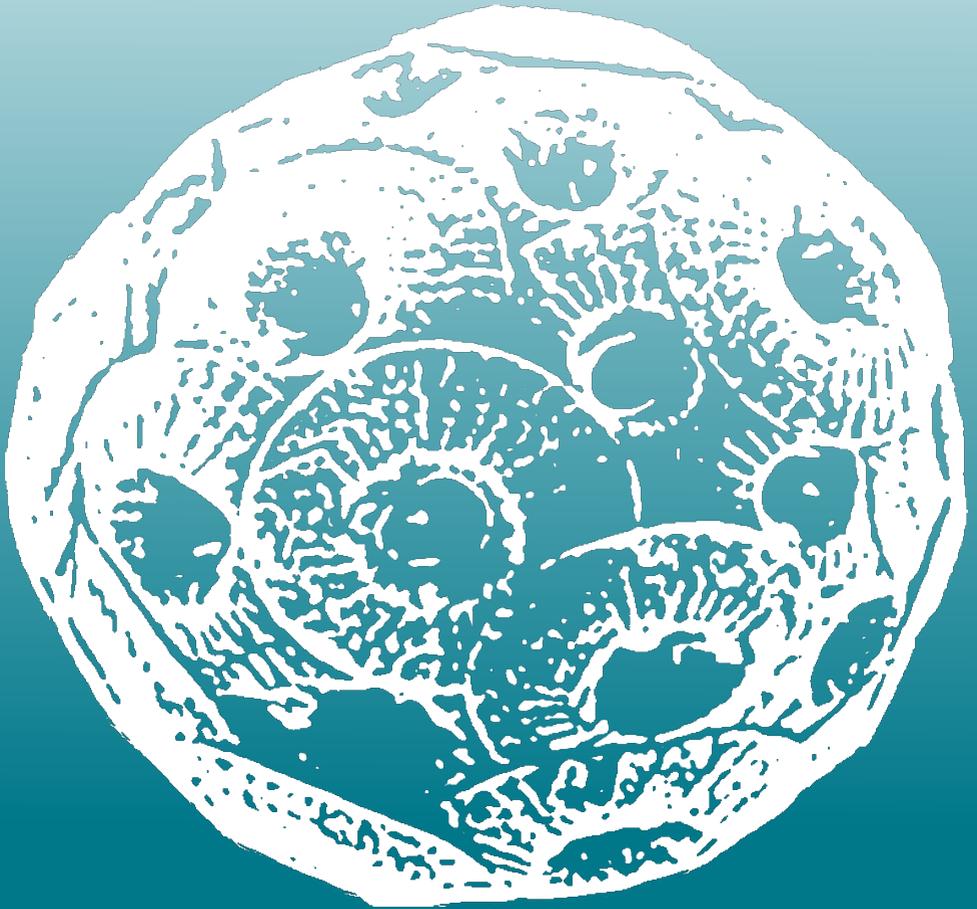


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August 2011: The new IRGO website entered into service!

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The online-publication of CYPRI 2010, the actual (28th!) volume of IRGO's newsletter by and for ostracodologists, was a welcomed occasion to launch the new IRGO website.

Started in 1994 by Rosalie Maddocks in Houston (University of Houston), the website moved to Berlin in 2006 to receive the first face-lift by Michael Schudack (FU Berlin). As a co-operation of Peter Frenzel (IRGO information officer, University of Jena) and Finn Viehberg (University of Cologne), the html-website migrated to a more flexible content management system and

is now hosted on a server of the University of Cologne: <http://www.irgo.uni-koeln.de>

Right now, the pages are still being updated and cross-linked to gain more interactivity for you. We are looking forward to your clicks from all over the world! Comments and suggestions are welcome.

By the way – visitor statistics are freely accessible and include an interesting geographical cluster map (on the lower left of the homepage).

2011, The Summer of Meetings and Workshops on Ostracods in Graz, Austria

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SEVENTH EUROPEAN OSTRACODOLOGISTS' MEETING – EOM 7

The 7th “European Ostracodologists' Meeting” was held in Graz (Austria) at the end of July, 2011. Invited by the Universalmuseum Joanneum and the Karl-Franzens University Graz, about 90 participants from 28 countries shared the programme and contributed with 46 talks and 43 poster presentations (Fig. 1). The sessions comprised a broad array of ostracod research: biology, morphological variability (recent and fossil material), palaeoclimate, diversity patterns, (palaeo-)limnology, and “deep time” ostracods.

During mid-symposium excursion to Eggenberg Castle with its nice gardens and exhibitions, as well as during various evening events, participants took advantage of the extra-time for discussing and establishing new contacts.

Proceeding of this meeting will be published in

the *Revue de Micropaléontologie* and the *International Review of Hydrobiology*. The next EOM is scheduled to take place in Estonia in 2015 and will be organised by Tõnu Meidla and his team (University of Tartu).

Two special workshops were included in EOM 7, stimulating the international exchange of data and the harmonization of taxonomy. During the “**Ponto-Caspian Region**”-workshop (convenors: Lee Bradley & Lorna Williams) taxonomic problems concerning ostracods from the Caspian and Black Sea were discussed in the plenum and further engaged by the examination of material brought the participants. The workshop “**OMEGA project**” (convenors: Dave Horne & Alison Smith) focused on the calibration of GIS-based datasets of non-marine ostracods, which are used for palaeoclimate modelling. Topics of database structure, data compatibility and quality were considered.



Participants of the seventh European ostracodologists' meeting in Graz, July, 25th-28th 2011, in front of the main building of the Karl-Franzens University of Graz.

The abstract volume of EOM 7 is freely accessible through <http://www.museum-joanneum.at/en/geology/publications-2/nr-11-2011>

FIRST WORKSHOP “NORTHERN HEMISPHERE QUATERNARY AND MODERN NON-MARINE OSTRACODA”

The Graz team was proud to host the one-day, NSF-funded workshop “Northern hemisphere Quaternary and modern non-marine Ostracoda” (convenors: Alison Smith & Dave Horne) in parallel to EOM 7. This initiative brought together North American and European experts on non-marine ostracods in order to develop and coordinate new research projects. A second workshop, to be held in the United States in 2012, will monitor first outcomes and further explore possibilities of this initiative.

SECOND WORKSHOP “METHODS IN OSTRACODOLOGY” – MIO 2

EOM 7 was followed by the second workshop “Methods in Ostracodology”, which offered lectures and practical sessions in a summer school like atmosphere. MIO 2 comprised 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 Namiołtko & Dan L.

Danielopol). Fifteen students (undergraduates, graduates and professors) from seven nations participated MIO 2 (Fig. 2).

Abstracts of contributions to MIO 2 are freely accessible through <http://www.museum-joanneum.at/en/geology/publications-2/nr-11-2011>

Further information on MIO 1 and MIO 2, including PDFs of selected presentations and relevant publications are available at:

<http://palstrat.uni-graz.at/methods%20in%20ostracodology/methods%20in%20ostracodology.htm>



Participants of the second workshop “Methods in Ostracodology” at the Graz Karl-Franzens-University.