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## EDITORIAL

Memories of XIMCO.... see pictures

Indeed, we had a very good congress in Plymouth which was perfectly organised and even the sun was ordered for the conference dinner.

However, I would like to put your attention on the fact that during the general meeting we decided some new things for the future of our organisation:

1. our new chairman for the period 1999-2001 will be **Yoshihisa Shirayama**.
2. the next conference will be organised in USA (Boston, or some other place still to be decided by our American colleagues)
3. the new members of the excom will be (from 1 Jan 99 onwards) **David Thistle** and **Guy Boucher**. Also for the first time, an official webmaster is designated, **Keith Walters** who will be automatically part of the EXCOM. We are very grateful to Nick Schizas who has lead us through our first period of internet communication.
4. The decision has been made officially that in the future for each conference three scholarships from the Swedmark fund will be provided for non-Ph.D. participants presenting their work.

(amendations of the laws will appear in the november 122 issue).

Magda Vincx

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

XIMCO limericks ...

Meiofauna as always

*On meiofauna we can rely:*

*An enigma-whatever we try*

*As much as we travel*

*sampling mud, sand or gravel,*

*there they are, but we don't know why!*

Olav G.

The age of computer enlightenment

*Modern graphs become pieces of art:*

*With fabulous colours you start,*

*then you add also data,*

*but they can come later.*

*Your computer will make them look smart.*

Olav G.

Rendez-vous

*A nematode, leaving the NIMCO:*

*'Bye, sister! I see you at XIMCO?'*

*So shy - and afraid-*

*the gastrotrich said:*

*'Nem, meet me on March-at CENTIMCO!'*

Claus Nielsen

Just one more limerick. Nothing more than a rephrasing of the very first limerick I ever read, and dedicated to Monica Bright and the other people in Prof. Ott's lab:

*A barber who lived in Batavia*

*Was known for his fearless behavior<sup>1</sup>*

*When an enormous stilbonematid*

*Stepped in for a new hairsnit*

*He said: I am damned if I'll shave ya<sup>2</sup>*

1: behaviour 2: you

Tom M.

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**Interests:** I have been working on systematics and ecology of benthic Ostracoda from the Indian subcontinent since 1976 and I have published about 30 papers related to this topic. I am presently engaged in systematics and ecology of meiobenthic groups inhabiting in Coringa mangroves, Kakinada Bay, of the Indian subcontinent. This project throws much light on the systematics of nematodes, kinorhynch, oligochaetes and copepods. their abundance in numbers and biomass and my idea is to compute data for statistical interpretation.

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**Interests:** After some years messing with meiofauna. I've finally set to work with phytal meifauna. I've started a survey on meiofauna associated to a *Laminaria ochrotevia* community surrounding an island in the north of Spain (Santander, Cantabria). Any advice and help will be appreciated.

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**Interests:** I am originally from Malaysia but at present for my Ph.D. in the university of Plymouth. My interest lies on estuarine benthic copepods particularly

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**Interests:** Deep sea nematode ecology / taxonomy. Anoxia.

I am just coming to the end of the first year of my Ph.D. I am based in the Natural History Museum in London, although my student status is at the Southampton University Department of Oceanography. I am working on deep sea nematodes from the oxygen minimum zone in the Arabian Sea off Oman. My primary investigation are into the effect of oxygen concentrations on the ecology of nematodes although I hope also carry to out some biochemical studies on individual organisms from the area.

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**Interests:** I am senior technician for the Nematode Research Group, specialising in processing meiofauna (especially nematodes) from marine littoral, sub-tidal and deep-sea sediments, and have wide experience of fieldwork, both in estuaries and deep-sea. I am currently working on a major survey of the Thames Estuary and am learning nematode taxonomy.

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**Interests:** I am currently carrying out a project at Praia Vermelha, Rio de Janeiro City, particularly working on ciliarians taxonomy. I am highly interested in obtaining interstitial specimens either of shallow water or deep sea communities to complete a meiofaunal collection. I am starting to organize in my department.

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**Interests:** I work with meiofauna of continental shelf and I will begin a research in tropic chain in the southeastern coast of Brazil.

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**Interests:** Professor at the University 'Ovidius' Constanta ('Zoology' and 'Hydrobiology'), Dean of Natural Sciences Faculty. About 70 papers on marine zoobenthos, eutrophication, biodiversity etc. in Black Sea (the most of them) and Mediterranean Sea. I am interested in amphipods, isopods, halacarides, nematodes, quantitative structure of meiobenthos etc. Membership of CIESM, ECSA.

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**Interests:** Freshwater meiofauna (both streams and lakes), mainly on nematodes. I am a Ph.D. student at the Institute of Hydrobiology, CAS. My dissertation work is taxonomy and ecology of limno-terrestrial nematodes. As to taxonomic study, the nematodes are mostly identified to species level. The ecological part is concentrated on biotic and environmental interactions as well as response to pollution. I am also interested in freshwater meiobenthology in general. I am conducting a project on a preliminary study of meiofauna from shallow lakes. I will finish my doctorat thesis by July, 1999.

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