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Taxonomy and Ecology:
A Marriage of Necessity

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Preface

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The workshop, “Diatom Ecology and Taxonomy: A Marriage of Necessity,” was convened by J.P. Kociolek and A. Witkowski, from 23–27 October 2002 at the University of Szczecin’s Conference Center in Kulice, Poland. The workshop was sponsored by the California Academy of Sciences (San Francisco), University of Szczecin (Poland), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany) and Carl von Ossietzky University (Oldenburg, Germany). A total of 48 participants from Albania, Belgium, Belarus, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom and USA were in attendance.

A number of invited speakers raised issues related to the workshop’s title, with regard to fossil and recent diatoms, and freshwater, estuarine and marine habitats. Viewpoints of those focused primarily on taxonomy and ecology were presented. The plenary presentations provided the springboard for lengthy facilitated discussions. The areas of overlap and separation were discussed, and topics that might promote synergy for the two disciplines explored. The papers comprising this volume represent most of the invited speakers at the workshop. The workshop could serve as a model for future discussions by diatomists across scientific disciplines.

The organization of and ongoing support for the Workshop by faculty, staff, and students of the University of Szczecin was above reproach. Their efforts assured our workshop’s ultimate success, and the attendees were both aware of and greatly appreciated the hard work that went into dealing with the workshop’s many practical and impractical elements.