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Message from the President

wou'll find that a provide you'll find that a number of changes have occurred within The Crustacean Society. Probably most noticeable is that the Ecdysiast has a new look and a new editor. After ten years of service to TCS as editor of the newsletter, Ray Bauer decided it was time to step down. Certainly he and his institution, the University of Southwestern Louisiana, are to be commended for the excellent job and support to TCS over the years. The new editor is Tim Stebbins. Tim has been a long-time member of TCS having joined as a Master's Student at Humboldt State University in 1981. He subsequently completed his doctoral research in isopod ecology at the University of Southern California under Rick Brusca. After a stint at the Natural History Museum of L.A. County, he accepted his current position as a marine biologist with the Ocean Monitoring Program of the City of San Diego. Tim continues his research in isopod ecology in his current position and also studies the effects of pollution on marine invertebrates. He welcomes information on research studies, upcoming meetings, regional updates, and all things crustacean for inclusion in the Ecdysiast.

In addition to Tim, there are several new officers and board members of TCS (see page 2). Les Watling passed the historic crab mallet to me at the December 1995 meeting of TCS with the American Society of Zoologists in Washington, D.C. I will continue his efforts to increase participation at these joint meetings and will enlist the help

of newly elected Program Officer Tom Wolcott in this endeavor. Tom is also Secretary of ASZ, so his involvement with both societies can only work to our mutual benefit. One idea that is being considered is to organize the program into thematic sessions rather than by division or society. Under this proposal, TCS members will no longer have to choose between presenting in a TCS section or an ASZ section but will be identified as TCS members in the meeting brochure. This should give a clearer indication of the large size of TCS participation across all sections of the meeting

and allow New Home Page for students to compete for The Crustacean Society

the TCS Best Student Paper Award. Jody Martin has taken over as President-Elect and will be assembling a slate of officers for the fall election. As mentioned later in this newsletter, he will have the task of finding nominees for Treasurer. We all know that Denton Belk will be impossible to replace, but thanks to his fiscal acumen, TCS is sound financially and he will be available to advise the newly elected Treasurer.

Newly elected governors include Elva Escobar-Briones for Latin America and Ichiro Takeuchi for Asia. I would like for them to join Dorothy Skinner (North American Governor), Pierre Noël (European Governor), and Diana Jones (Indo-Pacific Governor), in giving regular updates to the membership about activities in their

region. A large part of the Governors' responsibility is to recruit new members. One of the ways we can recruit new members is by better advertising the Society. Bill Hart of the US National Museum of Natural History has made great strides in doing that by developing a home page for TCS on the world wide web (see page 3 for more information). Another idea for recruitment is to develop informational posters that regional governors, officers and interested individuals can carry to meetings along with membership applications and examples of the JCB. We plan to have these developed over the next year.

> Opportunities for information exchange among carcinologists should be ample

at future meetings. The July 1996 meeting of TCS in San Diego promises to be an excellent one and will be held in conjunction with the third Large Branchiopod Symposium. Marie Simovich and Michel Boudrias have put together an exciting agenda. The Second European Crustacean Conference is scheduled for September 2-6 in Liege, Belgium, followed by the 6th Colloquium Crustacea Decapoda Mediterranea in Florence, Italy from September 12-15. The next ASZ/TCS meeting will be in Albuquerque in December 1996. The annual board and business meeting will occur then as well. The winter meeting schedule will shift to early January for a meeting in Boston in 1998. The Board approved Mobile, Alabama as the site for the 1997 summer meeting. Richard Modlin of

the University of Alabama in Huntsville and Ken Heck of the Dauphin Island Lab will be hosting this meeting. The board also voted for TCS to be a co-sponsor of the International Crustacean Congress that will be held in Amsterdam in July 1998. This meeting, which will be broadly international in participation, has been designated as the TCS summer meeting for that year. I hope that you will take advantage of these excellent opportunities to meet with colleagues from around the world.

Student participation at meetings is something that each of us should encourage. The future of our field depends on the professional endeavors of students. One of the ways that TCS has chosen to reward students is by offering a Best Student Paper award. The winner of the TCS Best Student Paper award for the Washington, DC meeting is Martin Thiel of the Darling Marine Center who spoke on extended parental care in three estuarine amphipods. The Board of TCS recently approved that such an award should be offered whenever and wherever TCS sponsors a meeting. Jack O'Brien will succeed Sandra Gilchrist as Chair of the TCS Awards Committee that also will be reviewing pros and cons of the Best Paper Award in the Journal.

The e-mail directory for TCS members has finally been completed and is included as an addendum to this issue of the newsletter. Unfortunately, however, only about a sixth of the membership has responded to previous address requests. I apologize for any errors that may have been made in transcription of information. Please send corrections and additions to me at my e-mail address

(wenner@cofc.edu). I will have an errata sheet available for the next *Ecdysiast*.

As a new President, I am dependent upon suggestions and comments from the membership on ways to strengthen TCS. I hope that you will contact any of the officers, governors, or me with your ideas and opinions. Our e-mail and snail-mail addresses, as well as phone and Fax numbers, are listed in the enclosed directory.

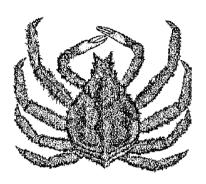
With my warmest regards,

Elizabeth Wenner TCS President

TCS Treasurer

A fter serving the Society so well for so long, Dr. Denton Belk is currently serving his last term as Treasurer as he prepares to give more time to other aspects of his career. The Society is now accepting nominations for persons to assume this critical role, the first term of which would begin in January of 1997. Denton has very kindly agreed to work with the new Treasurer to assure a smooth transition.

We are hoping to find someone with highly developed organizational skills and some financial savvy, and who would be willing to devote sufficient time to ensure that this crucial part of the Society's mission is done well. As with all offices of the Crustacean Society, this is an unpaid position. Nominations (self- or otherwise) will be accepted through the end of June, and the Society will vote on the candidates by mail during the summer or early fall of 1996. Send all nominations or applications to J.W. Martin, TCS president-elect, at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007, USA.



Loxorhynchus crispatus (From Brusca & Brusca, 1978)

1996 TCS Officers and Board of Governors

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Treasury Notes

Every member can help us save money and the natural resources that go into mailing out repeat renewal notices by using the renewal envelop enclosed with your August issue of the Journal of Crustacean Biology to mail in your payment before the end of September. This may seem like a little thing, but it is a very major problem for your society in terms of cost (several hundred dollars) and planning for the next year. Please help by doing your part.

