am particularly interested in supporting students and other early-career researchers and increasing participation in TCS activities throughout North America. As North American Governor, I would work to strengthen communication and collaboration among researchers working on all aspects of crustacean research, while helping connect members with the broader international community of The Crustacean Society.

Indo-Pacific Governor

Shivam Tiwari



I am a taxonomist specialising in anomuran crustaceans. I work as a Project Scientist at the Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (CMLRE) in Keralam, India. I completed my PhD in Marine Sciences at Cochin University of Science and Technology in 2024. My research focuses on the taxonomy, systematics, and biogeography of deep-sea anomurans from the Indian EEZ, with 19 peer-reviewed publications to date, most describing new species of squat lobsters from the Indo-West Pacific. My research has also involved collaborations with crustacean researchers across the Indo-Pacific, particularly in Japan, New Zealand, and the USA, as well as work on deep-sea ecosystems in the Indian and western Pacific Oceans. I am a member of The Crustacean Society (TCS) and received a TCS Student Travel Award to present my work at the 10th International Crustacean Congress in Wellington, New Zealand, in 2023. I was also invited to serve as a resource person for the Ocean Census Species Discovery Workshop at JAMSTEC in Japan in 2025. Beyond research, I run a social media platform featuring podcasts with PhD scholars and early-career researchers, with nearly 50 interviews to date. Historically, TCS membership has varied across the Indo-Pacific.

I see an opportunity to strengthen connections between TCS and researchers in India and other parts of the Indian Ocean, while maintaining strong links with the established crustacean communities across the wider Indo-Pacific. As Indo-Pacific Governor, I would particularly like to support students and early-career researchers through regional meetings, workshops, networking, and collaborative initiatives, while increasing awareness and participation in TCS across the region. I would be honoured to contribute to TCS and help build a more connected Indo-Pacific community of crustacean researchers.

Andrew Hosie



As Curator of Crustacea & Worms at the Western Australian Museum, I care for significant scientific collections while conducting research on species diversity, evolution, and distribution, as well contributing to public education programs such as exhibits. My work combines taxonomy, biodiversity surveys, and collection management, with a focus on discovering and documenting Australia's marine species. My research interests are primarily in barnacle and decapod systematics, especially of symbiotic groups. My role allows me to build our natural history collections to improve our understanding of the world and engage the public with the natural world around them, especially those parts that would normally be considered inaccessible, such as remote coasts or the deep sea. As part of this I support researchers from around the world who rely on museum collections to conduct their studies. I have been interested in being more involved with The Crustacean Society for some time and I believe I can combine the governorship with my role at the Museum to engage more crustacean researchers with the Society, while also building a broader crustacean audience amongst the public. There's always room for more crustacean enthusiasts.

In memoriam

Laura López Greco (1967 – 2026)



Some careers are measured in publications and positions, while others also leave an impact that is difficult to quantify. Dr. Laura López Greco's career was both. Few scientific careers in Argentina have combined such rigor, dedication, and recognition as hers. Over more than three decades, she devoted herself to the study of reproduction, growth, and nutrition in decapod crustaceans, with applications to aquaculture, fisheries, and the conservation of aquatic ecosystems in the face of climate change. She began her scientific career as a doctoral student in crustacean Physiology at the Departamento de Ciencias Biológicas, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Naturales, Universidad de Buenos Aires (FCEN-UBA), between 1993 and 1997, where her dedication and initiative were already evident. She earned her PhD in Biological Sciences from the Universidad of Buenos Aires and became a researcher at the Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnica (CONICET) in 2002. In 2026, she attained the rank of Senior Researcher, a milestone she had long dreamed of achieving and one she reached at the height of a career that she regarded, above all, as a lifelong vocation.

As early as 1999, just two years after earning her doctorate, she began supervising undergraduate research projects and co-supervising undergraduate theses, taking the first steps in a commitment to mentoring that would accompany her throughout her career. In 2002, while still remarkably young, she founded the Laboratory of Reproductive Biology, Growth, and Nutrition of Decapod Crustaceans, which she led until the end of her life. The laboratory, now based at the Instituto de Biodiversidad y Biología Experimental y Aplicada (IBBEA, UBA-CONICET), an institution she herself helped establish and of which she served as the first director from 2013 to 2021, became an internationally recognized center for research on decapod crustaceans.

