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MEETINGS OF INTEREST

FOURTH SYMPOSIUM ON AQUATIC NEMATODES - ROSCOFF 22-24 August 1983

First announcement

Topic : Systematics, anatomy, ecophysiology and ecology of aquatic nematodes. The symposium is the appropriate platform to keep in contact the nematode taxonomists, more and more specialized in certain taxa and the ecologists. The organizers want to encourage discussions on the roles played by nematodes in the benthic food web and on the use of the species as bioindicators for monitoring ecosystems and experimental ecology.

Suggestions would be welcome to draw the final program.

Date : Arrival Sunday August 21. Departure August 25 - 1983.

Place : Station Biologique de Roscoff, 1, Place Georges Teissier, 29211 ROSCOFF (France)

Papers : The proceedings of the symposium will not be published as a whole, so participants are encouraged to present work in progress. Some possibilities of publication in "Cahiers de Biologie Marine" could be offered during the year following the symposium. About 8 papers could be selected based on their relevance by the editorial board of this review and published in the four issues of the year. Verbal presentation of papers is limited to ten minutes and ten minutes discussion.

Standard projection facilities are available. The participants are requested to bring their slides and any other documents which would give way for open, free and informal discussions.

Accommodation : The participants will be accommodated in the laboratory quarters in single or double room or flats. They also have the opportunity for meals in the "cantine." There are many restaurants and hotels in Roscoff.

Transport : Roscoff can be reached by train from Paris, by plane (Brest or Morlaix) and by car ferry from Plymouth.

Application : You are kindly requested to return the enclosed application form at your earliest convenience, but not later than 15th of September 1982. A second circular will be issued in November 1982.

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I am interested in attending the fourth symposium on aquatic nematodes in Roscoff in August 1983 and wish to receive further informations.

The type of accommodation I would prefer is :

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I would like to give a short presentation of my current research      yes  no

I would like to lead a discussion group/provide a demonstration      yes  no   
(please give brief account of topic)

I will also be attending the International meiofauna Conference in Gent      yes  no

and the International Meeting on the origins and relationships of lower invertebrates in London

Yes  no

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM :

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# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INDO-PACIFIC PLANKTON

SHIMIZU, JAPAN

22 JULY - 4 AUGUST, 1984

## PRINCIPAL CONVENORS

THE WESTERN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS, USA  
TOKAI UNIVERSITY, JAPAN  
(Institute of Oceanic Research & Development)

## CO-SPONSORS

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THE PLANKTON SOCIETY OF JAPAN

The convenors/sponsors consider that several areas of plankton research (see below) are ready for symposium review and synthesis. They propose an International Symposium on Indo-Pacific Plankton and invite interested planktonologists to attend and participate. TOKAI UNIVERSITY of Japan offers the Shimizu campus and its Institute of Oceanic Research and Development for the meeting site. This center of world-wide plankton research has excellent facilities for such a gathering--auditoriums, dormitories, the use of an oceanographic vessel for the field work, etc.

Preliminary planning indicates areas below would be of interest to current researchers. The Organizing Committee welcomes further suggestions as to specifics and scope. The tentative schedule envisioned blends presentation and work sessions.

A week of Symposia and Contributed Paper sessions.  
Four days of workshops, discussion sessions.  
Three days for traveling and field work.

## Possible areas for consideration:

### Categorization of the Diversity of Plankton Habitats

Adaptive specializations of species in specific habitats.  
Conventional community concepts as they relate to plankton.

### Re-examination of the Status of Plankton Taxonomy

Multidimensional characterization--variability, chemical, chromosomal, behavioral and distributional evidence.  
Evolutionary, phylogenetic data.  
Establishment of plankton collections and repositories world-wide.

### Ontogenetic and Other Specializations Shaping Temporal/Spatial Distribution

Ontogenetic Vertical Migratory Behavior.  
Submerged juvenile stages/resting ova.

### Advances in Speciation, Evolution, Paleoceanographic Circulation & Environmental Patterns

All presented papers would be published in the BULLETIN OF MARINE SCIENCE, and group flights and accommodations would be arranged. There is a possibility of funding for major speakers and young scientists.

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# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INDO-PACIFIC PLANKTON

Please send me further information on the Symposium.

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AREA OF RESEARCH/INTEREST \_\_\_\_\_

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I (We) would possibly participate in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Categorization of the Diversity of Plankton Habitats

\_\_\_\_\_ Re-examination of the Status of Plankton Taxonomy

\_\_\_\_\_ Ontogenetic and Other Specializations Shaping Temporal/Spatial Distribution.

\_\_\_\_\_ Advances in Speciation, Evolution, Paleoceanographic Circulation and Environmental Patterns.

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER AREAS \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM THE EDITOR

EMBS and VIMCO

Unfortunately, both our old chairman John Gray and myself had the illustrious idea, both after consulting a lot of people except myself and John Gray, to organize a meeting on 15-19 August 1983. We are both quite unable to change, so some people will have a hard choice to make, as Olav Giere put it, between Norwegian Woods and Belgian Beer (Norwegian Beer and Belgian Woods are scarce).

The future again

I did not get much response on trying to start a discussion on the future of meiofauna. In fact I got none. Maybe my views are too pessimistic? Or are all meiofauna workers tenured already? We'll postpone it to VIMCO.

Changes to the constitution

Included is a ballot on the changes proposed in the January issue. If they are accepted it means that 1) the next nominations for officers will have to be made before April 1st 1983 by two members; 2) the ballots will be mailed in May 1983; 3) Constitutional amendments must be included in a newsletter 6 months in advance of balloting.

Monoculus

Those of us interested in copepods should know about Monoculus, the newsletter of the copepodologists, which is edited by Kurt Schminke and Gerd Schriever. It is issued without charge (which is not much) and the address is: K. Schminke, Fachbereich 7 (Biologie), Postfach 2503, D-2900 Oldenburg, Germany.

Lang

We got a rather bold request from Brazil: if anybody has a free copy from Lang's Monographie der Harpacticiden he might consider to donate it to Dr. Masunari, Departamento de Zoologia, C.P. 3034 Curitiba, Brazil. Good luck, Dr. Masunari!

Problems of obtaining the literature in Third World Countries are considerable, as we know from experience, and people should bear this in mind when sending reprints. Unfortunately, we have no bibliographical services in the Association and we can not coordinate efforts to do something in this matter.

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