The changes in charges for dues and subscriptions (see "Constitutional Changes" on page 5) will become effective for the 1997 membership and subscription year. The renewal notices that will go out in August will reflect these changes.

We need volunteers to serve on the Financial Committee. Please contact the Treasurer if you are interested.

Denton Belk, TCS Treasurer 840 E. Mulberry Ave. San Antonio, TX 88212-3194 USA Tel: (210) 732-8809 Fax: (210) 732-3943

Crust-L

RUST-L is an unmoderated, open list with informal discussions on subjects pertaining to marine and freshwater crustaceans or related taxa/subjects. The list was formerly run by Bill Hart at the Smithsonian Institution. Due to various constraints he has asked Jeff Shields to manage the CRUST-L.

You can subscribe to the list by sending the message "SUBSCRIBE CRUST-L" to majordomo@vims.edu. Discussion messages should be submitted directly to the list at crust-l@vims.edu. If you have problems subscribing, contact Jeff Shields at jeff@vims.edu.

Please note that service for the list has changed from a Listserver format to a Majordomo format. Some features like DIGEST mode, NOMAIL mode, and Search functions are not available in Majordomo. A FAQ file for the list may be developed. It will be announced if it becomes available.

CRUST-L is supported by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) located at Gloucester Point, Virginia. The list is administered by Dr. Jeffrey Shields (jeff@vims.edu), P.O. Box 1346, CBNERRVA, VIMS, Gloucester Point, VA, 23062, USA, (804) 642-7128, fax: (804) 642-7120. Please report any problems or comments to Jeff at the above e-mail address.

TCS Home Page

The Crustacean Society has a new L home page on the world wide web, developed and maintained by Bill Hart of the US National Museum of Natural History. Rapidly expanding, the home page currently includes a history of the Society, membership information and application, a listing of officers with e-mail addresses, information for JCB contributors. notices of future TCS meetings, and links to other crustacean resources on the internet. Hopefully, the *Ecdysiast* will soon be on line as well. Questions or comments may be addressed to Bill Hart at mnhiv008@sivm.si.edu. Meanwhile, check the page periodically for the latest information on TCS. The address is:

http://www.nmnh.si.edu/crustsoc/

TCS Award

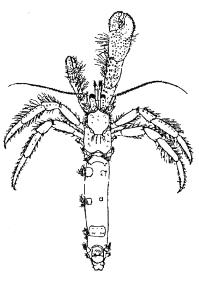
The Best Student Paper Award at the December 1995 meeting in Washington, D.C. went to Martin Thiel from the Darling Marine Center of the University of Maine. Congratulations are due Martin for a job well done on his paper entitled "Extended Parental Care in Three Estuarine Amphipods — 'Babies Don't Go in the Mud." The award consists of a certificate, a cash award of \$50.00, and a one-year membership in TCS and subscription to JCB.

New ASC Address

The Association of Systematics Collections (ASC) has recently moved. The ASC is an association of North American institutions that house systematics collections. The association exists to promote systematics collections, the institutions responsible for them, and the biosystematics community for which they are an essential resource. ASC works toward these goals by providing representation to governmental agencies and policymakers, serving as a clearinghouse of information affecting the systematics community, organizing meetings and workshops, producing and distributing two regular newsletters and special publications, and interacting with other societies and groups both in North America and around the world. To learn more about ASC, and its current activities and projects, please contact the staff at the new address listed below.

Association of Systematics Collections 1725 K Street NW, Suite 601 Washington, D.C. 20006-1401 USA Tel: (202) 835-9050

Fax: (202) 835-7334 E-mail: asc@ascoll.org (www: http://www.ascoll.org/)



Orthopagurus minimus (From Hart, 1982)



Message from the Awards Committee Chair

fter some discussion among current and former members as well as a non-random sampling of the TCS membership, The Awards Committee is considering abolishing the Best Paper Award which is awarded annually to the "best" paper in the Journal of Crustacean Biology. TCS would, of course, continue to award a Best Student Paper Award at the annual meetings. Since abolishing the annual award for a journal paper should not be taken without comment from the membership, we are asking for comments (pro and con) to be sent to Jack O'Brien, the current chair of the awards committee. These comments will be summarized and presented for discussion and decision at the next general meeting of TCS.

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The following is a summary of pertinent information and views that have already been expressed (written and oral).

FAX: 334-414-8220

Reasons FOR

Recognition: Certainly the main purpose of the award is to recognize an individual or group of individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to crustacean research.

Publicity: Because the research has been judged to be outstanding by a panel of peers, the recipient can 1) argue strongly for professional promotion, 2) recruit quality graduate

he or she should be invited for a job interview, or 4) convince grant reviewers that the P.I. is a highly qualified researcher. One TCS member is convinced that the reception of a comparable award from another journal was directly responsible for the awarding of another year of research funding to the recipient.

Increased submissions to JCB:

Investigators who are interested in receiving recognition for outstanding research may choose to submit manuscripts to JCB rather than to another journal. One TCS member has admitted to considering the potential for an outstanding paper award when deciding what journal to submit a manuscript. This individual has published a number of papers in JCB.

Reasons AGAINST

Meaningless apples-and-oranges comparisons: The frustration felt by the judges in trying to impartially decide whether a paper in one area of research, ecology for example, is better than one in physiology, systematics, or cellular biology is enormous. In addition, how does one rank original research against an outstanding review? The judges are aware that they can't help being biased toward outstanding papers in their area of expertise simply because they are more qualified to recognize the quality of research in that specialty. Since the make-up of the committee can have an important influence upon what paper is decided as the eventual winner, commendable effort has been made to maintain a committee with diverse research interests. This is a mixed blessing,

the rankings of papers

however, for

the committee faces making a decision without a clear consensus.

Production of ill will: Criticism has been expressed about the committee's selections in the past by authors who knew that they had been considered, but did not win, and by those who felt that they had submitted outstanding research but were not considered for the award. Rather than enabling the Society to recognize outstanding research, the committee has felt that it's soul- searching efforts often become the focus for bickering and bad feeling.

Difficulty in recruiting judges: Many people turn down requests to serve on the awards committee because they don't have the time. Outside of Arthur Humes, how many members have read every article in JCB, must less have the time to evaluate them?

Minor significance: Everyone recognizes that awards given to the Best Student Papers at an annual meetings are quite helpful to the recipients. For a Master's or Ph.D. student, such recognition can facilitate acceptance into a strong Ph.D. or post-doctoral program. Additionally, these awards can attract the attention of job search committees. Most recipients of the Best Paper of the Year, however, are individuals with established laboratories and are not attempting to move elsewhere. Although the awards are appreciated, they probably do not play a significant role in advancing the professional careers of the recipients.

