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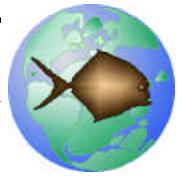
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Dear Colleagues,

We are very glad to host the third international meeting on Mesozoic Fishes in one of the most famous sites for these fossils, the Monte San Giorgio-Besano area. The organization of the meeting is supported by the

Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra of the Milano University (Andrea Tintori), the Museo Cantonale di Storia Naturale in Lugano (Markus Felber), the Palaeontologisches Institut und





Gaël Clement, Didier B. Dutheil, Arnaud Filleul and René Zaragüeta are Phd students, doing their thesis respectively on Actinistia, Cladistia, Elopomorpha, and Clupeomorpha, at MNHN, Paris.

Museum der Universitaet Zuerich (Heinz Furrer).

Since the middle of the last century, fossil vertebrates have been collected in the area, not only as a by-product of commercial mining works, but during paleontological excavations supported by various scientific entities, both Italian and Swiss. About 100 paleontological campaigns have been officially carried on: to the thousands of specimens collected during this field work, we must add material found by private collectors or during mining activity, which stopped a few years after World War II. This War had a very bad effect also on the Besano-Monte San Giorgio fossils as the Milano Museum was bombed and almost all its specimens were destroyed. Middle Triassic fishes have not been much studied in the past; only Brough published a good monograph: in the last 15 years there has been a reappraisal and now we are working intensively on this ichthyofauna. The main results are related to - (1) The radiation of advanced basal actinopterygians, the socalled subholosteans, and the presence of several basal neopterygians, most of them still in need of a modern description. These studies are fundamental to understand the phylogenetic relationships of the fishes, work that has not yet been done. (2) The paleoenvironment. The restoration points to a shallow environment, usually marine, which can be possibly related to the great burst in actinopterygian variability and/ or rapid evolution.

This suggested to us that we devote part of this meeting to the interrelationships between the paleoenvironment and the fish faunas to try to understand if there are paleoenvironments that may favour biodiversity and evolution. Salinity, depth of the water, kind of bottom of the basins, distance from the coast - how can these characters influence the paleocommunities? How are interrelationships between the fish species influenced by the paleoenvironment? The Triassic seems to be a crucial period for the fishes, like the Late Cretaceous: is it just because these main fossiliferous sites represented peculiar paleoenvironments or because evolutionary



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forces were ready to accelerate?

However, as in the two previous meetings, the main goal of this third one will be morphological studies and systematics of fish groups. New descriptions, redescriptions, and acid preparation, when possible, have greatly improved the available details during recent years, as shown by the results of the first two meetings. We hope to have plenty of interesting contributions devoted to this goal. Only through a good knowledge of individual species it is possible to render phylogenetic relationships more sound.

We all hope that this meeting will throw new

light on all these aspects of our beloved fossil fishes.

As for the previous two meetings, we will have a proceedings volume edited by Gloria Arratia and Andrea Tintori. You all are invited to prepare and have ready your important manuscripts at the time of the meeting (please, follow the presentation of Mesozoic Fishes 2).

LOGISTICS

The Serpiano resort is in a wonderful position on the Monte San Giorgio in Switzerland, looking toward Ceresio Lake and the Alps. The locality is easily reached from the Milano-Malpensa and Lugano-Agno airports by bus. However, we will try to organise special shuttles from the airports to the hotel. Visits to the various Monte San Giorgio-Besano fossiliferous localities are possible, being all a very short distance from the hotel, without any additional expenses. The hotel price will be about 110 US\$ per day, INCLUD-ING everything, eg., room, food, swimming pool, symposium rooms, coffee breaks, etc. This will allow us to keep the meeting fee low, no more than 100 US\$. Since Serpiano is very close to Milano, Bergamo, Lugano, and Zurich, it is possible to organize trips for people interested in visiting the fish collections housed in those museums.

If you need a special invitation and/or financial support, please let us know as soon as possible. Remember to have a visa, if you need one, for both Switzerland and Italy, as we will move across the border to see the fossiliferous sites.

Schedule

The registration form must be sent before June 30, 2000. The second circular will be forwarded in the fall of 2000 with more detailed information regarding the actual dates of the meeting, tentatively August 26-31, 2001, and the deadlines for fee payment and abstract submission.

