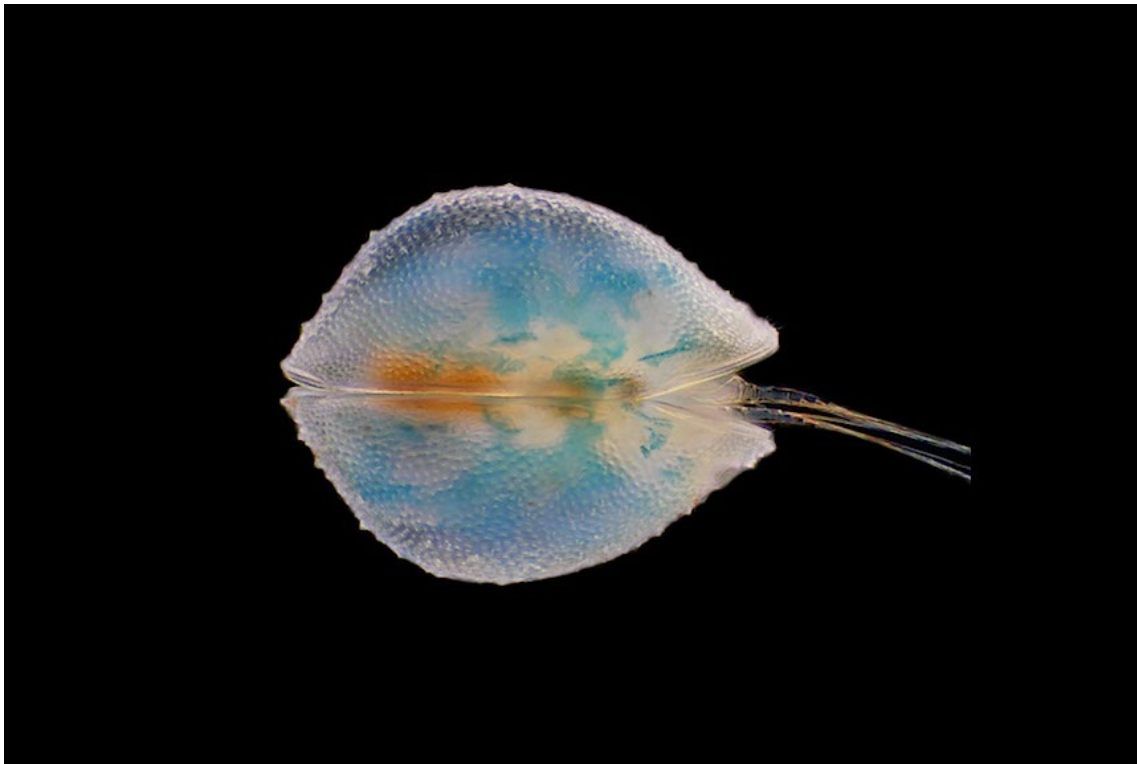


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Cypris granulata female, Lake Biwa. Image courtesy of Robin J. Smith.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

ARGENTINA

Alicia Emma Echevarria

Current work is on marine Oligocene to Miocene Ostracoda of Chacoparanense Basin.

AUSTRALIA

Correspondent: Stephen Eagar

Peter J. Jones

- Taxonomic research included the description of a small fauna of bivalved arthropods (Bradoriida and Phosphatocopida) from the Middle Cambrian of the Georgina Basin, central Australia with **John Laurie** (Geoscience Australia), which is about to be published.
- In press is a reply to the response of Heinz Malz and Alan Lord (2004) to my 2003 paper on pathological moult retention in *Ankumia bosqueti* van Veen, 1932 (Late Cretaceous, Maastrichtian, The Netherlands).
- A short paper with **Mark Warne** and **Lou Kornicker**, which refers the Halocypridina *Thaumatocypris* (Miocene, Australia) to the Cladocopina, has been published in *Zootaxa*.

More applied research has involved my biostratigraphic input in three collaborative projects over the past 3 years.

- The first project, in collaboration with a petroleum exploration company (ENI Australia Ltd.) investigated the stratigraphy and petroleum potential of the Carboniferous rocks of the southeastern Bonaparte Basin, northwestern Australia. The results, published in 2005, revise the Mississippian stratigraphy, and identify new offshore drilling targets.
- A second project, the Devonian-Carboniferous-Permian Correlation Chart 2003 (DCP 2003), sponsored by GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam and coordinated by **Manfred Mennins**, involved my collaboration with biostratigraphers from Germany, Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, USA, and Peoples Republic of China. The first paper arising from this project deals with the global time scale and regional stratigraphic reference scales of Europe, Tethys, South China, and North America, and is about to be published in *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*.
- The third project involved the revision of the biostratigraphic background in a paper by **Christoph Korte** and others on C, O, Sr/Sr curves on Permian sections of Australia based on the analyses of brachiopod shells. This paper, "*Permian latitudinal sea-surface temperature gradients*" will be published in *Nature*.

Ivana Karanovic

- An associate of the Western Australian Museum. In 2004-2005, she completed the project “*The revision of the subfamily Candoninae*”.
- After that she worked on the subterranean ostracods from the Pilbara region. The results of this project are summarized in the monograph which will be submitted by the end of July 2006.
- At present, she is working on the list of the Australian recent Ostracoda for the Australian Biological Resources Study web site.

John Neil

- Continues taxonomic and palaeogeographic studies of southeast Australian ostracod assemblages, currently focusing on Batesford Quarry, near Geelong, Victoria.
- Studies of the micro reticulation of the ostracod carapace, from Cambrian to Recent (in collaboration with **Ken Bell**, Inverleigh).
- In preparation—*Miocene ostracode assemblages from Batesford Quarry near Geelong, Victoria*.

Jessica Reeves

- Has recently completed a post-doctoral appointment at the ANU, looking at groundwater ostracods from the Pilbara, northwestern Australia. The project was in collaboration with **Patrick DeDeckker** (ANU), **Stuart Halse** (Conservation and Land Management, WA) and **Ivana Karanovic** (WA Museum). The project has identified more than seventy new species of ostracods, mostly belonging to the Candoninae. The primary aim of Jessica’s role was to identify relationships between the ostracod species distribution and the host water chemistry (major ion and stable oxygen isotopes). The results of this research are in the process of being published.
- Jessica has completed two papers on her PhD research into the use of ostracods in the Late Quaternary paleoenvironmental reconstruction of the Gulf of Carpentaria, northern Australia. These will be coming out later this year.
- She is taking a short break from ostracod research and has returned to Melbourne for the birth of her first daughter, Poppy.

Mark Warne

- Continues his work at Deakin University on the taxonomy of fossil and modern Australasian Ostracoda.
- He has begun several new research projects that utilize ostracod shells in the analysis of environmental history and change for southeast Australian estuaries and coastal lagoons.
- **Michele Guzel** continues her PhD project at Deakin University on the Cretaceous ostracod fauna of the Caernarvon Basin, Western Australia.

BELGIUM

Jean-Georges Casier

- Continues to work on Devonian ostracods.
- In 2005, in collaboration with **Ewa Olempska** (Polish Academy of Sciences), he finished the study of Lower and Middle Frasnian ostracods from the Devils Gate section in Nevada, and he started the study of ostracods from the Early-Middle Frasnian crisis in the Wietrznia quarry, Holy Cross Mountains, Poland.
- He finished the study of ostracods present in several sections (Bou Tchrafine, Djebel Mech Irdane and El Atrous) of the Tafilalt, Morocco.

Karel Wouters

Is working on:

- Marine and brackish Cypridacea, mostly from the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- Ypresian ostracods from an outcrop in Marke, Belgium.
- An extant species of the genus *Neocyprideis* from Java
- The taxonomy and zoogeography of the Family Saididae.

BRAZIL

Correspondent: Joao Carlos Coimbra

Cristianini Trescastro Bergue

Finished his PhD thesis on Quaternary deep sea ostracodes and paleoceanography from Santos Basin, southeast Brazilian margin, advised by **Prof. Dr. Joao Carlos Coimbra**, and has been working in that field ever since.

Simone Nunes Brandao

Is a PhD student in Germany, working under the advisorship of **Dietmar Keyser**. Her work is on the taxonomy of Recent Podocopida (using soft parts when available) of the deep sea of the Atlantic sector of Antarctica. She intends to investigate the systematic relationship of Macrocyprididae to other taxa and population genetics using DNA (together with **Isaa Schoen**, who works in Belgium with **Koen Martens**). She is especially interested in the biodiversity and biogeography of deep Antarctic ostracods.

Joao Carlos Coimbra

Is working on six main projects:

- A long-term project on the taxonomy and zoogeography of Brazilian marine ostracods, with **Maria Ines Feijo Ramos**
- Taxonomy and paleozoogeography of nonmarine Cretaceous ostracods from Potiguar Basin (NE Brazil) with **Dermeval Aparecido do Carmo** and **Robin C. Whatley**

- Miocene and Pliocene foraminifers and their applications to palaeoenvironmental and biostratigraphical analysis, Pelotas Basin (southernmost Brazil) with **Ana Luisa Carreno** and **Geise de Santana dos Anjos-Zerfass** (a PhD student)
- Deep-sea ostracods from Pleistocene-Holocene of the southwestern Atlantic Ocean with **Cristianini Trescastro Bergue** and **Thomas Cronin**.
- Ostracods from the Brazilian oceanic islands (Atol das Rocas, Tridade and Fernanço de Noronha).
- The palaeoenvironmental significance of the fossil Holocene ostracods recovered from fifteen drill holes from the coastal plain of Santa Catarina State, southern Brazil, with **Gerson Fauth** and **Karen B. Costa**.