She taught at the FCEN-UBA from 1992, when she began as a teaching assistant, until she attained the rank of Full Professor. She taught Vertebrate Biology and Introduction to Zoology, as well as several postgraduate courses on crustacean biology, with a passion that those of us who had the opportunity to hear her lecture in the Aula Magna will find difficult to forget. Her dedication to teaching was reflected in her outstanding record of mentoring and training: between 2009 and 2024, she supervised or co-supervised at least 16 doctoral dissertations, in addition to master's and undergraduate theses. She also mentored dozens of CONICET doctoral and postdoctoral fellows and more than 20 laboratory trainees from Argentina and abroad. Furthermore, she guided six researchers through their professional development to the point of securing established positions within CONICET's research career system; five of them have since attained the rank of Associate Researcher.

Her achievements were recognized through distinctions including the Herman Burmeister Award from the National Academy of Sciences of Argentina (2002), an Honorary Award from the Brazilian Society of Carcinology (2008), and a Career Achievement Recognition from Argentina's Ministry of Modernization (2017). She also held positions of international representation, serving as Latin American Governor of The Crustacean Society from 2019 to 2023. At the institutional level, she served on the Governing Council of FCEN-UBA from 1996 to 1997 as a representative of the graduate constituency, and on the Departmental Council of the Department of Biodiversity and Experimental Biology (DBBE), representing the faculty constituency during several terms between 2006 and 2026.

Her commitment to building bridges across scientific communities led her to sustain bilateral research collaborations for many years with CIBNOR in Baja California Sur, Mexico, and UNESP in Brazil, through MINCYT-CAPES cooperation agreements. In 2023, she joined a trilateral project involving Spain's Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) and Mexico's Sisal Academic Unit (UMDI Sisal, UNAM), focused on crustaceans and climate change, with the broader aim of strengthening sustainable production among small-scale producers in Latin America. Within Argentina, she maintained particularly close ties with the research group at CESIMAR and the National University of Patagonia San Juan Bosco in Puerto Madryn, a city for which she had a special affection.

For those of us fortunate enough to have worked under her supervision, Laura was much more than an advisor: she was a mentor who combined high expectations with generosity, believing in each of us even when we doubted ourselves. She published more than 170 scientific papers, primarily in high-impact international journals, and one of her greatest ambitions was to reach 200 publications. She did not live to see that goal fulfilled, but she came very close. In the coming months, additional papers bearing her name will continue to be published, reflecting the work she set in motion and the many seeds she planted. Laura leaves behind a laboratory, an institute, and, above all, generations of researchers who carry her teachings with us.

— submitted by the members of the Laboratory of Reproductive Biology, Growth, and Nutrition of Decapod Crustaceans
IBBEA

Professor Laura possessed something profoundly extraordinary, something that bordered on the inexplicable. Despite having reached remarkable heights in her career, with an established body of research, worldwide recognition, and an outstanding academic background, she always treated everyone who crossed her path with the same respect and equality, from undergraduate research students to internationally renowned scholars.

Her involvement with the Women in Crustacean Science (WCS) project was no exception. When we launched the project in 2020, initially as an Instagram page, we began featuring profiles of women researchers on our platform, and Laura consistently provided invaluable support and encouragement for these initiatives.

In 2023, when we conceived the idea of organizing the first symposium dedicated exclusively to women carcinologists, we invited her to participate in a round table discussion. Her enthusiasm upon accepting our invitation was remarkable, as though we had invited her to the most important event of the year. This was the energy and dedication with which she approached the project in every circumstance.

In 2025, her entire research team took part in the symposium, presenting outstanding work. Laura also contributed to the scientific committee and supported the symposium's promotion and logistical coordination involving international women researchers.

Laura was an enthusiastic advocate, a steadfast supporter, and a dedicated member of the WCS project. She encouraged us in our development as researchers, as women in science, and as professors.