TCS Constitutional Changes

By a vote of 113 to 8, the following constitutional changes were accepted by the Membership of The Crustacean Society. The changes proposed are to the latest edition of the constitution, published in the *Ecdysiast* 5(2), August, 1986. The original constitution was published in JCB 1(2): 293-297.

A. Article 3, Section 2. Change sentence one to read: "Member, Sustaining Member, Patron Member, Emeritus Member, Institutional Member, and Founding Member are recognized."

Article 3, Section 2 will now read:

<u>Section 2: Types of Membership</u>. Member, Sustaining Member, Patron Member, Emeritus Member, Institutional Member, and Founding Member are recognized. Other classes of membership may be created by action of the Board of Governors, hereafter referred to as "the Board." An institution or organization that is a member is entitled to designate a representative who may cast a single vote on its behalf.

B. Article 3, Section 3. Change sentence one to read: "All members whose dues have been paid for the current year shall be considered members in good standing and shall be entitled to receive notices of Society activities, vote at meetings or by mail, receive the Society's newsletter, subscribe to the Society's journal at special rates, and participate in all activities sponsored by the Society within limits." Delete sentences two and three. Change sentence four to read: "Other privileges of membership, some category specific, may be designated by the Board."

Article 3, Section 3 will now read:

Section 3: Rights of Membership. All members whose dues have been paid for the current year shall be considered members in good standing and shall be entitled to receive notices of Society activities, vote at meetings or by mail, receive the Society's newsletter, subscribe to the Society's journal at special rates, and participate in all activities sponsored by the Society within limits. Other privileges of membership, some category specific, may be designated by the Board."

- C. Change Bylaw 1 a), to read: *Member a person paying the prescribed dues*.
- D. Change Bylaw 1 c), to read: Patron Members contributing a yearly amount as determined by the membership. Patron Members shall be recognized in the Society's journal.
- E. Change Bylaw 1 e), to read: Institutions or organizations shall be classified by the following categories accorded to individual members: Member. Sustaining Member, or Patron Member on the payment of dues higher than those of individual persons; such dues to be set as prescribed in Article 4.

The new dues as a result of this action then will be:

\$ 20.00	Member (no journal)
\$100.00	Sustaining Member (includes journal)
\$150.00	Patron Member (includes journal)
\$200.00	Institutional Member (includes journal)
\$300.00	Sustaining Institutional Member (includes journal)
\$500.00	Patron Institutional Member (includes journal)

The new subscription rates for JCB then will be:

Non-member	\$105.00	delivery in North America	
	\$125.00	delivery outside North America	
Member	\$ 55.00		
	\$ 30.00	(special rate for members unable to pay full cost of journal)	



Regional News

The Azores

Ana Cristina Costa, Departamento de Biologia, Universidade dos Acores, reports the following items of interest.

The Symposium on Fauna and Flora of the Atlantic Islands will be held in the Department of Biology of the University of the Azores, in Ponta Delgada in September 1998. Information on the symposium is available at the internet site: http://www.uac.pt.

There is a scientific publication from this University on Life and Marine Sciences issues, *Arquipelago*, which publishes original scientific articles, brief notes and reviews on the natural environment of the archipelago of the Azores and surrounding regions. Papers from other Macaronesian and Atlantic islands will also be accepted.² This publication is indexed in ASFA, BIOSIS, CABS, Current Contents, MSCT and Zoological Record.

Another journal in the Azores is devoted mainly to the natural history of the region. It is the journal of the Sociedade de Estudos Acoreanos "Afonso Chaves." Manuscripts and correspondence should be addressed to the editor: Prof. A. Frias Martins, Sociedade de Estudos Acoreanos "Afonso Chaves," Apart. 258, P-9503 Ponta Delgada (Codex) Portugal.

Latin America

New Discussion List for Latin America

With the support of the Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology (ICMyL-UNAM) and The Crustacean Society (TCS) we initiate this new e-mail discussion list <crustacea>. This list is an academic interaction forum for both researchers and students in the disciplines of systematics,

biology and ecology of Crustacea in Latin America.

The objectives of the list are to: facilitate communication among latinamerican students and researchers interested in the study of crustaceans and related topics; support and expedite the search for information and materials necessary for research on solutions to problems related to crustacean research; and finally to communicate in due time the organization of events and promote the creation of an address book of Latin America Crustacean specialists.

<crustacea> is a closed and moderated list managed by the computer center at UNAM.

To subscribe to the list <crustacea> send the following message:

Inscripción crustacea < your address>

addressed to the list manager at the following e-mail address:

<majordomo@servidor.dgsca.unam.mx>

According to the following example:

Inscripción crustacea escobri@mar.icmyl.unam.mx

We expect that the advertising of this list may enhance the gathering of latinamerican crustacean specialists. Messages sent to the list, requests for information, and any other questions should be sent directly to the list address below:

crustacea@servidor.unam.mx

Please do not hesitate to request further information: Elva Escobar-Briones, Benthic Ecology Lab, Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnologia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, A.P. 70-305, 04510 Mexico, D.F. MEXICO; Tel: (525) 622.5835; Fax: (525) 616.0748; E-mail: escobri@mar.icmyl.unam.mx

Association Latinoamericana de Carcinologia

The Asociatión Latinoamericana de Carcinólogos (Latin American Association of Carcinologists) is a new society specializing in the study of crustaceans. Enrique Boschi of the Fisheries Institute in Argentina is the provisional president of the society that was created in October 1995. One of the main goals of the society is to link all crustacean experts in Latin America. For more information contact Dr. Boschi at: Instituto Nacional de Investigacion y Desarrollo Pesquero, 7600 Mar del Plata, Argentina; Tel: 54.23.86.24.04; Fax: 54.23.86.18.30.

Sociedad Mesoamericana para la Biologia y la Conservacion

The Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation was formed on 14 January 1996, at Lake Yojoa, Honduras, by a group of biologists from five countries and numerous branches of the biological sciences. This new society will serve biologists and conservationists throughout Central America and southern Mexico, by publishing a news bulletin Mesoamericana, and by sponsoring annual congresses in Mesoamerica. The official name of the society is "Sociedad Mesoamericana para la Biologia y la Conservacion." Persons interested in the society, as members or potential officers, are invited to become founding members, subscribe to the bulletin, and attend the first general meeting of the membership in Tegucigalpa in June 1996. Institutions are also invited to help found the society, the first ever of its kind in Mesoamerica.