I have two PhD students:

- **Claudia Pinto Machado** is studying the taxonomy and zoogeographical significance of the ostracode fauna from the NE shelf of Brazil
- **Geise de Santana dos Anjos** is working on biostratigraphy and sea level changes (based on foraminifers) of five offshore drillholes from Pelotas Basin, southernmost Brazil (co-advised by **Ana Luisa Carreno**)
- **Cristianini Trescastro Bergue** finished his PhD thesis on deep sea ostracods and paleoceanography of late Quaternary cores of the Santos Basin, southeastern Brazil.

I have three M.Sc. students:

- **Pauline di Mari Leopoldi** is studying deep sea ostracods from a core localized in the south of the southwestern Atlantic Ocean.
- **Demetrio Nicolaidis** is beginning research on deep sea ostracods from Late Quaternary cores of the Campos Basin, Brazil (co-advised by **Cristianini Trescastro Bergue**).
- **Renata Giacomel** is beginning a study on planktonic foraminifers and isotope stratigraphy from the Quaternary of the Santos Basin, Brazil.

Iraja Damiani Pinto

Is presently working on the taxonomy and distribution of Palaeozoic macrocrustaceans from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and South Africa.

Dermeval A. Do Carmo

- Is the Head of Laboratory of Micropaleontology at the Institute of Geosciences, University of Brasilia-UnB.
- In 2005, during the 15th ISO held in Berlin, he was elected the chairman of the 16th International Symposium on Ostracoda to be held in Brasilia, the capital of Brazil. The symposium is planned to take place the last week of July 2009.

In 2005, three students supervised by him finished their Master of Science dissertations:

- **Joao V. Queiroz Neto**, Early Cretaceous ostracods from Alagoas Basin. He is working in PETROBRAS, the Brazilian oil company, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- **Claudio Magalhaes de Almeida**, Permian ostracods from Parana Basin. He is working on his PhD and as lecturer in the Goias State University, Brazil.

- **Ricardo Piazza Meireles**, Miocene/Quaternary marine ostracods from Santos Basin. He is working on articles dealing with his dissertation and as assistant in the Laboratory of Micropaleontology, University of Brasilia, Brazil.

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Three PhD students are being supervised:

- **Fatima Praxedes Rebelo Leite**, Miocene paleobiogeography of the western Amazonia.
- **Silvia Regina Gobbo-Rodrigues**, Early Cretaceous ostracods from Araripe Basin.
- **Claudio Magalhaes de Almeida**, Cretaceous/Paleogene ostracods from the Santos Basin.

Gerson Fauth

Current work in progress includes:

- The Upper Cretaceous ostracods from Santos Basin (with **Cristianini Bergue**).
- Distribution of Recent foraminifers, ostracods, and micro-mollusks in shore sediments of Easter Island.
- Cretaceous ostracods from Crato Formation, northwestern Brazil (with **Cristianini Bergue**).

Students and thesis topics:

- **Enelise Piovesan** (postgraduate student), Distribution of genus *Majungaella* from Upper Cretaceous in the Santos Basin.
- **Gislaine Bertoglio** (postgraduate student) is doing her PhD on Upper Cretaceous ostracods from Santo Basin (paleoenvironments and paleogeographic distribution).
- **Cleide Mura** (postgraduate student) is working on Maastrichtian and Campanian ostracods of Upper Cretaceous in the Pernambuco-Paralba Basin.

Renato Olindo Ghiselli Jr.

Has finished his PhD thesis on ostracods as environmental indicators in two polluted marine marginal areas: (1) Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro State, and (2) Flamingo Bay, Sao Paulo State, both in Brazil. He is preparing some papers on this subject.

Paulo da Silva Milhomen

Is a petroleum ostracodologist at Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. (PETROBRAS). He is working with biostratigraphy based on nonmarine Cretaceous ostracods from the marginal Brazilian petroleum basins.

Ricardo Lourenco Pinto

Is a PhD student in zoology at the Universidade de Sao Paulo and is studying taxonomy and ecology of ostracods from semi-terrestrial habitats in the Atlantic Forest, southeastern Brazil. He is co-advised by **Koen Martens**.

Maria Ines Feijo Ramos

I have been working in two main projects supported by Brazilian financial agency (CNPq):

- Paleontologia, sedimentologia e estratigrafia dos depositos terciarios da Formacao Solimoes, Sudoeste da Amazonia Occidental.
- Paleoecologia e bioestratigrafia da Formacao Pirabos, nordeste do estado do Para.

I have been studying Recent ostracods from the Brazilian coast.

My curation activity is in the Paleontology Collection (Invertebrate and Microfossil collection) from the Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi.

Paper in preparation—Ramos, M.I.F., Coimbra, J.C., and Whatley, R.C., Recent marine ostracodes (Family Trachyleberididae) from south Brazil.

I am supervising 2 graduate students and one post-graduate student sponsored by CNPq, Brazil:

- **Anna Andressa Nogueira** (bioanna100@yahoo.com.br) is studying the Miocene ostracods from Pirabas Formation, north Brazil.
- **Samantha Cecim** (samanthacecim@yahoo.com.br) is studying ray scales.
- **Sue Anne Costa** (sue.costa@gmail.com) is studying shark teeth and ichthyolites bones fishes, both from the Miocene Pirabas Formation.
- **Edmir Amanajas** (wakingmind@gmail.com) is a volunteer collaborator who is helping me in the study of Miocene ostracods from the Solimoes Formation. **Sue Costa** is studying the ichthyolites and teeth of sharks and bone fishes from the same stratigraphic unit.

Norma Wurdig

Has invested most of her time studying the ecology of estuarine meiofauna from southern Brazil.

CANADA

Ursula Grigg

Had a mild stroke in May 2005. She is slowly recovering but is not out of the woods yet. She sold her home in Halifax and lives with one of her daughters in New Minas, 60 miles west of Halifax. She plans to return to her projects at the Museum of Nova Scotia.

Qadeer Siddiqui

Has been made an adjunct professor at Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Finn Viehberg

Activities include:

- Finished his PhD thesis, "*Quantitative paleoenvironmental studies using freshwater ostracods in northeast Germany*" in August 2005. The results include a new sampling

method, a regional checklist, paleoenvironmental studies, and a temperature transfer function (WA) based on freshwater ostracods.

- Received a Feodor-Lynen Research Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) to start a research project on “*Paleolimnology in the eastern Canadian Arctic using microcrustaceans*” with intensive field work.
- He is now working in the Laboratory of Paleolimnology and Paleoecology at the Centre d’Etudes Nordiques, University Laval, Ste. Foy, Quebec, Canada.

COLUMBIA

Fernando Munoz-Torres

I am working on the Meso-Cenozoic biostratigraphy (foraminifers and palynology) of northwestern South America. I intend to start methodical studies on Ostracoda, but local unknowns of the group delay the development of projects. Columbia is an important geo-location reference to acquire and study material that allows for an integral understanding about several global topics for terrestrial sediments since the Cretaceous. Columbia has basins on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It has coasts and mangroves on active and passive shelf continental margins. There are three Andean Cordillera branches of different geological natures. Freshwater “lagoons” are at high elevation. Large rivers run along the narrow valleys or extensive plains co-existing with ponds and wetlands. The variable oceanography, geography, environments, and ecologic conditions during geological times in Columbia makes it possible to better understand the different natural phenomena and their relationships. I will be pleased to cooperate and work with all colleagues interested in finding answers in tropical areas.

EGYPT

Correspondent: A. Elewa

A. Elewa

- In February 2005 my M.Sc. student, **Mr. Omar Osman**, finished his thesis on the Cretaceous-Paleogene succession of Safaga area, Eastern Desert, Egypt.
- During 2005 I edited my second book with Springer-Verlag, which was published in August 2005 under the title “*Migration of Organisms: Climate, Geography, Ecology*”. This book contains two chapters on ostracods as well as the introduction and another chapter dealing with ostracods together with other organisms.
- **Michael Schudack** and **Ulla Schudack** (Frei Universitat Berlin), **Ahmed Dakrory** and I (Minia University) started a new project on Cretaceous-Eocene successions of some localities of Egypt.

FRANCE

Correspondent: Jean-Paul Colin

Andreu, Bernard

Current studies include:

- Cretaceous of Jaisalmer Basin, Rajasthan, India.
- Upper Cretaceous of Pyrenees, France; Jurassic (Callovian-Oxfordian) of Portugal.
- Cretaceous (Aptian-Albian) of Bulgaria.

Thesis supervision—**El M. Ettachfini**, Chouaib Doukkali University, El Jadida, Morocco, *La Transgression du Cenomanien-Turonien sur le Domaine Atlasique Marocain, Stratigraphie integree et relations avec l'evenement oceanique global*, completing July 22, 2006.

Anne-Marie Bodergat

Is working on:

- Recent samples from Akyatan Lagoon, Turkey with **A. Nazik**.
- Recent samples from Kagoshima Bay, Japan, with **K. Oki** and **K. Ishizaki**.
- Lower Jurassic from Algeria, with **S. Elmi**.

Carbonel, Pierre

Two main research topics.