Always rigorous, ethical, professional, and principled in all the research projects and articles we published together, Laura taught us how to strike a perfect balance between affection, mutual respect, and professional rigor in both friendship and collaborative work.

—Isabela Moraes (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil)



These were the happy faces that documented the feedback from the 1st Symposium of Women in Carcinology in the November 2023 Ecdysiast, including Laura (top right) as one of the leaders of the round table "Connecting Generations" (Prof. Dr. Tania Costa from the São Paulo State University; Prof. Dr. Laura López Greco from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina; Prof. Dr. Andrea Freire from the Federal University of Santa Catarina; Prof. Dr. Cristiana Serejo from the National Historical Museum (Brazil); and Prof. Dr. Fosca Pedini from the State University of Campinas.)

Ernest (Ernie) Chang (1967 – 2026)



Dr. Ernest (Ernie) Chang, Professor Emeritus, Department of Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior at the UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML), died October 12, 2026 after a long illness.

Ernie devoted his entire academic career to BML, from 1979 until his retirement in 2015. He is best known for his leadership in the field of crustacean endocrinology and molting physiology. His research initially focused on the American lobster, as the physiologist for the lobster aquaculture project, but broadened to other systems over the years. It was a privilege to work with Ernie. We had a very productive collaboration, sharing several NSF grants and publishing 26 papers over the years. BML is a special place because of Ernie.

Ernie never took a sabbatical. When asked about this, he would simply say "Why?" as he would look out from the lab with its dramatical location on the rocky shore of Bodega Head. Instead, people came to him. He attracted students and visitors from around the world. I fondly remember gatherings at their home in Jenner, with views of the Russian River and the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean beyond. Why would he leave?

Ernie was kind and generous. He was an outstanding scientist. He was a dear friend to many. He will be missed. A celebration of life is being planned at BML in June 2027.

His wife, Sharon Chang, was Ernie's professional partner, managing his lab and mastering competitive RIAs and later ELISAs to quantify ecdysteroid levels. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from his colleagues. If you wish to send words of condolences, please get in touch with Don who can share the contact details.

— Don Mykles, Colorado State University (donald.mykles@colostate.edu)

Upcoming meetings

SICB 2027: Pittsburgh, PA, 3–7 January

Registration is open, and the Early Bird Deadline closes on December 2nd.
For more information see their website.

119th Annual Meeting of the National Shellfish Association
Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards Baltimore, Maryland, USA

March 21–25, 2027

More information is available on their website.
Student travel awards are available, see the notice for the Jimmy Alcivar Arteaga Student Travel Awards from the Foundation for Conservation of Biodiversity of Ecuador below.



The **18th Deep-Sea Biology Symposium (DSBS)** will bring the international deep-sea biology community together in Bergen, Norway in 2028.

Our very own Anne Helene Tandberg is on the Organizing Committee, let's spotlight the Crustacea!

More information can be found on the event website
www.18dsbs.no

(note the beautiful logos based on lino-cuts from a local artist and colleague David Rees)

ICC11 2027: Natal Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, 27–31 July

Keep an eye out for announcements coming up soon.

16th International Conference on Copepoda 2027: Naples, Italy, 11–15 October

Further information to be announced, keep an eye on the World Association of Copepodologists website (www.monoculus.org)

SICB 2028: Los Angeles, CA, 3–7 January

SICB 2029: New York, NY, 3–7 January

SICB 2030: Chicago, IL, 3–7 January

Reminiscing of past meetings

The Mid-Year Meeting in South Africa, the first TCS meeting in Africa!

The 31st Crustacean Society Mid-Year Meeting (TCS 2026) was held at the prestigious Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) from 1-4 June 2026. This was the first TCS Meeting held on African soil, and was attended by 100 leaders, passionate researchers, and enthusiastic newcomers in the field of crustacean science and industry partners.

TCS 2026 shone a spotlight on the vibrant and diverse carcinological research from across the globe. The programme included a pre-meeting workshop as well as a post-meeting workshop at the Iziko South African Museum, focused on the exchange and collaboration while working directly with the museum's collections.