Members will receive the quarterly "Mesoamericana," which will include news in Spanish and English of current projects, meetings, and literature, as well as biographical sketches on founding members, and short, non-technical articles of general use to biologists working in Mesoamerica. The Society initially intends to publish technical articles in proceedings of

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annual symposia or congresses. The first issue of *Mesoamericana* will be published in June 1996. For more information about the bulletin, contact its editor, Carlos Rene Ramirez Sosa, 4a. Avenida Sur #1, Apopa, San Salvador, El Salvador (Tel: 503-336-0152; E-mail: crrlc@cunyvm.cuny.edu).

The cost of basic membership is \$20 for 1996 (includes 3 issues of Mesoamericana). One can become a founding member for \$50. Institutions can become founders for \$200, which includes a subscription to the bulletin. Founding members and founding institutions will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Founding memberships will be available only through the end of 1996. Donations larger than \$200 are welcome, and donors will be recognized in print as benefactors. Membership fees or other donations may be sent to Oliver Komar, Department of Zoology, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware OH 43015 (Tel: 614-369-0175; E-mail ookomar@cc.owu.edu). Checks should be made out to "Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation" or "Sociedad Mesoamericana para la Biologia y la Conservacion."

Mesoamerican residents have lower membership costs, and can contact directly one of the acting secretaries, Silvia C. Chalukian, at Departmento de Recursos Naturales y Conservacion Biologica, Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Apartado 93, Tegucigalpa, Honduras (Tel: 504-76-6140; Fax: 504-76-6234; E-mail: eapdrn@ns.hondunet.net or eaphpcs@ns.hondunet.net).

All members are encouraged to attend the first meeting at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras, Tegucigalpa, tentatively planned for 21-22 June 1996, at which the Society's membership will approve its statutes and elect a board of officers and trustees. The meeting includes a one-day symposium on Mesoamerican biology, with invited papers and an open poster session. Anyone interested in attending the meeting and symposium may contact the society's acting president Gerardo Borjas. Licenciado

Borjas is the local organizing committee chair and scientific program chair for the June meeting. He may be reached at Apartado 30-357, Toncontin, Tegucigalpa M.D.C., Honduras (Tel/Fax: 504-33-9576). Information on local lodging arrangements and registration also will be available from Oliver Komar at the address given previously.

Asia

The Carcinological Society of Japan

Membership in the Carcinological Society of Japan is open to anyone interested in Crustacea and who wishes to join. The Society currently has about 300 members. Annual dues are 5000 Japanese yen. Members are requested to send dues to the Society at P.O. Savings Transfer Account No. 3-608062 Tokyo (Ordinary bank check will not be accepted). Membership includes subscription to the Society's journal (*Crustacean Research*) and newsletter (*Cancer*).

Correspondence concerning membership should be sent to: The Secretary, The Carcinological Society of Japan, c/o Department of Aquatic Biosciences, Tokyo University of Fisheries, 4-5-7 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108, Japan. Manuscripts and editorial questions should be sent to the Editor, *Crustacean Research*, Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University, 2-40-1 Kurokami, Kumamoto 860, Japan.

Back issues are also available for the society's publications. The society's official journal (in English or Japanese) was published from 1963-1992 (Vols. 1-21) as "Koukakurui no Kenkyu (Researches on Crustacea)" and from 1993-present (e.g., Vols. 22-23) as "Crustacean Research." Also available are several supplements or special issues, including:

Supplement for No. 8: Sakai, T. (1978). Decapod Crustacea from the Emperor Seamount Chain. 39 p.

Special Issue No. 1: Sakai, K. (1982). Revision of Upogebiidae (Decapoda, Thalassinidea) in the Indo-West Pacific Region. 106 p.

Special Issue No. 2: Baba, K. (1988). Chirostylid and Galatheid Crustaceans (Decapoda: Anomura) of the "Albatross" Philippine Expedition, 1907-1910. 202 p.

Special Issue No. 3: Holthuis, L.B., & Manning, R.B. (1990). Crabs of the Subfamily Dorippinae MacLeay, 1838, from the Indo-West Pacific Region (Crustacea: Decapoda: Dorippidae). 150 p.

Price for non-members: 3000 yen each for Nos. 1-23, and Supplement for No. 8; 5000 yen each for Special Issue Nos. 1-3.

Discount price: 40000 yen for a set of Nos. 1-20 of "Researches on Crustacea."

North America

Peracarid Research & Workshop Opportunities

A Research Assistantship is available at the University of Maine for a Ph.D. student interested in crustacean systematics with an emphasis on the Cumacea. This assistantship is part of a NSF/PEET initiative to train a new generation of systematists. Les Watling and Irv Kornfield are the principal investigators on the project. Please refer to the box on page 8 for details. A couple of other peracarid taxa have also been the focus of the PEET awards. These include awards to Richard Brusca (University of Charleston) and Brian Kensley (Smithsonian Institution) for research on isopod systematics and to John Holsinger (Old Dominion Research Foundation) for work on the Amphipoda. Anyone interested in these or other PEET awards should check out the NSF/PEET web site.

A workshop on the biology of the Pericarida will be held at the Darling Marine Center during late July, 1996.



The workshop will cover all aspects of the biology and systematics of this sometimes controversial group, and should be an exciting follow-up to the peracarid symposium at the San Diego TCS meeting earlier in the month. Les Watling is coordinated the workshop with instructors being J.D. Thomas and Brian Kensley of the Smithsonian Institution and Trisha Spears of Florida State University. For details and registration information, please see the box on page 9.

Job Opportunities

Assistant Research Scientist Position Estuarine Ecologist / Ecosystem Modeler

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science of the College of William & Mary has an opening in the Department of Biological Sciences for an Estuarine Ecologist - Ecosystem Modeler. The incumbent will work with an interdisciplinary team of scientists on a large-scale program focused on the York River Estuary & Watershed, a southern tributary of the Chesapeake Bay.

Responsibilities will include data management, ecosystem model development and analysis, and participation in grants administration and development. Independent research that compliments the general theme of the program is expected.

Minimum qualifications are a Ph.D. in estuarine/marine science (or equivalent), background and demonstrated ability in numerical modeling and simulation analysis, and field research experience in estuarine/marine ecology. Knowledge of spatial modeling and GIS is highly desirable.