Paleoceanography and paleoclimatology:

- Pleistocene-Holocene ostracods from West Mediterranean margin, implications in paleoclimatology (program ANR CNRS SESAME with IFREMER).
- Pleistocene ostracodes and paleoceanography from the deep-sea fan of the Nile (with **GDR Marges**).

Ostracodes and archeology:

- The 2 last millennia in the Smaller Antilles (St. Martin)—ostracodes (assemblages and stable isotopes) indicate the evolution of the lagoons of the islands (PCR Antilles)-- Modifications des paleoenvironnements et occupations amérindiennes de l'île de St-Martin.
- Ostracodes as indicators of evolution of the antique harbors from Pisa and Roma (collaboration with CEREGE, Aix en Provence).
- Ostracodes and human habitats from the south Moroccan Pleistocene (with **L. Wengler**, University of Perpignan).

In addition, I am working on:

- Morphology of the genus *Cyprideis* (with **D. Danielopol**).
- Lower Miocene faunas from Aquitaine and Burdigalian stratotypes (with **J.-P. Colin**).
- Pleistocene fauna from Boliqueime (Portugal) with **C. Cabral** and **J.-P. Colin**.
- Continental fauna from Aquitaine Basin (with **B. Cahuzac**).
- Continental fauna from Moroccan Pliocene (with **D. Nachite**).

Colin, Jean-Paul

- Checklist and inventory of the ostracods from New Caledonia (with **T. Hoibian**, Noumea).

- Cretaceous ostracodes of Jaisalmer Basin, Rajasthan, India (with **B. Andreu**).
- Plio-Pleistocene limnic ostracodes from Portugal (with **C. Cabral** and **P. Carbonel**).
- Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous ostracodes from Portugal (with **C. Cabral**).
- Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous ostracodes from Lebanon (with **J. Dejax**).
- Revision of Cretaceous ostracodes referred to the genus *Conchoecia* (with **L. Kornicker**, **J.G. Casier**, **B. Andreu**, **J. Sauvagnat**, and **A. Rossi**).
- Recent freshwater ostracodes from Wallis and Futuna, French Polynesia (with **N. Mary** and **C. Meisch**).
- Associate Editor for the *Revue de Micropaleontologie*; Vic-President Reserve naturelle Geologique de Saucats La Brede; Vice-President, European Ostracode Group.

Sylvie Crasquin-Soleau

I have two PhD students. One is studying Early and Middle Permian ostracods from Thailand (**Anisong Chitnarin**, Khorat, Thailand) and the other on Permian ostracods from South China (**Yuan Aihua**, Wuhan, R.P. China). This last thesis is realized alternating with Wuhan Geosciences University, with a scholarship of the French Embassy in Beijing.

I am co-supervisor on two other PhDs—one on the sedimentology of Middle and Late Permian of Central Thailand (**Nitipon Noipow**, Khorat, Thailand) and the other on Permian paleoflora of South China (**Yu Jianxin**, Wuhan, R.P. China).

In 2005, I had three field projects:

- NW Thailand in March 2005.
- South China, in Guizhou Province, where we analyzed different sections of the P/T boundary in December 2005.
- June 2006 in Tibet.

My current projects are:

- CNRS (SDV)-TRF (Thailand Research Foundation) ended in 2005. Three expeditions were carried out (2002, 2003, and 2005). Two PhD are associated with the project.
- Permian-Triassic boundary work represents my main research work.
- The results obtained in Saudi Arabia are published.
- Samples of the sections collected in North Iran (Central and Eastern Elbourz) during the MEBE International program are processed. Fifty seven species belonging to twenty six genera are recognized. The PT boundary was observed. The first results were presented during the AAPG meeting in 2006.
- My research is focused on South China. I manage 3 international programs—Program de Recherches Avancees (PRA STO3-01), ECLIPSE II, and PICS. Two PhDs are associated with the project.
- With Chinese colleagues, the study of the PT boundary in the Dolomites in Italy is ongoing. The stratotype of the PT boundary in Meishan (Changxing Province) was sampled and the revision of the ostracod fauna was submitted. The first results were presented during the 2nd International Paleontological Congress in Beijing in June 2006.
- I began a study of PT ostracods in Tibet with **Shuzhong Shen** (University of Nanning, R.P. China).

- Ostracods associated with microbial crusts (microbiolites); collaboration with **S. Kershaw**, Brunel University, Uxbridge (GB). The results were published in *Paleo3*.
- “Turn-over” of ostracods during the early-middle Triassic—collaborations with Zurich University (**Hugo Bucher**) and Brunel University (**S. Kershaw**). These assemblages (systematics is published) are very well dated by ammonites and conodonts and allow us to have a precise age and the processing of the Palaeozoic-Mesozoic turnover.
- In the frame of a Geneva University PhD, I had the opportunity to analyze deep water ostracod fauna from Sicily. A paper is submitted to *Palaeontology*.

Sophie Dupont-Wagniez

I am working on three projects during 2006-2007:

- To finalize the study begun in 2002 about ecology of Recent estuarine ostracodes and relationships between ostracodes and quality of brackish water.
- To develop the study of ostracode faunas in ponds in the north of France in relation to water quality.
- To investigate the feasibility and the usefulness of species identification using molecular biology tools.

Guernet, Claude

- Continuing studies on taxonomy, phylogeny, and ecology of marine ostracods from the NW European and Mediterranean areas.
- With **P. Carbonel** and **J.-P. Colin**, finish a paper about *Falunia* Grekoff and Moyes.

Marmonier, Pierre

- Description of a new genus and two new species of Candoninae from southern Morocco: *Marococandona danielopoli* and *Marococandona nicolae*
- Detailed studies of two species of the genus *Cryptocandona* (i.e., *C. kieferi* and *C. vavrai*) from Europe. We focused on population variability in these species living in springs and groundwater.
- Effects of landscape changes linked to agriculture on stream fauna, including ostracods (6th year of the program).

Oertli, Henri J.

Happy retiree (since 1988) but busier than before, has by now a restricted ostracodological activity—but his heart is still with Ostracoda! It should be reminded that all of his collections (slides and literature) are housed at the National History Museum of Geneva/Switzerland and can be examined. Of particular interest may be rare publications (including Russian). In case of interest, you best contact our friend **Jacques Sauvagnat** at jsauvagnat@compuserve.com

Vincent Perrier

See references for 2005, 2006. I am a PhD student in palaeontology and palaeobiology at the University Claude Bernard Lyon 1.

Sauvagnat, Jacques

Research is on Barremian ostracodes from SE France.

Tambareau, Yvette

I have no more possibilities to work on ostracods, but I keep an active interest in Tethyan Paleogene biostratigraphy organizing field trips.

GERMANY

Peter Frenzel

- I am finishing my Habilitation thesis on Recent and Holocene ostracods and foraminifers from the Baltic Sea and their use as bio-indicators. The focus lies on ecology and taxonomy as well as applications in Quaternary geology, archaeology, and biological monitoring.
- Last year I moved from Rostock University to Jena University in Thuringia. Here I started a new program concerning ostracods and foraminifers in saline waters of central Germany.

Eugen Kempf

I continue to work on the “Kempf Database Ostracoda”. The second supplements to the hitherto published indices and bibliographies are steadily growing, forming parts 11 to 15 of the series “*Index and Bibliography of Nonmarine Ostracoda*” as well as “*Index and Bibliography of Marine Ostracoda*”. Mainly due to working in retirement, it is more difficult and expensive to get the necessary literature. It would be of great help if ostracodologists would send copies of their papers soon after publication.

In September 2006, the second index from level 2 (stratigraphy) of my database will be published on CD-ROM with the title “*Recent Nonmarine Ostracoda of the World*”. With more than 27,000 datasets, again, a unique instrument of reference becomes available, forming a great step on the way toward a “*GRESS Ostracoda*”, where GRESS stands for Growing Expert Support System.

With both Index D versions, more than 47,000 datasets are leading to first and subsequent descriptions or mentions of taxa in the literature on Recent Ostracoda of the world, a great help when dealing with the present ostracod biodiversity. All taxa of the genus and species level are coded by their UTIN (Universal Taxonomic Identification Number) produced in the Index B versions of my database. Accordingly, homonyms and synonyms are clearly separated.

Dietmar Keyser

- Continues his research on the ecology and morphology of Recent ostracods.
- After the near completion of the subrecent ostracods of the Aral Sea, he is now evaluating the influence of pollution and changing environment on the distribution of ostracods in the Baltic Sea, together with **Peter Franzel, B. Scharf, and N. Aladin**.
- He continues to work on the calcification of the ostracod carapace.

Michael Kramer

Since August 2005, I have focused on taxonomy, ecology, and geochemical properties of Holocene ostracods from Tso Kar (White Lake) in Ladakh, northern India. Modern species distribution as well as Mg/Ca and Sr/Ca ratios shall help to interpret the ostracod and trace-element record of a 4.5 m lake sediment core, which was drilled in 2005. Changes in ostracod associations as well as valve chemistry are used to reconstruct environmental fluctuation and regional paleoclimatic conditions.

I am working on the ostracods from the Pleistocene Upper Karewas of Kashmir. Taxonomy and phenotypic variability of problematic taxa are of interest, but also possibilities of Pleistocene ostracod biostratigraphy and paleoecology are analyzed. This study was enabled by **Dr. J. Holmes**, who provided all of the material and expertise.

In the summer of 2007, I should be finished with these two projects since my scholarship from the Berlin universities is limited. Publications on the above projects are in progress.