Registration forms, mail, and inquiries should be sent (please, when possible, use email) to:

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Although mainly a reptile specialist, I have worked on Palaeozoic and Mesozoic fishes in the past and currently have a project going on the Upper Cretaceous teleosts from northern Germany.

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I am currently working on a molecular phylogenetic study of osteoglossomorph fishes (the extant ones, obviously) using mitochondrial and nuclear markers. This work grew out of a project confined to the mormyroid fishes of Africa. I am interested in comparing our results to those derived from cladistic studies of morphological characters in living and fossil osteoglossomorphs.

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ERRATUM:

This note intends to correct the figures of the paper The Mesozoic Record of Osteichthyan Fishes from Spain, by F. J. Poyato-Ariza, A. D. Buscalioni, and J. Cartanyà IN: Arratia, G., and Schultze, H.-P. (editors) Mesozoic Fishes 2 - Systematics and Fossil Record. Verlag Dr. Friedrich Pfeil, München, Germany, p. 505-533. On Figure 1, where it reads 4-Santa Cruz de

On Figure 1, where it reads 4-Santa Cruz de Yanguas, it should read 5-Odén. On Figure 3, where it reads 14-Calve it should read 14-Galve, and locality 13-Alcaine is missing.

Dr. Francisco José Poyato Ariza, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, España.

OBITUARY:

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am saddened to have to inform you that Dr. Leonid Sergeivich Glickman died last night, January 31, 2000 after a short illness. He was an expert in fossil sharks, one of the founders of modern paleoichthyology.

A. O. Averianov

MEETING:

Workshop on Coelacanth Research and Conservation

The Workshop on Global Priorities for Coelacanth Research and Conservation in the 21st Century will be convened from 23-27 October 2000 at the Bali International Convention Center (BICC), in Denpasar, Indonesia. The workshop is scheduled as a mini-symposium of the Ninth International Coral Reef Symposium (9ICRS). Information on the ICRS is available on the web at: http://www.nova.edu/ocean/9icrs Darren Naish; Palaeobiology Research Group; School of Earth, Environmental & Physical Sciences; University of Portsmouth; Burnaby

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NEWS FOR EUROPEAN WORKERS:

Dear European Colleagues,

EC provides some facilities to access biological collections in some large museums through Europe (sorry for scientists of other countries). For the MNHN in Paris, this programme is called European Community TMR programme "Access to Large Scale Facilities;"-"PARSYST" Access to Systematics collections, Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France. The programme is available for Botanists, Zoologists, Paleontologists, and Environmental Biologists, from the European Community, the Associated States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Israel for research projects involving access to the Paris Museum Systematics collections.

Daniel Goujet - Paleontology (goujet@mnhn.fr) is the coordinator of the programme.

François Bouvier - International Affairs (bouvier@mnhn.fr) is in charge of the administrative aspects of the travel and the stay.

After acceptance of your project, assistants can help you to prepare your visit and solve technical problems during and at the end of your stay (computers, optical material, entering result data in collection databases). Note that all the biological collections in the MNHN may be visited.

Application forms and information are available on the Web: http://www.mnhn.fr/progsc/ Fax: +33 1 40 79 35 80

NEWS FROM ITALY:

Prof. Andrea Tintori, Università degli Studi di Milano, reports that in the last year new Norian sites have been discovered. These sites are somewhat older than the well known typical Zorzino Limestone ones and yield a number of new genera and species, among them the most primitive pycnodonts. Other new localities are from the Anisian of the Dolomites Mountains, where a few fishes have been found in a strongly freshwater-influenced environment.

NEWS FROM FRANCE

We would like to present the four students working on Mesozoic fishes at the Museum of Natural History of Paris (please see cover photo). Gaël Clement, Didier B. Dutheil, Arnaud Filleul and René Zaragüeta are Phd students, doing their thesis respectively on Coelacanths, Cladistia, Elopomorpha, and Clupeomorpha. If students or researchers from abroad wish to come to France, it would be a pleasure for us to be their hosts. We are trying to improve the exchange between researchers and we organize monthly conferences about systematics. We are also finishing a new web site about fish systematics. We would appreciate a lot to get contact with people interested in fishes. If you want to discuss about fossils, cladistics, fishes (or if you want to go fishing in France) do not hesitate to contact us.

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