This is a non-tenure track position funded at present for two years through both Institutional sources and Federal grants. Salary dependent upon qualifications and in the range \$32 - \$40K per annum. Review will begin May 1, 1996 and will continue until a successful

applicant is found with the expected start date being 1 July 1996.

Submit a resume, a list of three references, and a detailed personal statement of research interests and professional goals to Dr. Richard L.

Wetzel, College of William & Mary, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 USA. Further information can be obtained by calling (804) 642-7381 or via e-mail at dick@vims.edu.

Graduate Study in Crustacean Systematics with Emphasis on Cumaceans

A Research Assistantship is available at the UNIVERSITY OF MAINE for a Ph.D. student interested in studying morphological and molecular methods of systematics. Emphasis will be on the Order Cumacea, primarily from the Pacific Basin, but also the Gulf of Mexico. Material to be examined will include previously collected specimens from various museums, but fresh material collected in Chile, New Zealand, and the American part of the Gulf of Mexico will be a significant aspect of the project. New species will be described, and fresh specimens will be collected and prepared for molecular examination. Historical biogeographical hypotheses involving Pacific Basin cumaceans will be tested.

The successful applicant will have completed a M.S. degree, or equivalent in the case of foreign applicants, preferably in some area of crustacean biology or invertebrate biology; will be interested in both morphological and molecular systematic methods; and will be able to work for long periods of time under difficult field conditions.

This assistantship is part of a NSF/PEET initiative to train a new generation of systematists. Our approach will be to educate the student in all areas of modern systematics, ranging from an understanding of the International Code of Nomenclature, to morphological and molecular phylogenetic methods, to testing historical biogeographical hypotheses.

Enrollment can be in either the Oceanography or Zoology Departments, with either Les Watling or Irv Kornfield as major advisors, depending on the student's major area of interest. Watling is interested primarily in morphology and biogeography, while Kornfield's expertise is primarily in molecular techniques.

Students interested in applying for this Research Assistantship should send a letter of interest containing a statement of research and course background to Les Watling at the address below, and should REQUEST APPLICATION MATERIALS from the Graduate School, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469, USA.

Les Watling Darling Marine Center University of Maine Walpole, ME 04573 Ph: (207) 563-3146 ext. 248

FAX: (207) 563-3119 or

(207) 563-3146,,,,,,272 E-mail: Watling@maine.maine.edu

Marine Biologist Position

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has an opening for a marine biologist. Duties represent a mix of field sampling and data analysis. In general, the successful applicant will assist in the planning and conduct of American lobster research and management related projects including biological and catch-effort sampling programs in Massachusetts coastal waters. Significant interaction will

occur with industry user groups, state, and federal agencies.

Applicants must be skilled in field research, SCUBA diving, technical writing, oral presentations, use of bio-statistical software and data analysis. Must have considerable knowledge of fisheries biology and management, fish population dynamics and associated modelling, including assessment techniques used in fisheries research and management. Salary range ~\$33,400/yr.—\$42,300/yr.

Please send resume, transcripts (if recent student), and at least three professional references with titles and phone numbers to:

Bruce T. Estrella
Massachusetts Division of Marine
Fisheries
18 Rt. 6A
Sandwich, MA 02563 USA
Tel: (508) 888-1155
E-mail: Bestrella@state.ma.us.

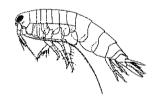
Biology of the Pericarida Workshop



July 22 - July 27, 1996

(with extension to August 2 for research projects)
Darling Marine Center, University of Maine





Coordinator: Dr. Les Watling, Department of Oceanography, University of Maine. Instructors: Drs. J.D. Thomas and Brian Kensley, Smithsonian Institution; Dr. Trisha Spears, Florida State University.

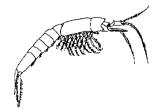
Participants will examine the anatomy, taxonomy, functional morphology, and phylogeny of peracarid crustaceans. Representatives of all orders will be available for examination. The monophyletic status of the Peracarida will be discussed using both morphological and molecular evidence. The first week of the course will involve formal instruction and discussion, with the second week available to participants who may wish to investigate a particular aspect of peracarid biology or morphology using the Darling Marine Center's facilities (for example, EM center and histology lab, or flowing seawater system).

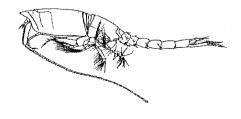
COURSE COST: \$300 (students need to bring their own fine dissection tools). Meals & housing extra.

To register, or to obtain more information about housing, etc., interested persons should contact Tim Miller by e-mail at mailbox temiller@maine.maine.edu.

For more information about course content and other general information, contact Les Watling at the address below or by e-mail: Watling@maine.maine.edu.

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New Publications & Reprints

Crustacean Issues

Two new volumes of Crustacean Issues were published during 1995, bringing to 10 the number of issues in the series. Volume 9, edited by M.A. Alikhan, is entitled "Terrestrial Isopod Biology," and includes the papers presented at the Isopod Symposium sponsored by TCS during the 1992 meeting of the American Society of Zoologists in Vancouver, B.C. Volume 10, "New Frontiers in Barnacle Evolution," represents the second volume of the series to deal specifically with barnacles. These two volumes are welcome additions to this important carcinological series, that so far includes issues dealing with phylogeny and biogeography (Vols. 1 & 4), larval and adult growth (Vols. 2 & 3), the biology of barnacles (Vol. 5), functional morphology of feeding and grooming (Vol. 6), egg production (Vol. 7), and the history of Carcinology (Vol. 8). All 10 volumes are available from A.A. Balkema Publications (see page 18 for ordering information).

Australian Crustaceans

Buz Wilson of the Australian Museum would like to draw attention to two recent publications dealing with new crustacean discoveries from Australia. The first of these papers, by Jill Yager and W.F. Humphreys, reports on the first remipede recorded from the region. This article represents the latest information on this odd cavernicolous crustacean group and includes the description with live photographs and SEMs, a key to all 11 extant species, useful environmental data on the

Speleonectes gironensis (From Yager, 1994) remipede habitat, and a discussion of the group's biogeography. The second paper of interest, by Buz and L. Ho, reports on the first phreatoicidean isopod to be described in Australia since 1944. Complete citations for both papers are given below.

Yager, J., and W.F. Humphreys. (1996). Lasionectes exleyi, sp. nov., the first remipede crustacean recorded from Australia and the Indian Ocean, with a key to the world species. Invertebrate Taxonomy, 10(1): 171-187.