Renate Matzke-Karasz

Is working on the following:

- Micromorphology of freshwater ostracod soft parts and carapaces.
- Fossil ostracod soft parts.
- Morphology of reproductive organs.
- Sperm-egg interactions in ostracods.
- Taxonomy of freshwater ostracodes, both fossil (Quaternary) and Recent.
- Palaeoecology of ostracods.
- Investigation of additional appendages in African giant ostracod species (together with **Koen Martens**).
- Sperm-egg interaction in ostracods with giant sperm.
- Ostracod reproduction.
- Histology of freshwater ostracods.
- One of the partners of the EU Marie Curie Research and Training Network 'SexAsex'. Anthropologist and chromosome specialist **Dr. Stefan Muller** and I form the Munich post of the network, responsible for karyological, histological and spermatological research on *Eucypris virens*, our model organism. Within this frame, **Radka Symonova** (Prague) is doing her PhD here in Munich.
- In September 2005 I co-organized the 15th International Symposium on Ostracodes, held at the Freie Universitat, Berlin. Currently, with colleagues **Koen Martens** and **Michael Schudack**, I am editing one of the three proceedings of the meeting, to be published in *Hydrobiologia* in 2007.

Steffen Mischke

- Continued to collect lake sediment surface samples from Tibetan lakes in the summer 2005 and has submitted a manuscript about a first ostracod-conductivity transfer function for Tibetan lakes for publication in the *Journal of Paleolimnology*. A first sampling survey in Mongolia has been finished as well, which may lead to an enlargement of the existing surface sediment data set.
- Steffen did some work on the samples of a Middle Pleistocene outcrop in the Qaidam Basin where freshwater ostracods indicate the existence of a large freshwater in the presently dry basin. At the end of 2005, he brought a group of scientists together who are interested in a longer drilling (~1200 meters) and accompanying work in the Qaidam Basin as ICDP initiative. The extremely thick Quaternary sequences of this basin are the target of a multi-disciplinary palaeoclimate study.
- Organized with **Michael and Ulla Schudack**, the 15th International Symposium on Ostracoda was held at Steffen's institute in September in Berlin.

Nasser Mostafawi

Is retired but continues his studies on Mediterranean Neogene ostracods.

Simone Nunes-Brandao

- Is working on the deep sea ostracods in the Antarctic Ocean.
- She is busy with the taxonomy and genetic structure of the deep sea Macrocyprididae and the Pontocyprididae. She is working on this together with **Isa Schoen** in Belgium. The taxonomic studies show that the biodiversity in the deep sea is higher than expected.

Claudius Pirkenseer

After dealing with Miocene freshwater Ostracoda from Denkendorf (Bavaria) in my diploma thesis, I began a thesis (advisor **Jean-Pierre Berger**, University of Fribourg, Switzerland) on the Paleogene microfossils, palaeoecology, palaeogeography, and stratigraphy of the southern Upper Rhine Graben (URG) in 2002. The focus is on Rupelian marine and brackish Ostracoda as well as planktonic and benthic Foraminifera derived from field outcrops and two drill cores. The three main ostracod assemblages and complementary foraminiferal data mirror the development of the two Rupelian URG transgressions (Ru1 and Ru2-3 sequences). A compilation of a regional microfossil atlas is intended to be carried out following the oral defense in 2007.

Benjamin Sames

I focused on Late Jurassic/Early Cretaceous nonmarine Ostracoda at the moment. Besides co-organizing the ISO 15 in Berlin, I continued writing my PhD thesis, dealing with revision and application of ostracodes (and charophytes) of some nonmarine Lower Cretaceous formations in the U.S. Western Interior (supervised by **Michael Schudack** and **David J. Horne**).

In addition, I am working on other projects:

- Late Jurassic/Lower Cretaceous Ostracoda and Charophyta from Tendaguru, SE Tanzania.
- Cretaceous nonmarine Ostracoda from Mongolia (with **Khand Yondon**, Ulaan Bataar).
- Middle to Late Jurassic Cyprideidae (with **Robin Whatley** and **Michael Schudack**).
- French and Tanzanian early representatives of the Cyprideidae (with **Jean-Paul Colin**).

Burkhard Scharf

- Has collected ostracods on the Terschelling Island in the Netherlands, together with **Werner Hollwedel**, who works on Cladocera. We collected freshwater and brackish water ostracods and cladocerans on this island.
- Burkhard was one of the leaders of an excursion to Central America.
- He taught two Polish colleagues and one from Guatemala to collect and determine freshwater ostracodes.

Michael Schudack

- Continues his research on Mesozoic ostracods. His main activities on ostracods and charophytes include research projects on the Early and Late Jurassic and on the Early Cretaceous of Europe and North America. His main focus (depending on the project) lies in biostratigraphy, paleoecology, biogeography, paleoclimatology, and stable isotope shell geochemistry.
- A running application for a research project deals with the ostracod diversity across the Cretaceous/Paleogene boundary (KT) of Sinai (in cooperation with **Ashraf Elewa**, Egypt).

Michael organized the 15th International Symposium on Ostracods (ISO 15) in Berlin in September 2005 (along with his team, **Ulla Schudack**, **Steffen Mischke**, **Benjamin Sames** and **Kerstin Zobel**). He was elected the secretary of the International Research Group on Ostracoda (IRGO) for the period of 2005-2009.

Thesis supervision:

- Early Cretaceous ostracods from the Rocky Mountains, USA (**Benjamin Sames**).
- Biogeography and database of Early Cretaceous nonmarine Ostracoda, as exemplified for selected European basins (**Kerstin Zobel**).
- Ostracod biostratigraphy and microfacies of the Nordsteimke Member (Kimmeridgian, Upper Jurassic) near Wolfsburg, Germany (**Nadine Siegling**).
- Microbiostratigraphy and isotope stratigraphy of the Lower Jurassic from Gross Schoenebeck borehole, Brandenburg, Germany (**Karoline Fischer**).

Please go to <http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~palaeont/bog/bog-main.htm> to get more information about the Berlin Ostracodology Group.

Ulla Schudack

In 2005 I continued my project about biostratigraphy, systematics, and biogeographic relations of the Lower Cretaceous ostracods in northern and eastern Spain. I had a nice and successful field

trip to Spain in October, and I hope to finish my investigations early next year. I was occupied with the organization of ISO 15; it was a great pleasure to have the “ostracod family” here in Berlin.

Antje Schwalb

Recently started new research projects on the Yucatan Peninsula, a contribution to the Lago Peten Itza Scientific Drilling Project (PISDP), and in southern Tibet, both collaborative research initiatives funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

Students:

- **Liseth Perez** (PhD student, co-advisor **Burkhard Scharf**) is carrying out a limnological survey across the Yucatan Peninsula in order to build a training set from ecological, aquatic geochemical and limnological data. She will apply transfer functions and interference statistics to species assemblages of ostracodes from long cores recovered from Lake Peten Itza in February-March 2006, in order to help decode the late Quaternary climate history of the Neotropics.
- **Claudia Wrozyna** (Diploma student) is working with ostracode species assemblages from surface sediments and outcrops in the Lake Nam Co catchment (southern Tibet) and the Zada Basin (southwest Tibet) in order to get a first overview on Late Quaternary lake level changes (in cooperation with **Steffen Mischke** and **Peter Frenzel**).

ISRAEL

Correspondent: Avi Honigstein

Avi Honigstein and Amnon Rosenfeld

Published their Late Permian paper (together with **B. Derin**) in the 2005 volume of *Micropaleontology*. The results of this study were presented at the International Symposium in Berlin. Preliminary results of the Holocene study (together with **R. Maddocks**, Houston) were summarized in an internal report of the Geological Survey in Israel: Maddocks, R.F., Rosenfeld, A., and Honigstein, A., 2004, *Holocene ostracodes from the continental shelf and slope of northern Israel: a preliminary report on the ostracode assemblages*: Rep. GSI/10/04.

Avi Honigstein

- Continues with Mesozoic-Cenozoic studies of assemblages from Israel and adjacent countries. A study on marine Pliocene ostracodes (together with **N. Mostafawi**, Kiel) is in preparation and a joint research on Eocene faunas (together with **E. Brouwers**, Denver) is planned.
- He attended the XV International Symposium on Ostracoda in Berlin, Germany and served as part of the organizing committee.
- He was on sabbatical leave during 2005-2006 at Freie Universitaet, Berlin, Germany, with **Dr. M. and U. Schudack**; at Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand with **Dr.**

B. Ratanastiean, and at the U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, CO, USA with **Dr. E. Brouwers**. Many thanks to all my hosts!

Benny Guralnik

Continues isotopic measurements and biometric studies on ostracode assemblages in northern Israel. He attended the XV International Symposium on Ostracoda in Berlin, Germany.

Amnon Rosenfeld

Retired during 2005 from the Geological Survey in Israel and lives in New York. He is interested in ostracode works. A study on lake ostracodes from the last glacial is in its initial stages at the Geological Survey in Jerusalem.

ITALY

Correspondent: Elsa Gliozzi

Claudio Belis

Studies Late Glacial sequences from sites in northern Italy in collaboration with the Institute of Plant Sciences, University of Bern. At present, he works on ostracods from Lake Lago della Costa.

