Announcements

**The Third European Workshop on Vertebrate Palaeontology** was organized in Maastricht from May 6-9, 1998, with nine sessions of presentations mainly on dinosaurs but also on fish (including microvertebrates), birds and mammals, one poster session and a field trip to the type Maastrichtian and the K/T boundary section at the Geulhemmerberg.

At the opening Niels Bonde (Copenhagen, Denmark) spoke in commemoration of Colin Patterson. The eight fish presentations were by Paul Lambers (Groningen, the Netherlands): Crushing teeth of fishes from the Maastrichtian type area, southern Limburg, the Netherlands; Michel Martin (Boulogne, France): African lepidosirenids (Dipnoi) during the Mesozoic and Cenozoic, with the description of a new species of *Lavocadotus* from the Eocene of Mali; Jo Vergoossen (Groningen, the Netherlands): late Silurian fish microfossils from OEvedskloster, Skane, southern Sweden; Jan Rees (Lund, Sweden): Sharks from the early Jurassic Hasle Formation, Bornholm, Denmark; Alexander Mudroch (Hannover, Germany): Fish faunas from Upper Jurassic marine sediments of the Boulonnais, Nord-Pas de Calais, France; Kenny Monsch (Bristol, UK): Possible implications of fossil taxa for the phylogeny of scombroids (Teleostei); Lionel Cavin (Esperaza, France): A new Cretaceous fish fauna from southern Morocco. Niels Bonde: Tiny acanthomorph fishes of the marine Mo-clay (Paleocene/Eocene, Denmark), and the problems of using phylogenetic relationships for estimating palaeoecology.

The poster session included a poster on placoid scales of little known late Jurassic sharks by Armin Leidner (Hannover, Germany). Programme and Abstracts, and Field Guide were edited by John W.M. Jagt et al., Natuurhistorisch Museum Maastricht, de Bosquetplein 6-7, the Netherlands. E-mail: mail@nhmmaastricht.nl

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**Conodont listserver**

Just a short message to announce the launch of con-nexus, a listerver providing a forum for the rapid exchange of ideas and information concerning conodonts and conodont related research. For more information, check the con-nexus website at:

http://www.le.ac.uk/geology/map2/con-nexus/
con-nexus.html
To subscribe to con-nexus send the following message to listserv@le.ac.uk
   subscribe con-nexus xxxx@xxxx.xx.xx
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The Bob Savage Memorial Fund
Bob Savage established a fund in 1992 to assist students from Bristol to attend palaeontology conferences. Before he died, he asked that the proceeds from sales of his scientific books and papers should also be placed in that fund, and that its aims should be broadened to allow support of a wider range of student activity, including expeditions and field work.

We are happy to accept cheques in Bob’s memory, payable to ‘The University of Bristol’, and in any currency (although preferably £Sterling, U.S.A. $, or Eurocheques).

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Mesozoic Fish Tales:
News from Readers

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public and private lands). Interests: The vertebrate fauna of the Western Interior Seaway. Currently working on a rich macro and micro fauna of the Juana Lopez Mb. of the Carlile Fm (Turonian) south of Colorado Springs, CO. I could use some help as to the i.d.’s of some of my specimens - the elasmobranchs are OK but I’m having some problems with isolated fish teeth. Also, as part of the same project, we have some interesting fish parts from the Smoky Hill Member of the Niobrara Fm.

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Interests: My first love and fascination for vertebrate morphology came in articulating reptile skeletons for display and teaching purposes as an undergraduate. Willy Bemis led me away from the “dark side”, and showed me the need for good morphological studies of fishes (though I guess you never do completely forget your first love). I am interested in variation of the skeleton that may be found within a species. In particular, I have been working with shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevisrostrum*, from western Massachusetts. I am currently working on my Ph.D. at Univ. Massachusetts on the anatomy of basal teleost fishes, with the bulk of my work centered on the anatomy of *Hiodon*, including skeletal, muscular and nervous system anatomy. I have become a firm believer in the complementary relationship that exists between paleontology and neontology; that studies on living groups are necessary to understand fossils better, and in turn, fossils may help us understand the living world better.

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**Recent Publications**


Fossil Fish Clip-Art Quiz

Fossil fishes have finally hit the big time - they've made it into clip-art collections for desktop publishing. Unfortunately, resemblances to the real fossils are slight. If you thought identifying real fossils was difficult, just try to identify the genera to which these clip-art fossil fishes purportedly belong. Then, turn to page 5 to find out whether you agree with the publishers of Corel Gallery 2. By the way, they're in the section called "dinosaur" on that CD.