Wilson, G., and L. Ho. (1996). Crenoicus Nicholls, 1944 (Isopoda, Phreatoicidae): systematics and population biology of a new species from New South Wales. Records of the Australian Museum, 48(1): 7-32.

California Crustaceans

Volume 12 (The Crustacea Part 3 — The Amphipoda) of the Taxonomic Atlas of the Benthic Fauna of the Santa Maria Basin and Western Santa Barbara Channel was published during 1995. Edited by James Blake, Les Watling, and Paul Scott, this is the first of three Crustacea volumes to be published in the series. As its name implies, this volume deals with most of the amphipod fauna of the region, excluding the Lysianassidae. Included is an introduction to the Amphipoda by Les Watling and J.D. Thomas, followed by four chapters covering various taxa. Chapter 2, by J.D. Thomas and L.D. McCann, covers the families Argissidae, Dexaminidae, Eusiridae, Gammaridae, Leucothoidae, Melphidippidae, Oedicerotidae, Pardaliscidae, Phoxocephalidae,

Podoceridae, Stegocephalidae, Stenothoidae, Stilipedidae, Synopiidae, and Urothoidae. Chapter 3, by Les Watling, covers the families Ampeliscidae, Amphilochidae, Liljeborgiidae, and Pleustidae. The superfamily Corophioidea is covered in chapter 4 by Kathleen Conlan, and the caprellid amphipods are covered in chapter 5 by Les Watling.

Volumes 10 and 11 (The Crustacea Parts 1 and 2, respectively) in the series are due to be published during 1996 and will cover such groups as the Decapoda, Isopoda, Cumacea, Mysidacea, and Tanaidacea. For more information on these or any other volumes in the series, contact Dr. Paul Scott at the Department of Invertebrate Zoology, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 USA.

The Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists (SCAMIT) was formed in 1982 to promote the study of invertebrate taxonomy and develop a regionally standardized taxonomy of marine invertebrates within the region. Its membership includes most of the taxonomists responsible for conducting infaunal and soft-bottom epifaunal monitoring programs in southern California coastal waters. SCAMIT's activities include monthly meetings, workshops, and communication of taxonomic information to its membership through a monthly newsletter. SCAMIT has also recently published the following listing of invertebrates known from soft-bottom habitats of the Southern California Bight.

SCAMIT. (1996). A Taxonomic Listing of Soft Bottom Macro- and Megainvertebrates from Infaunal and Epibenthic Monitoring Programs in the Southern California Bight. Edition 2. Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists, San Pedro, CA, 86 pp.

The above list is comprised of 2789 invertebrate taxa, 755 of which are crustaceans. Approximately 10% of the crustacean taxa represent provisional (i.e., undescribed) species or species complexes. For more information on SCAMIT or this publication, contact

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Ron Velarde (President) at the City of San Diego's Marine Biology Laboratory (Phone: 619-692-4903; E-mail: rgv@sddpc.sannet.gov) or Don Cadien (Vice President) at the Marine Biology Laboratory of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Phone: 310-830-2400, ext. 403; E-mail: mblcsdla@netcom.com).

Lobster Reference

Factor, J.R., ed. (1995). Biology of the Lobster *Homarus americanus*. Academic Press, 528 pp., (ISBN 0-12-247570-4)

This comprehensive reference brings together in one volume the current state of knowledge of the fascinating and widely distributed species, Homarus americanus. It will appeal to benthic biologists in general, as well as to invertebrate biologists, marine biologists, carcinologists, aquaculturists, fishery biologists, benthic ecologists, developmental biologists, neurobiologists, and researchers working with other lobster species. It contains quite a lot of material on the development and ecology of the larval, postlarval, juvenile, and adult stages. Because this book contains extensive material on anatomy, life history, systems physiology, and behavior, it will be a useful laboratory reference for marine biology and invertebrate biology courses that use H. americanus as a preserved dissection or living specimen.

CONTENTS: J.R. Factor, Introduction, Anatomy, and Life History; A.B. Williams, Taxonomy and Evolution; G.P. Ennis, Larval and Postlarval Ecology; P. Lawton and K.L. Lavalli, Postlarval, Juvenile, Adolescent, and Adult Ecology; R.J. Miller, Fishery Regulations and Methods; M.J. Fogarty, Populations, Fisheries, and Management; J.S. Cobb, Interface of Ecology, Behavior, and Fisheries; D.E. Aiken and S.L. Waddy, Aquaculture; P. Talbot and S. Helluy, Reproduction and

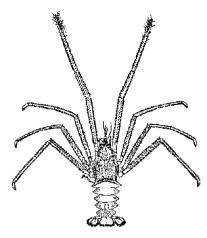
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Tokyo 102, Japan.

Price: US\$195.00; free postage and handling on prepaid orders; payment by U.S. bank draft, international money order, or credit card (American Express, Mastercard, VISA; include card number, expiration date, signature, and telephone).

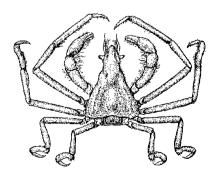
Crustacean Reprints Available at Natural History Museum of L.A. County

The recent and unfortunate losses of both Dr. John Garth and Ms. Janet Haig, the former in 1993, the latter in 1995, have occasioned the transfer of their remaining available publications to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. (The former Allan Hancock Foundation crustacean collections themselves have already



Chirostylus perarmatus (From Haig, 1968)

been transferred to the Museum). In addition to the publications of Dr. Garth and Ms. Haig, there are also, in the collection, some reprints of papers authored by former USC/Hancock carcinologists, such as W.T. Mattox (branchiopods) and L. Yeung (cyamid amphipods). Although a list of the available reprints will be published later, probably in the November 1996 Ecdysiast, we will begin distribution of these reprints now to anyone with a specific request. Please send an appropriately-sized, self-addressed and franked envelope (preferably padded) along with the titles of any Garth/Haig/ Mattox/Yeung etc. reprints you may have an interest in, and we will do what we can to fill your order. There is no cost. Please do not send "blanket requests" at this time. Address requests to: George E. Davis, Collections Manager, Crustacea, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007 USA.



Podochela ziesenhennei (From Garth, 1940)



Upcoming Meetings & Symposia

TCS Meetings

Information on the following TCS meetings is also available on the TCS home page (see page 3) where they will be updated as details become available. You may wish to check the home page periodically for the latest information.