In preparation: Finsinger, W., Larocque, I., Belis, C., Blockley, S., D'Andrea, W., Eicher, U., Leuenberger, M., Huang, Y., Lowe, J.J., Turney, C., and Ammann, B., Late-Glacial climatic changes as inferred by chironomids, hydrogen isotopes, oxygen isotopes, microtephra, and ostracods, and their effect in the southern forelands of the western Alps, Italy.

Pietro Miculan

I continue to work on brackish water faunas of the late Miocene (Messinian "Lago-Mare") from the western Mediterranean area. Research interests include Neogene deep-sea ostracods of the Mediterranean area, and Lower Miocene ostracods from Libya.

CATANIA UNIVERSITY

Francesco Sciuto (Section of Oceanography and Palaeoecology) works on palaeoecology and stratigraphy of Plio-Pleistocene deep-water ostracod assemblages. Ongoing research is on living and dead ostracod assemblages from the Mediterranean and Thailand.

In preparation: F. Sciuto and A. Rosso, Ostracod taphonomic features in deep-water Pliocene sediments from Sicily: Proceedings 2nd International Congress of Taphonomy, Barcelona.

PARMA UNIVERSITY

Carlo Bellavere, Giorgio Benassi, Paolo Menozzi, Valeria Rossi—Department of Environmental Science, are involved in research on the population ecology and population genetics of *Heterocypris incongruens*, *Heterocypris barbara*, *Eucypris virens*, and *Darwinula stevensoni*.

Giampaolo Rossetti (Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Parma) is concerned with the study of taxonomy and systematics of the Recent Darwinulidae, in cooperation with **Koen Martens** and Isa Schoen (Brussels) and **Ricardo Pinto** (Sao Paulo). He is principal investigator (Parma lab) of the EU project SexAsex (from Sex to Asex: a case study on interactions between sexual and asexual reproduction), based on *Eucypris virens* as model organism (<http://www.natuurwetenschappen.be/EVIRENS/index.htm>). He is supervisor of several undergraduate theses on freshwater ostracods. At the University of Parma, within the project SexAsex, **Olivier Schmit** (Belgium) and **Maria Joao Martins** (Portugal) are carrying out part of their PhD work, and **Jochen Vandekerckhove** (Belgium) has a one year position as Postdoc. **Valentina Pieri** will shortly complete her PhD thesis “*Studies on biodiversity, distributional patterns and ecology of Recent non-marine ostracods and their possible use as water quality indicators*”. A new edition of the checklist of Recent freshwater ostracods from mainland Italy and nearby islands is currently in progress. Other funded research projects focus on the diversity of ostracods in high elevation bogs and in alpine springs.

PISA UNIVERSITY

Alessandro Bossio, Barbara Dall’Antonia, Simone Da Prato (PhD student) are currently working on ostracods from some Messinian Lago mare successions of the Mediterranean with special emphasis on Tuscan ones. Research on Neogene and Quaternary marine faunas of central Italy (Tuscany, Sardinia) and Corsica are still in progress.

ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY

The Roma Tre ostracodologist group (Department of Earth Sciences) is at present involved in several research projects involving Neogene and Quaternary marine, brackish, and freshwater ostracods of the Mediterranean area.

Elsa Gliozzi and Francesco Grossi (PhD student) are working on late Messinian Lago-mare ostracods in the central and eastern Mediterranean, through the detailed analyses of sediment cores and outcrop sections located in northern and central Italy and central Crete. The collected ostracods are studied in a taxonomic, palaeoenvironmental (using multivariate analyses), palaeobiogeographical, and biostratigraphical perspective. In the latter sense, an integrated stratigraphical approach has been used (astrocyclostratigraphy derived from calcimetry, magnetic susceptibility, clay mineral analysis, organic matter, bulk stable isotopes).

Elsa Gliozzi and Silvia Ligios (PhD student) are studying the Late Miocene brackish ostracods from central and southern Italy, mainly from a taxonomical point of view. At present, general *Loxoconchissa* ssp., *Loxoconchissa (Loxocaspia)*, and *Vestalenula* have been analyzed,

providing several new species. This research will provide new information about palaeobiogeography and biostratigraphy of the brackish domain.

Elsa Gliozzi and Maria Chiara Medici (post-Master student) are involved in the taxonomic study of a rich Middle-Late Pliocene freshwater ostracod fauna coming from Tiberino Lake, a fossil ancient lake located in central Italy. At present, at least two endemic Candoninae lineages have been recognized.

Costanza Faranda

- Is mainly involved in the study of Neogene and Quaternary marine ostracods. Together with **Ilaria Mazzini** and **Elsa Gliozzi**, she has studied the Pliocene-Quaternary ostracods from the “classical” Quaternary succession cropping out at Monte Mario (Rome) using a multivariate analysis approaches, leading to the reconstruction of the palaeoenvironmental variations.
- At present, the Monte Mario ostracod assemblage is studied from a taxonomical perspective.
- Together with **Elsa Gliozzi**, she has studied the early Tortonian marine ostracods coming from a coralline succession cropping out in central Crete. The use of the multivariate analysis led to the palaeoenvironmental reconstruction of the succession, showing several marine oscillations.

JAPAN

Hirokazu Ozawa

Studies in the National Science Museum of Japan, Tokyo (in **Dr. Yoshihiro Tanimura** laboratory).

Current research on ostracods includes:

- Ecology and taxonomy of modern ostracods in the Japan Sea and adjacent areas (with **Dr. Takahiro Kamiya**).
- Taxonomy, palaeoecology, and palaeobiogeography (extinction, speciation, and migration) of cryophilic ostracods since the Miocene from Japan.

Robin Smith

- I am currently researching the ostracod fauna of Lake Biwa, central Japan.
- I am continuing with research on the ontogeny and evolution of podocopan ostracods with **Takahiro Kamiya**, **David Horne** and **Akira Tsukagoshi**, and the biology of ostracods with **Renate Matzke-Karasz**.

Tatsuhiko Yamaguchi

- I study Tertiary Ostracoda from Japan in Niigata University.
- My ongoing study with **Prof. Kamiya** is on Eocene ostracodes from Bonin Islands.
- I am planning to study Paleogene ostracodes from northern Japan with **Dr. Kurita**, who majors in fossil dinoflagellate cysts.
- My address changed from Kanazawa to Niigata University in April 2006.

Moriaki Yasuhara

I am focusing and working on deep-sea ostracode species diversity with **Tom Cronin** at the USGS. My current research interests are:

- Climatic impact on deep-sea species diversity.
- Paleo-perspective on macro-ecological theories.
- Anthropogenic impacts on coastal marine ecosystems.
- Paleontology of Ostracoda.

For more details, please see my website at <http://deepseacosystem.blogspot.com>

MEXICO

Correspondent: Ana Luisa Carreno

Ana Luisa Carreno is working on:

- Recent marine ostracodes from the equatorial offshore Brazil.
- Cretaceous ostracodes from the Reconcavo Basin, Brazil.
- Ostracoda from Jordan (with **Joao Carlos Coimbra**, Universidad Federal do Rio Grande do Sul).
- Continuation of my long-term research on Baja California Tertiary calcareous microfauna and microflora (Ostracoda, Foraminifera, calcareous nannoplankton).
- Paleoenvironmental reconstruction of Mexican lacustrine Quaternary lakes based on ostracode paleoecology and trace element shall chemistry with **Manuel R. Palacios-Fest**, Terra Nostra Earth Science Research

Teaching activities: **Violeta A. Romero-Mayen** “Registro climatico en Laguna Salada, Baja California, Mexico durante el Neogeno tardio usando paleoecologia y geoquimica de elementos traza en conchas de Ostracoda”, MSc., Posgrado en Ciencias Biologicas, UNAM (with **Manuel R. Palacios-Fest**, Terra Nostra Earth Science Research)

Ma. Luisa Machain and **F. Raul Gio-Argaez**

Continue working on Holocene ostracodes of the Mexican seas, especially the diversity and distribution patterns of the continental shelf and coastal areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

MOROCCO

Correspondent: Ratiba Bekkali

Nachite, Driss and Bekkali, Ratiba

- Neogene lacustrine Ostracoda of Granada Basin (south of Spain) and Saiss Basin (north of Morocco), and limno-brackish Ostracoda from the NW of Morocco
- Neogene marine Ostracoda of the north of Morocco
- Ostracoda from Tahadart estuary (NW Morocco) with **Julio Rodriguez Lazaro** (UPV University, Bilbao, Spain)
- Ostracoda as biological indicators of the ecological stress in the Nador Lagoon (northeast coast of Morocco) with **Zoulikha Irzi** (Mohamed I University, Oujda, Morocco)
- Holocene Ostracoda of the Alboran Sea with **A. El Hmaidi** (Moulay Ismail University, Meknes, Morocco)

NEW ZEALAND

Correspondent: Stephen Eagar

Stephen Eagar

Continuing a study of the shallow water ostracods from SW Pacific islands. Two manuscripts completed on species from Samoa and Moorea, and currently working on specimens from Tuvalu.

Kerry Swanson, Thomas Jellinek

Are currently completing a study of the phylogeography of two new abyssal species of *Zabythocypris*. Once that is completed, they will then undertake a detailed examination of living 'species' related to *Echinocythereis* and *Dutoitella suhmi* from a number of ocean basins. Kerry's MSc student, **Francie Gaiger**, submitted her thesis in July 2006. Her topic was to assess how podocopid ostracods responded to the global 'Stilsomella Extinction Event', which coincided with the mid-Pleistocene transition.

