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TCS MEETINGS IN LOS ANGELES, DEC. 26-30

Time grows short before the next TCS meetings, this year held in Los Angeles with the American Society of Zoologists (ASZ) and associated societies at the Los Angeles Hilton & Towers and Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dec. 26-30, 1993. ASZ handles the registration and general organization of the meetings; contact ASZ for this information if you are not a member (401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois, 60611; telephone 312-527-6697, fax 312-527-6640). Below is a preview of the TCS events at the meetings received from Program Officer Bob Elner:

TCS Symposia:

Dec. 27: "Phylogeny of and within the Maxillopoda" organized by Anne C. Cohen, Natural History Museum of L.A. County; presentations by G.A. Boxhall ("What defines the Maxillopoda"), L.G. Abele & T. Spears ("Molecular Phylogeny of Maxillopoda..."), F.R. Schram ("Some Fossil Maxillopodans..."), M.G. Grygier ("...Naupliar Features in the Maxillopoda"), P.G. Jensen ("...Lattice Organs in Thecostracan Larvae"), J. Hoeg ("...Phylogeny of Rhizocephala"), Rony Huys ("Tantulocarid Relationships..."), L.S. Kornicker and A.C. Cohen ("Phylogeny of the Myodocopa"), J. Vannier & K. Abe ("Lower Paleozoic Ostracoda..."), J.G. Morin, Summary.

Dec. 28: "Biology of the Branchiopoda" organized by Joel W. Martin, Natural History Museum of L.A. County.

"Physiology and Adaptation in Crayfish" organized by Brian R. McMahon, Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Calgary.

Note: This symposium is also sponsored by ASZ Divisions of Comparative Physiology and Invertebrate Zoology, as well as the International Association of Astacology.

TCS Contributed Paper Sessions (with abbreviated titles of presentations):

Ecology and Distribution of Crustacea (J.L. King, Moderator):
R.B.Griffis and D.L.Felder, Effects of burrowing shrimp; J.M.Levy et al., Macroalgal crustacean infaunal diversity; H.G. Kuck and J.W.

Martin, Decapods and Stomatopods of Isla de Coco; J.L. King et al., Crustacean communities of vernal pools; J.M. O'Brien et al., Salinity-temperature effects on crab-rhizocephalan interaction.

Phylogeny and Taxonomy of Crustacea (A. Baldinger, Moderator): E. Torres et al., Phylogeny of luminescent ostracodes; M.L. Powell et al., Identification of *Penaeus* postlarvae; G.A. Pettit et al., New caprellid species; A. Baldinger, Systematics of *Arcitalitrus*.

Physiology and Morphology of Crustacea (R.T. Bauer, Moderator): K. Abe and J. Vannier, Myodocopid heart; R.T. Bauer and Lin Jun Min, Spermatophores and mating plug of *Trachypenaeus*, S.S. Kumari and D.M. Skinner, Exoskeletal glycoproteins of *Gecarcinus*; D.L. Felder and B.E. Felgenhauer, Fungal symbionts in ghost shrimp hindgut; L.Q. Chen et al., Soybean diet for *Eriocheir*.

Poster Session:

F.H. Barnwell and J. Martini, Activity rhythms of *Uca tangeri*; B.C. Bauer et al., Ion balance in fairy shrimp; K.H. Chu et al., Larval swimming in *Metapenaeus*; C.E. Esparza et al., Computerized key to fairy shrimp; S.L. Gilchrist, Hermit crab shell use; M. Heddle and S.L. Gilchrist, *Coenobita clypeatus*; J.W. Martin and C.E. Cash-Clark, Redescription of the "cladoceran" *Bythotrephes*; C.L. McKenney, Jr. and D.M. Celestial, Insect juvenile hormone effect on crustacean larvae; C.L. Morrison, Geminate species of *Synalpheus*, D. Parsick et al., Eubranchiopod communities; W. Werner and S. Hathaway, Postembryonic development of two new branchiopod species.

TCS Board and Business Meetings:

The TCS Board of Governors meeting will be conducted from 4-6 p.m. on Dec. 28 and the general meeting of the TCS membership will be the following day, Dec. 29, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

MORE ON TCS MEETING ACTIVITIES

The following comes to us from Jody Martin:

Crustacean Biodiversity Workshop: This will be held Dec. 29 at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (Times-Mirror Room) from 1-5 p.m. and will include a brief tour of the Museum.

TCS Dinner: The TCS dinner is planned for Wednesday (Dec. 29) evening at "La Golondrina Cafe and Historic Landmark." Located on historic Olvera St. in the heart of old Los Angeles, this Mexican restaurant offers a buffet-style dinner with live music daily. Olvera Street offers a glimpse of the original pueblo community that evolved into present-day Los Angeles and is a cultural and historical landmark.

INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC DISCUSSION GROUP ON SHELLFISH

Bob Elner sends information on an electronic forum (SHELLFISH), started by the National Shell Fisheries Association (NSA), for the discussion of all issues relating to shellfish. It operates using electronic mail, using Internet, the international computing network which connects academic institutions and most federal and other non-profit institutions. Access to the Internet and this discussion group is free, operates throughout the year, and TCS members are free to participate. Once you are subscribed, you will be able to make an inquiry to the group and get feedback from all over the world, sometimes within minutes. To subscribe to SHELLFISH, send electronic mail from your own computing account via your local computing service center to the following Internet address: SHELLFISH-EQUEST@KENYON.EDU. The body of the electronic mail should contain only one word: SUBSCRIBE followed by your real name rather than your username. The programs that manage the discussion group will determine where this subscription came from and will automatically add you to the list of participants if you are a current member of either TCS or NSA. Once your request has been processed, you will receive via electronic mail the instructions on how to participate in the discussion group. If you have questions on how to send the subscription command, contact your local computing support people first. Direct questions about the discussion group to either Bob Elner (phone 606-946-8546) or Scott Siddall (614-427-56960 or send e-mail to SIDDALL@KENYON.EDU.

ALLAN HANCOCK CRUSTACEA NOW AT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, L.A. COUNTY

Jody Martin submits the following information: By a formal agreement between the University of Southern California and Los Angeles County dated 1985, ownership of all crustacean specimens that were formerly held by the Allan Hancock Foundation on the campus of the University of Southern California was transferred to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. This collection includes the world's largest holdings on Eastern Pacific crustaceans, especially decapods, as well as many smaller collections from around the world. There are an estimated 120,000 lots, including over 1,500 type lots, over 450 of which are holotypes. There are nearly 5,500 type specimens. The collection is the second largest collection of Crustacea in the U.S.

The type lots and general collections of peracarids, stomatopods, branchiopods, maxillipods, and most of the caridean and penaeid shrimps have been physically transferred from the Allan Hancock Foundation to the Natural History Museum, whereas the Anomura and Brachyura will be transferred by the end of 1995. During this transition, the collections will remain available for examination and loan. We encourage specialists to visit and work with the collections. We anticipate having modest funds in 1994 and 1995 to support limited travel to the museum to assist with systematic arrangement of parts of the collection.

Dr. John S. Garth and Ms. Janet Haig, although officially retired, continue to actively work on these collections and can be reached by writing the Allan Hancock Foundation or the Natural History Museum, where they are Research Associates in Invertebrate Zoology. Please direct all queries to Hans G. Kuck (Collections Manager) or Joel W. Martin (Curator), Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90007 USA

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LOBSTER BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

Dr. Gerry Ennis, Department of Fisheries & Oceans, St. John's, Newfoundland, sends us the following report on these lobster meetings: "A well attended (nearly 100 participants from 21 countries) and very successful Fourth International Workshop on Lobster Biology and Management took place July 25-31, 1993 at the School of Fisheries Science of Kitasato University in Sanriku, Japan. Over 80 presentations on various species of spiny, rock, clawed and slipper lobsters were organized into sessions on recruitment, physiology, aquaculture, restocking and population dynamics. An excellent social program was included and participants were treated to some wonderful Japanese hospitality. Great credit is due Professor Jiro Kittaka and his committee for making the workshop a truly memorable event for all.

ANOSTRACAN NEWSLETTER

Denton Belk has begun publication of "Anostracan News" (Volume 1, Issue 1, July 1993). The first issue dealt with various subjects of interest, such as establishment of a Specialist Group for the Anostraca for the Species Survival Commission, IUCN- World Conservation Union and the distribution and status of Italian Anostraca. If you wish to be on the mailing list for this newsletter, list your publications on Anostraca, or have information for the newsletter, contact editor Denton Belk, 840 E. Mulberry Ave., San Antonio, Texas, 78212-3194; phone and fax: 210-732-8809.

CRUSTACEAN LARVAE NEWSLETTER

Zoea is a newsletter intended for all workers interested in crustacean larval development. The newsletter will serve as a forum to share results, to exchange ideas, and to report successes and failures. Interested crustacean biologists are encouraged to send us addresses for the mailing list, short articles for publication, items of interest, recent (1992-) publications, and suggestions for important topics to consider. Publication of the newsletter will begin in January 1994. The address of the editors are: J.A. Cuesta (Departamento de Ecología) and J.I. González Gordillo (Laboratorio de Biología Marina), Facultad de Biología, Apartado 1095, E-41080, Sevilla, Spain.