Summer 1996 (San Diego, California)

This year's Summer Meeting of The Crustacean Society will be held jointly with the Third International Large Branchiopod Symposium (ILBS3) at the University of San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA from July 14-18, 1996. Organized by Marie Simovich and Michel Boudrias, the meeting should prove to be an excellent one. Michel Boudrias is also organizing a Peracarid Symposium within the TCS meeting schedule. Please refer to the formal meeting announcement in the November 1995 issue of the Ecdysiast (Vol. 14, No. 2) for details and registration information. For additional information, contact Marie Simovich. Biology Department, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA 92110 USA. Tel: (619) 260-4729, Fax: (619) 260-6804, or Michel Boudrias via e-mail at boum@pwa.acusd.edu.

December 1996 (Albuquerque, New Mexico)

The 1996 Winter Meeting will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM, USA in conjunction with The American Society of Zoologists: A Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology.

Summer 1997 (Mobile, Alabama)

The 1997 Summer Meeting is scheduled to be held from May 21-24, 1997 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Mobile, AL, USA, with an excursion to the

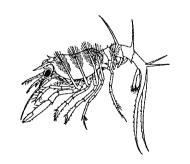
Dauphin Island Sea Lab. The meeting will be hosted by Richard Modlin of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (modlinr@email.uah.edu) and Ken Heck of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Two symposia are scheduled so far: (1) Biodiversity of Latin American Crustaceans (organized by Elva Escobar-Briones); and (2) Symposium Honoring Dr. Austin Williams (organized by Ray Manning and Darryl Felder).

January 1998 (Boston, Massachusetts)

The Winter 1997-1998 meeting will be held in January 1998 at Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA, USA in conjunction with The American Society of Zoologists.

Summer 1998 (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

The 1998 Summer Meeting will be held from July 20-24, 1998 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands in conjunction with the Fourth International Crustacean Congress (ICC 4) and the Third European Crustacean Conference. TCS will be co-sponsoring these exciting meetings. The local contact is: Fred Schram (schram@mail.bio.uva.nl). Please see the "First Announcement" for the ICC 4 on pages 15-17 of this newsletter.



2nd International Conference on the Culture of Penaeid Prawns and Shrimps

May 14-17, 1996 (Iloilo City, Philippines)

The First ICCPPS (International Conference on the Culture of Penaeid Prawns and Shrimps) was held in 1984. The goals of the Second ICCPPS are to review the researches of the past years, identify research gaps, and propose strategies to make the shrimp industry sustainable. Over 100 participants from 21 countries in Asia, Australia and the Pacific, North and South America, the Middle East, and Europe have signified their intention to participate in the SICCPPS. For additional information about the conference, please contact:

The Secretariat, SICCPPS SEAFDEC/AQD, Tigbauan 5021 Iloilo, Philippines Tel: (63) 33-3351009

Fax: (63) 33-3351008

E-mail: tms-seafdec@phil.gn.apc.org

Settlement & Metamorphosis of Marine Invertebrate Larvae

July 15-19, 1996 (University of Plymouth, UK)

Jointly organized by the Marine Biological Association (UK), JRDC (Japan), and the University of Plymouth.

5 Themes planned:

- nature of chemical cues to settlement;
- perception of cues:
- hydrodynamics and settlement;
- biofilm-larval interactions;
- inhibition of settlement by natural products/cues.

Contact: Dr. Tony Clare, Marine Biological Association, Citadel Hill, Plymouth PL1 2PB, UK

Tel: +44 (1752)633100 Fax: +44 (1752)633102 E-mail: T.Clare@pml.ac.uk

Second European Crustacean Conference

September 2-6, 1996 (Liège, Belgium)

The Second European Crustacean Conference will be held in Liège, Belgium, from September 2-6, 1996. It will host the seventh meeting of the "Groupe d'Etudes et de Réflexions sur l'Evolution des Crustacés" (GEREC) and the "Crustacean Larval Conference."

Please refer to the formal announcement in the November 1995 issue of the *Ecdysiast* (Vol. 14, No. 2) for further details and registration information, or contact: Secretary General, 2nd European Crustacean Conference, Laboratory of General Biology and Ultrastructural Morphology, Institute of Zoology, Quai Van Beneden, 22, B-4020 Liège, Belgium; Tel: +32-41.66.50.98, +32-41.66.50.62, 32-41.66.50.46, or 32-41.66.50.72; Fax: 32-41.66.50.10 or 32-41.66.50.20

6th Colloquiem Crustacea Decapoda Mediterranea

September 12-15 (Florence, Italy)

The 6th Colloquiem Crustacea Decapoda Mediterranea (CCDM) will be held in Florence, Italy, from September 12-15, 1996. The scientific program is designed for anyone working on Mediterranean decapods, including systematics, paleontology, phylogeny, biogeography, ecology, ethology, reproduction and growth, fisheries, culture, and related topics. Papers on general aspects of some of the above are also welcome even if not strictly dealing with Mediterranean species.

For further information, see the announcement in the last issue of the *Ecdysiast* (Vol. 14, No. 2), or contact: 6th Colloquiem Crustacea Decapoda Mediterranea Museo di Zoologia "La Specola," via Romana n. I-50125, Firenze, Italy; Tel: +39-55-222451; Fax: +39-55-225325; E-mail: dibagef1@idg.cnr.it.

Vernal Pool Conference

Conference on the Ecology, Conservation, and Management of Vernal Pool Ecosystems

June 1996 (Sacramento, California)

The conference will be held June 19-21, 1996, at the Hilton Hotel, Sacramento, California. The four sessions include (1) Vernal pool Distribution and Characteristics, (2) Ecology, Systematics, Status, and Trends of Vernal Pool Plants, Animals, and Ecosystems, (3) Conservation and Management of Vernal Pools, and (4) Vernal Pool Regulatory, Planning, and Policy issues.

The 40+ invited speakers and panelists include scientists, managers,

and planners from universities, state and federal agencies, local governments, environmental consulting firms, and conservation organizations. Registration fees range from \$100 (early registration by student members of sponsors) to \$200 (late registration by non-students, non-members of sponsors), and fees include registration, lunches, and refreshment breaks. Co-sponsored by The Crustacean Society and the Crustacea Section of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. For more information and registration materials contact: Mr. William Hull, Executive Secretary of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society, P.O. Box 21638, Oakland, CA 94620-1638, or call 510-465-4962 (fax 510-465-1138).