RUSSIA

Anna Stepanova

My main activities for 2005-2006 included:

- Working with Arctic Pleistocene-Recent ostracods from the Laptev and Kara Seas. I have been working on ostracods from this region for six years and a lot of data have been analyzed. The major part now is summarized in my monograph published in English. The data on the Kara Sea ostracods are not submitted in a manuscript currently submitted to *Marine Micropaleontology*.
- In addition to the Laptev and Kara Seas, I started to work with ostracods from older sediments (previous interglacial, Kazantsevan) from coastal outcrops from Yenisei River. Recently, I took part in a field trip to the Arkhangelsk region, where we investigated and sampled the section of the Eemian deposits, where I hope to find ostracods and work on this material in the future.

- I took part in identifying ostracods from the upper part of the deep sea core (last 150 kyr) from North Atlantic Site U1314, together with Dr. **Alvarez-Zarikian** (IODP, Texas).

SLOVAKIA

Radovan Kyska Pipik

- My research is focused on the Upper Miocene brackish and freshwater ostracods of the Lake Pannon and surrounding freshwater paleolakes, their taxonomy, phylogeny, and paleobiogeography (with **Dan L. Danielopol** and his research group). This study is concentrated mainly on morphological and taxonomical diversity of Lake Pannon *Cyprideis*, on the origin and function of the “eye spot” of *Serviella* aff. *truncata*.
- I completed work on phylogeny of early *Tyrrhenocythere* and I am publishing the taxonomy of ostracods from the Turiec Basin (with **Anne-Marie Bodergat**).

SPAIN

Francesc Mezquita

My main research topics involve nonmarine ostracod ecology and paleolimnology. I am now working on:

- EU research network SEXASEX (Coordinator **Koen Martens**) on the evolution of reproductive modes in ostracods. Close work with **Olivier Schmit** (PhD student), **Jochen Vandekerkhove**, **G. Rossetti**, and **T. Namiotko**, 2004-2008. Web address: <http://www.naturalsciences.be/EVIRENS/index.htm>
- Spanish Ministry of Science project on environmental change in the Mediterranean area of Spain for the last 4000 years. With **R. Julia** (Coordinator, Barcelona), **J. Reed** (Hull), **J. Armengol** (Valencia), **Laia Zamora** (Valencia, PhD student) and others. 2006-2009.
- Spanish Ministry of Science project on Holocene environmental change in the Mediterranean area of Spain. With **E. Vicente** (Coordinator, Valencia), **M.R. Miracle**, **A. Sanz**, **J.M. Reed** (Hull), **Javier Marco** (PhD student) and others. 2006-2009.
- Geochemistry and ecology of *Cyprideis torosa*. With **J. Marco**, **Emi Ito** (Minnesota), **Evarist Carbonell**.

Julio Rodriguez-Lazaro

Research projects include:

- Quaternary palaeoenvironmental evolution of the southern Bay of Biscay. Palaeoceanographic and palaeoclimatic analyses based on foraminifers, ostracods, and micro mammals. Leader **J. Rodriguez-Lazaro**, in collaboration with **Maite Martin**, **Ana Pascual** and others.
- Geochemistry and mineralogy of carbonates from eurytopic limnic organisms with great potential to the palaeoenvironmental reconstruction. Leader **Rosa Utrilla** (Barcelona), in collaboration with **Pere Anadon** and **Maite Martin**.

- Biodiversity (ostracods, foraminifers) in two estuaries of the Atlantic: Urdaibai (northern Spain) and Tahadart (north Morocco): a comparative study. In collaboration with **Maite Martin** and **Driss Nachite, Ratiba Bekkali** and colleagues (Morocco).

TURKEY

Atike Nazik

I am working on:

- Neogene ostracodes from Arguvan-Parcikan (Malatya-eastern Anatolia).
- Devonian ecosystems and climate of Turkey (DEVEC-TR). TUBITAK joint research and development project (Turkish Co-Director of the project—**M. Namik Yalcin** and PD **Dr. Volker Wilde** (German Co-Director of the project).
- Interpretation of oligohaline and brackish environments in the late Miocene and Recent of eastern Anatolia (Turkey) (with co-worker **Anne-Marie Bodergat**).
- Salinity and climatic condition of Akyatan Lagoon (Turkey) recent sediments (with co-worker **Anne-Marie Bodergat**).
- Implementation of biogeochemical methods on surface sediments of the salt pan in the NE Aegean Sea and investigation of Foraminifera-Ostracoda-Mollusca (with co-worker **Ipek F. Barut**).

Thesis supervision:

- **Deniz Ibilioglu**, PhD thesis, Environmental interpretation and micropaleontological investigation (planktonic foraminifer and ostracod) of the Paleogene sequence in the Elazig region (eastern Turkey).
- **Hulya Yayik**, M.Sc. thesis, Neogene ostracodes from Arguvan-Parcikan (Malatya-eastern Anatolia).

Okan Kulkoyluoglu

I and my team are working on seven different studies related to ostracod taxonomy and systematics, ecology, and distribution. Most importantly, our focus is to understand the tolerance levels of freshwater ostracods and their distribution. We seek to find answers for a couple of questions regarding ostracod usage as bioindicator species, such as:

- Why do individual species differ (if they differ) in their distribution?
- Do they prefer certain environmental conditions, if yes, what are they?
- Are cosmopolitan species (if not all) euryecious or vice versa?
- Are cosmopolitan species good indicators of water and habitat quality?
- Do cosmopolitan species have high tolerances? If yes, what are the levels of tolerances?
- Which factor(s) are most important on their abundance?

Recently, I introduced a new term called “pseudorichness”, which underlines that cosmopolitan ostracods can be good tools for biomonitoring studies based on the ratio between numbers of non-cosmopolitan and cosmopolitan species. An increasing ratio suggests good water quality. The

implication of this hypothesis requires detailed knowledge about ostracod habitat preferences, ecology, and tolerance levels as well as biological characteristics of ostracods.

My students

There are currently two Masters (**Necmettin Sari, Muharrem Balci** from Abant Izzet Baysal University) and 1PhD student (**Derya Akdemir** from Marmare University) working on ostracods with me. Three others have almost finished their theses. Necmettin is working on the relationship between freshwater ostracods and their ecological preferences in the city of Bolu, while Murarrem has been collecting samples from a small natural lake (Lake Sunnet, Bolu), looking at species seasonal occurrence patterns along with their ecological tolerance and optimum levels. Derya is doing a large-scale collection from a city in eastern Turkey where there is almost nothing known about Ostracoda. She aims to provide ostracod faunal richness in this city along with their ecology and distributional characteristics.

UNITED KINGDOM

Michael Ayress

Since leaving his academic posting in Australia, Mike continues to maintain an active interest in Recent and Tertiary marine ostracods, particularly from the Indo-Pacific and Southern Oceans. Collaborative projects are in progress. These include, with **Tony Rathburn** (Scripps Institution of Oceanography) marine ostracods from Prydz Bay, Antarctica, and with **Penelope Cooke** (University of Waikato) fossil and Recent deep sea Ostracoda from DSDP Site 593, Tasman Sea.

Carys Bennett

Started a PhD in October 2005, investigating ostracods from the Lower Carboniferous of the Midland Valley of Scotland. The project aims to examine the transition from marine to nonmarine environments shown by ostracods, and to study their evolution. Different methodologies to achieve this aim include identifying the different marine, brackish, hypersaline, and nonmarine ostracods, and using supporting evidence from the sedimentology, microfossils, and palynology to give environmental conditions. Stable isotope analysis of ostracod and macrofossil shells will give an independent indicator of the water chemistry and salinity for the different ostracod species. So far, the project has gone really well and I am currently planning a field excursion to collect more samples. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of the project.

Ian Boomer—I maintain an interest in Triassic-early Jurassic faunas but most of the ostracod focus is on Late Quaternary to Recent of the Ponto-Caspian Central Asian region in collaboration with colleagues at LSCE Gif-sur-Yvette/CEA-Saclay France (**Guichard, von Grafenstein**). Also, I am developing links with interdisciplinary groups investigating palaeoclimate records from non-marine and marginal marine sites in Turkey (Buyuk Menderes, Lake Van). I am involved with a proposal for ILDP drilling of Lake Van, eastern Turkey.

I am currently running the new stable isotope laboratory at the University of Birmingham, concentrating on water (cave, karst systems, rainwater) and organics (archaeology, ecology). We do not do carbonates (yet) but I am happy to discuss possible collaborative research (or consultancy) with all. See <http://www.gees.bham.ac.uk/research/facilities/silla/index.htm> for details.

I am currently the Chairman of the Ostracod Group, The Micropalaeontological Society.

David J. Horne—I continue to be interested in all aspects of ostracod taxonomy, ecology and phylogeny, especially the continued application of a palaeobiological approach to palaeoenvironmental analysis. A particular focus of activity is the EU Marie Curie Research and Training Network project *From sex to Asex: a case study on interactions between sexual and asexual reproduction*; EU FP6 (Coordinator: **Koen Martens**, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Belgium) in which I am affiliated with the University of Sheffield group (headed by **Roger Butlin**) and responsible for biogeographical aspects including further development and application of the NODE GIS database.

David J. Siveter—Ongoing research on Cambrian (e.g., Chengjiang) and Silurian (Herefordshire) lagerstätten continues as do studies on Palaeozoic myodocopes and palaeocopes. New PhD student **Carys Bennett** will work on “*Carboniferous ostracods and isotopes from Scotland: testing for the ecological shift into non-marine environments*”.