The scientific programme featured 72 oral and 14 poster presentations, collectively totalling 15 Continuing Education Units. Collectively, the conference-related events were attended by representatives from 2 African and 14 international countries. Postgraduate students presented nearly 45% of the conference delegates.

Impactful green initiatives included the promotion of digital materials to minimize paper use, sustainable catering with local, seasonal, and plant-based options and the use of eco-friendly event merchandise-such as recycled conference bags, reusable coffee tin mugs, and handmade plantable seed paper name badges, further reduced waste and our environmental footprint. Abstracts and delegate information were distributed electronically, while lanyards, bags, and posters were collected for reuse or will be donated to local schools for recycling and classroom projects.



Image: All delegates attending the 13th Crustacean Society Mid-Year Meeting 2026 in Stellenbosch, South Africa



Many thanks to all the organisers making this meeting possible and a success!

Workshop assesses extinction risk for 70 Brazilian freshwater crustacean species

Seventy species of Brazilian freshwater crustaceans were evaluated during the Crustacean Extinction Risk Assessment Workshop, held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, from September 14 to 18, 2026. The assessments focused on aeglid crabs, a group endemic to South America that includes several species with highly restricted distributions, including cave-dwelling taxa.

The workshop formed part of Brazil's national process for assessing species extinction risk, coordinated by the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio). The results will provide scientific support for future revisions of the Official National List of Threatened Fauna Species, published by Brazil's Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

Members of The Crustacean Society joined Brazilian specialists throughout the assessment process. The event was organized in partnership with the IUCN SSC Center for Species Survival Brazil (CSS Brazil) and the IUCN SSC Freshwater Crustacean Specialist Group (FCSG), strengthening collaboration between Brazilian researchers and international crustacean conservation networks.

By the end of the workshop, experts from research institutions, government agencies, and conservation organizations had evaluated the conservation status of 70 species, contributing critical information for future conservation planning and policy development.



About Aeglids

Aeglids (genus *Aegla*) are the only freshwater anomuran crustaceans in the world and occur exclusively in South America. Most species have small geographic ranges, often being restricted to a single watershed, or cave system. Because of their limited distributions and sensitivity to environmental change, many species are particularly vulnerable to habitat degradation, water pollution, hydrological alterations, and other human-induced pressures.

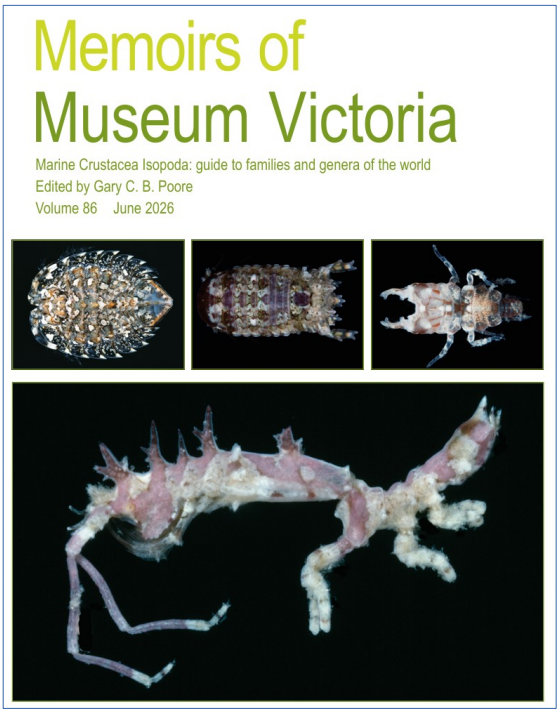
Image: *Aegla parva*. Photo by Sérgio Bueno and Jéssica Colavite.



Participants of the workshop in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil: Standing, from left to right: Luis Roberto, Marcelo Pinheiro, Crisller Pereira, Marcos Perés-Losada, Rosana Subirá, Emerson Mossolin, Fabíola Schneider, Harry Boss, William Santana, Gustavo Teixeira, and Keith Crandall. Crouching, from left to right: Sandro Santos, Fernando Mantelatto, Sérgio Bueno, and Jéssica Colavite.

