

Preface to the 7th European Ostracodologists' Meeting (EOM 7) and the 2nd workshop "Methods in Ostracodology" (MIO 2)

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The first EOM was organised by Heinz MALZ at Frankfurt/Main in 1989. Now, after five succeeding meetings in Glasgow (1993), Paris-Bierville (1996), Adana (1999), Cuenca (2003) and Frankfurt/Main (2007), it has become a very important and traditional convention in this field of science. Although it is called a "European Meeting", about ninety participants from almost all over the world (24 nations) are registered to EOM 7. Eighty-nine scientific contributions will be presented (46 talks and 43 posters), which demonstrates that EOM is not only a meeting of European dimension.

Two special workshops are included in EOM 7, which intend to enhance international data-exchange as well as to harmonize the current taxonomy. The "Ponto-Caspian region"-workshop (Lee BRADLEY & Lorna WILLIAMS) aims to facilitate a dialogue about taxonomy and distribution of Quaternary and living ostracods in the seas of central Eurasia. The "OMEGA project"-workshop (Dave HORNE & Alison SMITH) focuses on the calibration of datasets of non-marine ostracods, which can be used for palaeoclimate modelling. Large datasets are required, which can be achieved by a consensus on ostracod taxonomy as well as by linking regional databases through a geographical information system. Both workshops include plenary discussions of issues and ideas raised by the given presentations.

On the last day of EOM 7 (28., July), parallel to the regular sessions, the special workshop "Northern hemisphere Quaternary and modern nonmarine Ostracoda" (Alison SMITH & Dave HORNE) brings together North American and European experts in order to develop and coordinate new intercontinental research initiatives.

EOM 7 is followed by the workshop "Methods in Ostracodology 2" (29.-31., July), which offers lectures and practical sessions in a summer school like atmosphere. MIO 2 comprises the subsequent topics: 1. Geometric morphometrics (Angel BALTANÁS & Dan L. DANIELOPOL), 2. Stable isotopes (Ian BOOMER), 3. Transfer functions (Peter FRENZEL) and 4. Dissection of recent ostracods (Tadeusz NAMIOTKO & Dan L. DANIELOPOL).

We are grateful to the members of the scientific and organisation committee as well as to several additional experts, who reviewed all contributions to EOM 7 and MIO 2, published in the current volume of the "Joannea".

EOM 7 is hold in Graz, located in south-eastern Austria. Parts of this medieval city are not only a UNESCO World Heritage, but Graz is also well known as a city of universities, famous museums and modern arts. Especially, the Universalmuseum Joanneum – Austria’s oldest museum – celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2011. The last international meeting of ostracod researchers in Austria with a similar scientific dimension, took place in Saalfelden, 35 years ago (July/August 1976). This “6th International Symposium on Ostracoda” was organised by Heinz LÖFFLER & Dan L. DANIELOPOL.

From the photograph (Fig. 1), remembering the participants of the Saalfelden-Symposium, we have the pleasure to see today in Graz several colleagues, still actively working on ostracods. It is also rewarding to welcome beside older specialists, many young and dynamic ostracodologists.



Fig. 1: Group photo at the 6th International Symposium on Ostracoda (Saalfelden, 1976).

Therefore, EOM 7 should be an excellent place for lively communication of ideas and experience between the members of our “large family of aficionados” of the spectacular object of our studies: the tiny ostracods or Muschelkrebse.

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