Ian J. Slipper—I continue to work in my spare time on Cretaceous ostracods, most recently the marine Lower Cretaceous faunas in preparation for the 2nd edition of the Stratigraphical Atlas of British Ostracoda. My projects still underway include a monograph of Turonian Ostracoda; joint work with **Andy Gale** on the faunal changes in Cenomanian chalk-marl rhythms; a survey of British Santonian Ostracoda. Ostracoda from the Albian Gault Clay at Folkestone has been submitted to the Palaeontological Association “Fossils of the Gault” book, A revision of the T.R. Jones Cretaceous material in the Natural History Museum; and a work on the Life and Times of William Harris of Charing. I have passed the Chairmanship of the Ostracod Group of the Micropalaeontological Society to **Ian Boomer**, and I now work as the Editor of “The Newsletter of Micropalaeontology”.

Ian P. Wilkinson—Much of my work these days concentrates on Foraminifera, so it is a welcome break to work on ostracods from boreholes through the last glacial and into the post-glacial. During the last year or so, I have had the opportunity to work on both Carboniferous and early Cretaceous faunas, the results of which I presented at the 15th International Symposium on Ostracoda, Berlin (excellently organized by **Michael Schudack** and his team). I have also returned to some assemblages from the late Jurassic and hope to complete a systematic study of these during the coming year.

Students—**Carys Bennett** (University of Leicester) is carrying out research on Lower Carboniferous ostracods and isotopes of the Midland Valley, Scotland: testing for the ecological shift into non-marine environments. Her university supervisor is **David Siveter** and I am pleased to be her co-supervisor for this project, funded by the Natural Environment Research Council and the British Geological Survey.

UNITED STATES

Anne Cohen—I produced a simple website with a tabular key to both subclasses of Ostracoda and all families of Myodocopa—<http://home.comcast.net/~fireflea2/OstracodeKeyindex.html>. I hope to provide more illustrations this year and improve the appearance on Explorer (it is best viewed on Macintosh Safari). I am currently working on a Cohen and Morin paper providing names, diagnoses, and morphological illustrations, including SEMs, for several new genera of Cypridinidae engendered from our published (2003) morphology-based cladistic analysis of the evolution of the genera and of bioluminescence within the myodocopid family Cypridinidae. A PDF reprint of this 2003 paper and 10 other Cohen papers is readily available on request from ancohen@comcast.net. With **James Morin**, I hope also to finally finish a description of some new genera and species of bioluminescent signaling ostracodes.

Betsy Colburn—I am not primarily a researcher on Ostracoda, but find them very interesting members of the freshwater benthos and try to include them in my research when possible. My book on temporary ponds of glaciated northeastern North America may be of interest to some ostracode workers. The text discusses ostracodes only briefly, but the Appendix lists all species I was able to find documented from vernal pools and temporary ponds of this region, along with details on habitat, life history strategies, and other information as available. **Koen Martens** and **Eugen Kempf** kindly assisted me in getting the taxonomy straight—all errors are my responsibility.

Brandon Curry—I have been involved mainly with the mapping of surficial geology deposits, but have been able to co-author papers and present papers and posters that involve ostracodes. This year, I am calibrating the water chemistry of a hard water lake in NE Illinois with the chemistry of the valves of living ostracodes (primarily *Physocypria* sp. and juvenile candonids) and using that information to help interpret the biogeochemistry of a continuous ostracode record that begins at about 16,000 cal yr BP. We have found that Sr/Ca is especially useful in our reconstructions. This project is part of a larger study of four sites in NE Illinois to better understand environmental changes during the last glacial-interglacial transition.

Louis Kornicker—presently working on Hawaiian and cave Myodocopa.

Dawn Peterson—My current activities include a long-term multidisciplinary project including the taxonomy and paleoecology of late Miocene to early Pliocene ostracode assemblages from central and south-central Chile. I am conducting research on the lower Pleistocene nearshore ostracode assemblage of the Galapagos Archipelago, with micropaleontologists **Dr. Kenneth L. Finger** and **Professor Jere Lipps** of the University of California, Berkeley. I recently returned from the Osservatorio Geologico Coldigioco in the Marche region of northern Italy after initiating a study of subterranean ostracodes from the Grotta de Frasassi.

Mark Puckett—I am an Assistant Professor at the University of North Alabama (since August, 2005). I am currently working on an ostracode fauna from the Eocene of Jamaica. The deposits

from which the samples were collected are interesting in that they contain the earliest known sea cows. The fauna includes a lot of the “torose” Cyprideidae, but also includes several new species. I am also initiating studies on Lower Cretaceous ostracodes of Texas. Although these Lower Cretaceous faunas have been studied by several graduate students, many species remain to be formally described. Fortunately, the ages of most of the formations are well established. The combined record of the Lower and Upper Cretaceous faunas of the U.S. Gulf Coastal Plain will hopefully yield a 50-million-year record of ostracode evolution.

Alison Smith—In December, 2005, version 1 of NANODE (North American Nonmarine Ostracode Database) was posted to the worldwide web. The url for this database is www.kent.edu/NANODE. The database currently consists of 600 sites, with associated ostracode species presence-absence data for 89 species, major ion hydrochemistry and climate (precipitation and temperature) data. The data are presented in the form of maps, graphs, and photographs. These sites are distributed throughout the continental U.S.A., with a few sites in Canada and Mexico. The project continues at Kent State University in the Department of Geology. The co-authors are **Richard M. Forester** (retired), **Alison J. Smith** (Kent State University, Kent, Ohio), **Donald F. Palmer** (Kent State University, Kent, Ohio), and **Brandon B. Curry** (Geological Survey of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois). I am currently working on version 2 which will include more sites and have assemblage searching capabilities. I would be very please to hear from any *Cypris* readers about topics concerning NANODE.

Frederick Swain

My research interests include micropaleontology, biostratigraphy, and organic geochemistry. Current research includes Cretaceous nonmarine Ostracoda from the North Horn Formation, Utah, and the origin of shale gas deposits, mid-continent USA.

Following retirement in 1986, I have worked on materials that remained in my collections from earlier field work. A recently published book deals with fossil nonmarine Ostracoda of the USA. Over 500 species are covered, from Devonian to Pleistocene, including their stratigraphic distribution, paleoecology. and morphologic characteristics.

I recently posted a pdf file on my university web site—*Habitat of Silurian Ostracoda from Pennsylvania and Maryland*, 2005. The url is <http://www.geo.umn.edu/people/profs/SWAIN.html> This web site also hosts the following pdf files:

- Ostracoda from the River Bend Formation of North Carolina, 2001
- Ostracoda from the Pliocene? Pebas Formation at Iquitos, Peru, 2001
- Mesozoic Ostracoda from C.O.S.T. Atlantic wells; additions and emendations, 2002; Plates 1-8, Plates 9-14, Plates 15-18
- Biostratigraphy of Cretaceous Ostracoda from wells in South Carolina, 2002
- The pseudofossil *Atikokania* in the Early Precambrian of Minnesota, 2002
- An occurrence of a species of Allogromiidae (Foraminiferida) in the Middle Ordovician of Minnesota, 2002
- Possible influence of Pleistocene permafrost on gas production from Pennsylvanian Little Osage Shale and associated deposits of eastern Kansas; suggestions for research, 2003

- Revised stratigraphic index; Swain, F.M., Fossil nonmarine Ostracoda of the U.S., 1999, 2003
- Synopsis of Middle Eocene Ostracoda of North Carolina, 2004; plates 1-14
- Habitats of Silurian Ostracoda from Pennsylvania and Maryland, Part I
- Habitats of Silurian Ostracoda from Pennsylvania and Maryland, Part II
- Habitats of Silurian Ostracoda from Pennsylvania and Maryland, Part III
- Geologic history of carbohydrates: I, Precambrian; table—inferred carbohydrate record in Archean and Proterozoic Eras
- List of all publications

Don Van Nieuwenhuise

Primary research activities include:

- Completing SEM work on a catalogue of ostracode “tops” for the Paleogene of the Gulf Coastal region.
- Finalizing the “*Stratigraphic significance of ostracodes of the Williamsburg Formation*”.
- Beginning the stratigraphic significance of ostracodes of the Rhems Formation.
- Summarizing Gulf and Atlantic coastal Plain Ostracode Zones with graphic correlation.
- Compiling data comparisons of the Stone City outcrop with the Stone City core, Claibornian Eocene of Texas.
- Stratigraphy of the South Liberty Dome area with PhD candidate **Tat Banga**.
- High resolution correlation and stratigraphy of the Productive Series, offshore Azerbaijan with M.S. candidate **Eldar Bagirov**.
- Multi-spectral remote sensing of petroleum by-products, Green River Basin, Wyoming. Defended M.S. thesis **Sarah Jacobson**.
- Other minor developing work includes:
 - Eocene microfossils of Greenland
 - Intermontane basins of Montana
 - Productive Series outcrops, Azerbaijan
 - Extending hurricane records to 5000 bp on Texas coast.