From the Editor

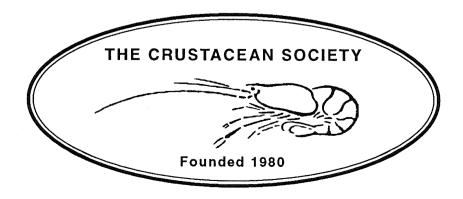
The Crustacean Society depends on its members and interested nonmembers for supplying the information and news published in the society's newsletter. As the new editor of the *Ecdysiast*, I want to thank those who submitted material for the present edition, as well as everyone who helped me put this "first" issue together, especially former editor Ray Bauer and TCS President Betty Wenner. Any comments, suggestions, or criticisms regarding this or future issues will be greatly appreciated. Meanwhile, please keep the contributions coming.

The Ecdysiast is published twice a year, now mailed with the May and November issues of the Journal of Crustacean Biology. Submissions for the spring (May) newsletter should be in by the end of March, while those for the fall (November) newsletter should be in by the end of September. Anything of interest to the TCS membership is welcome, including notices of upcoming meetings and symposia, regional updates, research and job opportunities, important research findings, new publications, other related societies, and basically all things crustacean. Although contributions may be submitted in any form, electronic submissions (i.e., e-mail, on disk) will be especially welcome. The latter save the editor an enormous amount of time and minimize transcription errors in the process. Graphical images (e.g., your favorite crustacean) should be submitted on disk or camera-ready copy by mail. Camera-ready graphics will probably be scanned into the final document. Do not submit graphics by e-mail at this time — I can't download them. Please specify the software used (e.g., Wordperfect 6.1 windows, Word 5.1 Mac, Photoshop 3.0, etc.) or type of file (e.g., EPS, TIFF, etc.) for material submitted on disk. This edition of the newsletter was prepared using PageMaker 5.0 for the Mac; all graphics were scanned in using Deskscan, and then modified using either Deskpaint or Photoshop.³ Submit all materials directly to the editor at one of the addresses listed at the bottom of page 1 of this newsletter (Tim Stebbins, *Ecdysiast* Editor).



Footnotes

- (1). The minutes of the Board of Governors' meeting and the Annual Business meeting held at the December 1995 meeting of TCS/ASZ in Washington, D.C. will be published in the August 1996 issue of the *Journal of Crustacean Biology* (Vol. 16, No. 3).
- (2). On page 6 of this newsletter Ana Costa refers to the "Macaronesian" islands. Since this editor had never heard of these islands, I wanted to make sure the word hadn't mutated in cyberspace or been simply misspelled by me. Thus, I attempted to find out where and what these islands are. A quick search through some available books and atlases was in vain which probably says something about the quality of my reference library. Pierre Noël solved this dilemma and suggested, perhaps out of politeness to my biogeographic ignorance, that a footnote may be of use to other readers of the *Ecdysiast*. Anyway, "Macaraonesian" is an abbreviation introduced some time ago by a German biogeographer for the designation of the zone comprising three groups of mid-eastern Atlantic islands, viz. the Madere+Canaries+Azores. While not indicated on maps in atlases, this word is still used for biogeography studies.
- (3). All "crustacean graphics" used in this newsletter were scanned in from the following original sources. My apologies to the authors for any distortions that may have occurred during scanning or printing.
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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CRUSTACEAN CONGRESS

and including the

THIRD EUROPEAN CRUSTACEAN CONFERENCE

1998 ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING OF THE CRUSTACEAN SOCIETY

July 20 - 24, 1998

AMSTERDAM
The Netherlands

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure for me to announce and invite you to attend the fourth International Crustacean Congress — ICC 4 to be held on Monday 20 through Friday 24, with registration on Sunday 19, 1998, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The Congress is organized by the "Stichting Crustacea", which contains the organizing committee members. In addition, ICC 4 will also host the Third European Crustacean Congress and the 1998 Annual Summer Meeting of the Crustacean Society.

The primary objective of this Congress is to bring together the international scientific community, specialized in the study of crustaceans. We look forward to a fruitful exchange of ideas, and to meeting an interesting and diverse gathering of individuals from all over the world who share an involvement in the fascinating field of crustacean studies.

We hope to see you in Amsterdam in 1998

Fred Schram Chairman ICC 4

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The allover theme of this congress will be:

CRUSTACEA IN THE BIODIVERSITY CRISIS

Papers on all aspects of all groups of crustaceans may be submitted. Both invited lectures and contributed papers will be organized according to the following subthemes:

- · Systematics, Evolution, Phylogeny and Paleontology
- Development, Larval Biology and Life Histories
- · Ecology and Behavior
- · Physiology, Biochemistry; Genetics and Molecular Biology
- Fisheries, Aquaculture, Pollution and Toxicology



Every morning there will be a plenary session with invited speakers. After lunch there will be 15 parallel sessions as well as poster presentations. More about the Scientific programme will be forthcoming in the 2nd Announcement.

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

Next to the plenary sessions with invited speakers, there will be sessions with contributed papers: in ten blocks in all (i.e., two blocks every day over 5 days), five parallel sessions have been planned (of 1 hour each), during which six papers can be presented. This way, a total of 300 contributed papers can be accommodated.

During these sessions, contributed papers may be presented according to the following format:

- exactly 10 min. will be available for every paper, including discussion: speakers can thus determine themselves how much time for discussion will be left;
- during such a contributed lecture, a maximum of 7 slides or overhead sheets can be presented: definitely not more;
- please observe that this time schedule will be utterly strict: alarm clocks will be operated by the chairperson of every session, so as to ensure that no one will speak a moment longer than the time allotted to her or him!
- we hope participants will understand (and, hopefully, value) this approach: in our experience, nothing is more annoying than having to watch an endless stream of uninformative slides during a (often, alas) poorly prepared lecture, waiting impatiently for the chairperson to stop the speaker from exceeding his or her time, while you are dying to hear the next paper you expect so much from (and for which, actually, you have just rushed from Room 4 to Room 2).

Those wishing to present a contributed paper are urged to prepare their lecture thoroughly: make a careful choice of what you wish to communicate, put it together logically, shape it into a well balanced whole, support it with relevant data, slides, or overhead sheets, and practice your lecture several times: such in order to exactly time it within the 10 min. allotted just as well as to be sure to pronounce it adequately at the meeting. Try to meet the (mostly unwritten) Guidelines for Good Speakers, in other words: try to avoid those things that you yourself experience as utterly annoying with other (bad) speakers! Finally, please consider that these directions are not meant for you if you are already a good speaker: just imagine how convenient it would be if those other 299 speakers would present their lecture according to the same standards as you do!

GUIDELINES

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In the hall of the parallel session building there will be an exhibition with various stands for book publishers, instruments, computer programs, professional groups, and other things.

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