Hot off the press & Announcements

New Guide to Families and Genera of Marine Isopoda



Poore, G.C.B. (ed.) 2026. Marine Crustacea Isopoda: guide to families and genera of the world. Memoirs of Museum Victoria Vol. 86: i–vi, 1–485. https://doi.org/10.24199/j.mmv.2026.86.00

This guidebook tries to bridge the gap between taxonomists and other marine biologists, such as ecologists, biogeographers and physiologists. The gap exists in part because, while taxonomists are experts in identification, they often write in an arcane language. This guidebook serves to document the state of play in isopod taxonomy in late-2025. Systematics and classification are dynamic disciplines, and the accepted family and generic names published today may not apply in the near or distant future. Nevertheless, these chapters are a point of access to the taxonomic literature.

Exploratory surveys of marine environments such as the deep sea, coral and rocky reefs have revealed that isopods are a significant but poorly understood component of the fauna. All have and will continue to provide ample material for taxonomic studies and continue to discover new species. Among the many reasons for so many species remaining undescribed are that it is difficult to know where to start, and identifying and description takes some effort. This guidebook is designed to address these issues. After the naturalist goes into the field with a dredge or hand-net and collects an isopod, this book should enable identification of the specimen to suborder, family and genus level, even if it is an undescribed species (unless it belongs to an undescribed genus, of course). The citations following each family and genus can be explored to discover whether the species is described.

The volume incorporates 10 chapters. An introductory chapter explains to the reader how the book has been planned and what to expect from each section. Chapter 2 deals with the higher systematics of Crustacea and explains what an isopod is, how isopods are related to other crustaceans, and clarifies their classification. It includes a glossary explaining novel terms. Chapters 3 to 10 cover the major isopod suborders. They contain diagnoses of and dichotomous keys to 86 families, 24 subfamilies and 1134 genera.

The total volume, and each chapter, are available free on-line from the Museums Victoria website and from the DOIs given.

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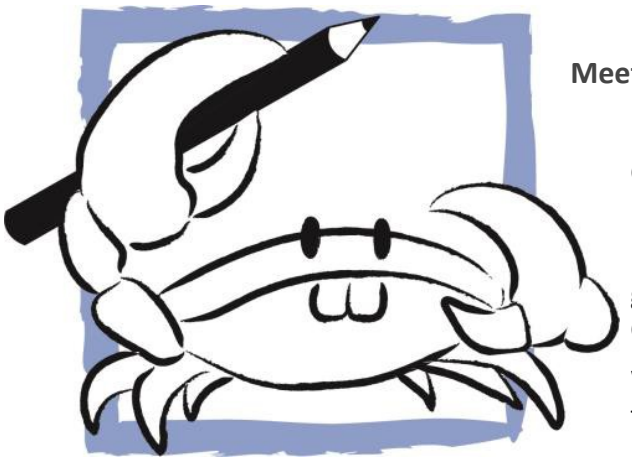
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Poore, G.C.B. 2026. **Chapter 10**. Suborder Valvifera. *Memoirs of Museum Victoria* 86: 433–476. DOI



Meet the new CRUST-L, the Discussion List for Crustacea

Many thanks to Jeff Shields and the team at VIMS for hosting CRUST-L for the last 30+ years!

It has now moved to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) so it is time to check that you are still getting the latest news and discussions about everything Crustacea.

We are grateful to Dr. Carolyn Tepolt for moderating CRUST-L from now on.

You have to be a member to post messages so make sure your details are updated here: **Crust-l**

The contact email is: **crust-l-owner@whoi.edu**

To post a message to all the list members, send your announcement to **crust-l@whoi.edu.**

A Backbone for the Peracarida

Explore the shared Google Drive >here

WANTED LIST

If you have 95% ethanol, RNAlater, and/or frozen specimens that you can offer to help us with the backbone of the Peracarida or the backbone of Isopoda, please add your name, contact information, and details below the taxa(on) name. Please use “Suggesting mode” so your addition stands out. We look forward to collaboration and are immensely grateful for your contributions. The strong and growing peracarid community is working together closely to get specimens to the various Peracarida subprojects.