PLANKTON NEWSLETTER

The plankton newsletter is a biannual journal focussing on the study of marine plankton. Each volume is dedicated to a particular group of planktonic organisms and publishes a directory of scientists working on that group and a list of recent literature. The newsletter character is expressed by short communications on recent research (pre-publication), theories and ideas, sampling equipment, information on conferences and workshops, and letters to the editors on subjects in planktonology. The date of publication of the last newsletter was to be July 1993 and the subject is the marine Decapoda. Please send or fax your correspondence or inquiries to the editors M. van Couwelaar and S. van der Spoel, P.O. Box 16915, 1001 RK Amsterdam, The Netherlands; fax 31.20.5257238.

NEWSLETTER OF CRUSTACEAN MOLECULAR TECHNIQUES (NewCruMolt)

As one might expect from this newsletter's title, topics such as "PCR primers for the COI gene in barnacle mtDNA, Don't be cheap about primers, the D-loop of barnacles, molecular phylogeny of predatory Cladocera, Chelex extraction of crustacean DNA from frozen and alcohol-preserved samples, DNA extraction from *Daphnia*" and other similar topics are covered in "NewCruMolt." The fall issue (1993) is dedicated to DNA sequencing techniques and ecological/evolutionary applications. Send your items (e-mail greatly appreciated) to the editor, Ann Bucklin, OPAL/EOS, 142 Morse Hall, Univ. New Hampshire, Durham NH 03824. (fax 603-862-0122, OMNET A. BUCKLIN, e-mail: a-bucklin@unhh.unh.edu).

CRAB NEWSLETTER

Dr. Glen S. Jamieson, Pacific Biological Station, Nanaimo, B.C., Canada V9R 5K6, proposes a newsletter dealing with crabs, especially in terms of research on crab fisheries and management. He views the main objectives of such a newsletter as encouraging information exchange, establishing greater awareness of controversial subjects and research initiatives, and strengthening crab research by allowing rapid dissemination of information relating to upcoming articles and events. A crab newsletter will be relevant to both professionals involved in crab research and management and to crab fishers interested in events which might influence their livelihood. Proposed headings in a crab newsletter might be: Recent Events, Research News, Fisheries Updates, Announcements, Perspective, New Methods and Applications, Book Reviews, Letters. Those interested in the development of such a newsletter should write Dr. Jamieson at the address given above.

SOME NEW PUBLICATIONS IN CARCINOLOGY

Ray Manning sends the following information on some new works in Crustacea:

Résultats des Campagnes Musorstom, Volume 10: Alain Crossnier, editor: This volume contains 9 contributions on the taxonomy and biogeography of crustaceans, recording a total of 159 species of Mysidacea, Amphipoda, Decapoda. Of these, no less than 72 are new to science, as are 12 genera. These figures confirm the stunning uniqueness of the bathyal fauna of this part of the world. In addition to these zoological papers, this volume contains 3 other contributions: a report on the Musorstom 7 expedition to Wallis and Futuna (South Pacific); station lists of various sampling programs around New Caledonia since May 1989; and a list of 276 bibliographical references to papers reporting results of the exploratory cruises on the bathyal and abyssal fauna of the New Caledonia region. The MUSORSTOM series is a joint program of the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle and the Institut Français de recherche Scientifique pour le Développement en Coopération (ORSTOM). The price of this volume is 560 French francs; write Éditions du Muséum, 57 Rue Cuvier, 75005 Paris

Ph.F. von Siebold and Natural History of Japan, Crustacea: T. Yamaguchi, editor. This volume contains articles by T. Yamaguchi, K. Baba, and L. Holthuis on the specimens collected by von Siebold and H. Bruger and their museum depositories, a list of species described, contributions of the Crustacea volume of the Fauna Japonica, as well as other pertinent information. The cost is \$70 (personal) or \$100 (institutional). The volume can be obtained from T. Yamaguchi, Aitsu Marine Biological Station, 6061 Aitsu, Matsusuma-machi, Amakusa 861-61, Japan. Remittance should be made to "Siebold kenkyu-kankokai" at P.O. Savings Transfer Account 5-20805 Kumamoto (bank check will also be accepted).

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASTACOLOGY WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE PUBLICATION OF FRESHWATER CRAYFISH, A JOURNAL OF ASTACOLOGY, VOLUME IX.

EDITED BY DAVID M. HOLDICH AND G. F. WARNER, THE VOLUME INCLUDES 52 TECHNICAL PAPERS ON MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CRAYFISH BIOLOGY INCLUDING:

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