Mesozoic Fishes (2001) – Systematics and Evolution of Paleoenvironments

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to inform you that we had three offers as potential hosts of the Mesozoic Fishes meeting: Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleocology, Beijing (Mee-mann Chang and Zhu Min), Hessischen Landesmuseums, Darmstadt (Norbert Micklich), and Serpiano, Switzerland (Andrea Tintori, Markus Felber, and Toni Bürgin). Our warmest thanks to the three hosts and potential organizers for their offers and their interest in holding the meeting.

For the next Mesozoic Fishes meeting, the participants voted for Serpiano as their first choice. However, I must say that most colleagues wrote that China would also be an ideal place, except that the travel costs and other expenses are too high for many of our participants. In addition, the majority preferred the year 2001 for the next meeting instead of 2000. Also, the majority of participants want to keep the meeting with the orientation of the last two meetings: concentrated on the Mesozoic, with contributions including comparative studies or phylogenetic analyses of a broader age range.

The next meeting will be organized by Andrea Tintori and Markus Felber from Italy, and Toni Bürgin from Switzerland. It will be dedicated to Systematics and Paleoenvironments. Soon, the organizers will send the first circular to potential participants.

Thanks again to all colleagues who are interested in the Mesozoic Fishes meetings.

Sincerely,

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Mesozoic Fish Tales:
News from Readers

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  Interests: My research interests are as follows: I am undertaking a Ph.D. looking at
the ecology of Jurassic marine ecosystems, specifically focusing on food web structure. At
the moment I am concentrating on the
Kimmeridge Clay but I will be extending my
study, hopefully to take in most (or even all!)
of the Jurassic. I will examine the changes in
the structure of the food webs over geological
time. My studies will cover a wide range of
taxa, from pliosaurs right down to
microplankton. There is obviously a large (and
diverse) fish component to the ecosystem and
I am interested in most aspects of them, espe-
cially ecology, functional morphology and
lifestyle. I will be integrating research on fish
palaeoecology with research on other taxo-
nomic groups to build a picture of the entire
ecosystem.

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Rhabdolepis macropterus as figured in Eastman’s 1902 translation of Zittel’s Textbook of Palaeontology

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