Carlos Alvarez-Zarikian

- My current work is focused on Pleistocene-Holocene ostracods from the North Atlantic, Gulf of Papua, and Greece.
- During March and April of 2005, I was the Staff Scientist on IODP Expedition 306 which aims to generate and integrate late Neogene-Quaternary climate proxies for improving our understanding of the mechanisms and causes of abrupt climate change. On this project I am working with **Anna Stepanova** and Expedition 306 scientists **Kazumi Akimota** and **Patrizia Ferretti** (benthic foraminifers).
- In Greece, I have been working in the Helike Archaeological Project with **Steven Soter** and **Dora Katsonopoulou** using ostracods and foraminifers as paleoecological indicators.
- Back in 2003, I finished my dissertation research, which encompassed two independent studies in Florida using fossil ostracods, foraminifers, and their stable isotopic composition

($\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) as paleoenvironmental and paleohydrological indicators of natural (rainfall patterns, hurricanes, Holocene climate, sea level) and anthropogenic (management of freshwater runoff, nutrient inputs) forces.

YUGOSLAVIA

Tamara Karan-Znidarcic

Is a promising new biologist. She completed her magisterium on the Banat Land (before ISO 15) and has begun work on other parts of the Middle Danube Lowland (otherwise known as the Carpathian Basin).

Nada Krstic

We had a week-long visit from Turkey. **Umit Safak** was at the Museum in June, correlating her collections from Adana surroundings and other areas of the Neogene of Turkey with material deposited in the Museum. I helped her with lacustrine ostracodes but could not help with marine material.

Last year we held a small meeting where several papers were presented. **Martin Gross** from Graz was there and visited Belgrade and me after the meeting, to complete his collection of my papers (and some of Stancheva's that I had duplicates of). There will be some new species dedicated to **Nikola Tesla** (he was Serbe), a beautiful, small snail *Lymnaea teslae* from the Mazgos site, and the large cypridinae ostracod *Teslacypris* below Bukulja Mountain. 2006 is the 150th anniversary of Tesla.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maria Ines Ramos

I have separates available of the following paper:

Ramos, M.I., F., Whatley, R.C., and Coimbra, J.C., 2004, Sub-Recent Marine Ostracoda (Pontocyprididae and Bairdiidae) from the southern Brazilian continental shelf: Revista Brasileira de Paleontologia, 7(3):311-318.

Ian Slipper

As Editor of The Newsletter of Micropalaeontology, published by The Micropalaeontology Society, I am always happy to receive items for inclusion. These may be conference

announcements, conference reports, news about new works or theses, student successes, or book reviews. Photographs as .jpg are welcome. Publication dates are January and July, with copy deadlines 1st December and 1st June. Please send items to i.j.slipper@gre.ac.uk. These are posted to TMS members and become available from the website www.tmsoc.org, where recent issues are available to view. Any microfossil news is accepted, not just ostracods.

REQUESTS

Dawn Peterson

Studies of freshwater and subterranean ostracodes of southern and eastern Europe would be greatly appreciated, Candonidae in particular.

Mark Puckett

I would greatly appreciate receiving reprints of articles published on Cretaceous ostracodes.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

21st Réunion des Ostracodologistes de Langue Française (ROLF 21), Tétouan (Morocco), April 19-22, 2006

The 21st Reunion des Ostracodologistes de Lange Francaise (ROLF 21) was held in Morocco from April 19 to 26 of this year. This meeting, the second of this series in Morocco, organized by **Driss Nachite** of the Laboratoire de Cartographie et de Gestion Environnementale et Marine

of the Abdelmalek Essaadi University of Tetouan, managed to gather about twenty ostracode specialists from Belgium, France, Morocco, and Tunisia. During the first day at the University of Tetouan, eight papers were presented, most of them dedicated to Moroccan ostracode faunas from Devonian to Recent of the theme “*Ostracods and Palaeoenvironments*”. These papers, after selection and analysis by reviewers, will be published as two special issues of the *Revue de Micropaleontologie*. In the evening, we all enjoyed a fantastic meal at Driss’ place, including masterpieces of the Moroccan gastronomy such as seafood pastille, mechoui and Moroccan wines.

During the following days, two field trips conducted the participants to see the marine “post-*nappes*” Neogene between Tangiers and Asilah as well as the Plio-Pleistocene lacustrine-palustrine basin of Saiss.

The next meeting (ROLF 22) will probably be organized in the Belgian Ardennes, following the invitation of our colleague **Jean-George Casier** of the Royal Institute of Natural Sciences of Belgium, Brussels.

Finn Viehberg

A Canadian Ostracodologist Meeting is organized at the Universite Laval, Quebec, from 16-18 November 2006. There will be no fees. Comfortable accommodation on the university campus can be organized at participant’s expense. All ostracodologists are welcome. Further information and program: finn.viehberg@cen.ulaval.ca

NEW TAXA

Jean-Paul Colin

Genera

- *Langiella* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengtson, 2005
- *Marococandona* Marmonier, Boulal and Idbennacer, 2005

Species

- *Bythoceratina inflata* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengtson, 2005; Maastrichtian, Brazil.
- *Candona fatrica* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006, Miocene, Slovakia
- *Candona incurva* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006, Miocene, Slovakia
- *Candona jiriceki* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006, Miocene, Slovakia
- *Candona lacustris* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006, Miocene, Slovakia
- *Candona laterisimilis* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006, Miocene, Slovakia

- *Candona palustris* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006, Miocene, Slovaquia
- *Candona stagnosa* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006, Miocene, Slovaquia
- *Candona tatriva* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006, Miocene, Slovaquia
- *Cytheropteron brasiliensis* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengston, 2005, Maastrichtian, Brazil
- *Loxoconcha mariafarinhensis* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengston, 2005, Maastrichtian, Brazil
- *Marococandona danielopoli* Marmonier, Boulal and Idbennacer, 2005, Recent, Morocco
- *Marococandona nicaloae* Marmonier, Boulal and Idbennacer, 2005, Recent, Morocco
- *Microceratina bhannesensis* Colin, Dejax and Geze, 2005, Tithonian, Lebanon
- *Paracosta Recifeinsis* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengston, 2005, Maastrichtian, Brazil
- *Paracypris pernambucensis* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengston, 2005, Maastrichtian, Brazil
- *Protobuntonia glabra* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengston, 2005, Maastrichtian, Brazil
- *Protocosta reticulate* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengston, 2005, Maastrichtian, Brazil
- *Schizoptocythere potyensis* Fauth, Colin, Koutsoukos and Bengston, 2005, Maastrichtian, Brazil

Radovan Pipik

- *Ilyocypris papilionacea* Pipik and Bodergat, 2003
- *Cypria isosceles* Pipik and Bodergat, 2003
- *Cypria lenticulata* Pipik and Bodergat, 2003
- *Cypria polyphema* Pipik and Bodergat, 2003
- *Cypria bodergatae* Pipik, 2003
- *Euxinocythere aphroditae* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Euxinocythere delicata* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Euxinocythere lactea* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Euxinocythere minuscula* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Euxinocythere quadricostata* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Euxinocythere satyricea* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Herpetocypris denticulata* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Herpetocypris pusilla* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Psychrodromus janzi* Pipik and Bodergat, 2004
- *Candona densa* Pipik and Bodergat, 2005
- *Candona mocki* Pipik and Bodergat, 2005
- *Candona imaginaria* Pipik and Bodergat, 2005
- *Candona margueritae* Pipik and Bodergat, 2005
- *Candona singularis* Pipik and Bodergat, 2005
- *Candona sirveni* Pipik and Bodergat, 2005
- *Candona vahica* Pipik and Bodergat, 2005

- *Candona clivosa* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006
- *Candona fatrica* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006
- *Candona tatrca* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006
- *Candona lacustris* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006
- *Candona palustris* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006
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- *Candona laterisimilis* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006
- *Candona jiriceki* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006
- *Candona incurva* Pipik and Bodergat, 2006

Maria Ines Feijo Ramos

Cytheridella purperae Ramos, 2006 (Miocene Solimoes Formation). Type material is in Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi, Micropaleontology Collection, numbers MPEG-21-M to MPEG-24-M.

Ian Wilkinson

- *Semicytherura challengerae* Wilkinson and Williams, 2004
- *Eocypridina carsingtonensis* Wilkinson, Williams, Siveter and Wilby, 2004

Tatsuhiko Yamaguchi

Middle to upper Eocene in Awajishima Island, southwestern Japan:

- *Munseyella setouchiensis* Yamaguchi, cited in Yamaguchi and others, 2005
- *Hanaiborchella reticularitriangularis* Yamaguchi cited in Yamaguchi and others, 2005
- *Trachyleberis awajiensis* Yamaguchi cited in Yamaguchi and others, 2005

Middle to upper Eocene in Nagasaki City, southwestern Japan:

- *Cytheropteron lieu* Yamaguchi, 2006
- *Eopaijenborchella kamiyai* Yamaguchi, 2006
- *Eopaijenborchella okinoshimaensis* Yamaguchi, 2006
- *Ambtonia? matsubarai* Yamaguchi, 2006
- *Paracypris? kuritai* Yamaguchi, 2006
- *Trachyleberis? funatsuensis* Yamaguchi, 2006

In 2007, three new species of *Palmoconcha*, *Acanthocythereis*, and *Falsobuntonia* from the lower Oligocene of Fukuoka Prefecture in southwestern Japan will be published.

Photos

Group

Marie-Claude Guillaume
Ben Bearb

Group

OBITUARY

The French ostracodologists are very sad to inform you that **Marie-Claude Guillaume** died. Marie-Claude was a passionate naturalist. She was a specialist of recent ostracods, notably of the Family Leptocytheridae and contributed to the redaction of the *Atlas des Ostracodes de France*.

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