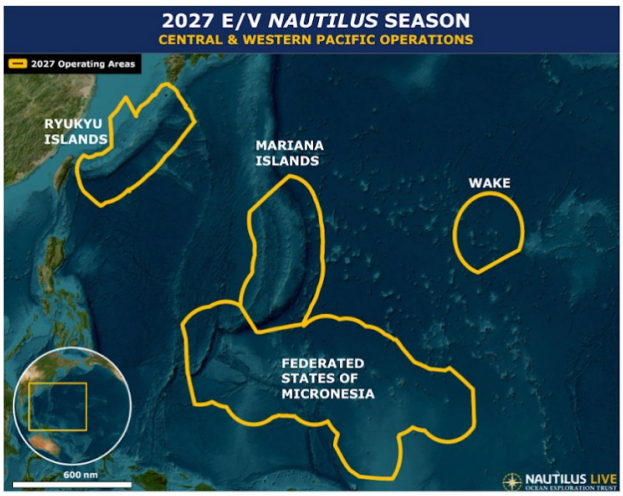
We aim to sample at least one species of each family of Peracarida. We need samples preserved for molecular work and, for small-bodied taxa, lots of multiple specimens of the same species would be helpful so we can pool specimens. Rapid Genomics needs about 300 ng of good quality DNA for target capture phylogenomics. We can work with much less material but then the process is more complicated.

2027 EV Nautilus Expeditions Call for Science Input

Deadline 1 December 2026

In 2027, EV Nautilus will conduct several multidisciplinary expeditions to explore the deep sea in the Central and Western Pacific, with potential expeditions to the Mariana Islands, Wake Atoll, Federated States of Micronesia, and Japan’s Ryukyu Islands. The Ocean Exploration Trust invite members of the science and resource management community, particularly from the geographies where expeditions may take place, to submit science priorities for these prospective expeditions, including specific requests for seafloor mapping, remotely operated vehicle dives, physical samples, and technology integrations.

Submit science input >>



Jimmy Alcivar Arteaga Student Travel Award

for international students to attend the National Shellfisheries Association
119th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
March 21-25, 2027

12 awards available. *Covers NSA membership, airfare, shared hotel room, meals, poster printing, and airport-Baltimore-airport transportation costs.*

Students interested in applying for a travel award must present a poster at the NSA meeting and send the following information as soon as possible to fucobi@gmail.com: curriculum vitae, copy of the visa page in your passport, and abstract (ready for submission to the NSA annual meeting).

Application submission deadline: December 8, 2026.

Students should not submit abstracts into the NSA portal until they are approved by the Scientific Committee of the FUCOBI Foundation. They will select awardees based on ratings of the quality of the research.

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Midwater Field Methods Training Workshop 2027 - Dunedin, New Zealand

1st February – 7th or 10th February

Registrations are now open for the Midwater Field Methods Training Workshop 2027, an immersive, hands-on training event designed to build skills in sampling, identifying, and working with midwater invertebrates. Structured as a mini "zooplankton bioblitz," participants will gain practical experience in ocean sampling, specimen processing, imaging, tissue sampling, and experimental work with live marine organisms.

🗓️ When: 1-7 February 2027 (with some activities extending to 10 February)

📍 Where: Portobello Marine Laboratory, Dunedin, New Zealand

👥 Who: Up to 18 trainees will be selected to participate.

💰 Cost: No workshop fee. Participants are responsible for travel, accommodation, and most meals.

Organizers include Karen Osborn (Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History), Miles Lamare (University of Otago), Jan Hemmi, and Samantha Bullock (University of Western Australia).

🔗 Learn more and apply: midsec.info/bioblitz

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* Individuals claiming student rates are asked to provide your mentor's name. Mentor does not have to be a member.
** Individuals claiming financial hardship can apply to anyone, irrespective of rank/status; we request a short letter demonstrating the need for this reduced rate.

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