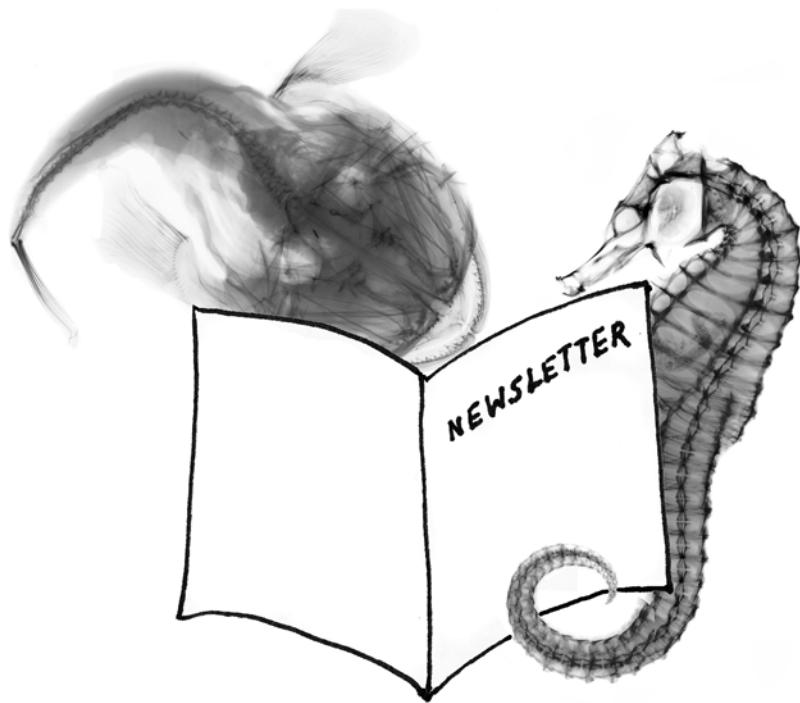


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Synopsis of Research Activities

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Current work: (1) PhD Thesis on the taxonomic study and phylogenetic relationships of the genera *Brachyplatystoma*, *Goslinia*, *Platystomatichthys*, *Pseudoplatystoma* and *Sorubim* (Siluriformes, Pimelodinae), to be finished in 2003; (2) description and phylogenetic relationships of a new species of blind pimelodid catfish from a cave in the state of Bahia, northeastern Brazil (w/ R.M.C. Castro); (3) description of a new *Sorubim* from Juruena river, Tapajós basin, Brazil; (4) phylogenetic relationships of the Sorubiminae genera (Siluriformes, Pimelodidae); (5) description of the skeleton of *Pimelodus maculatus*.

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Current work: (1) Genus *Laetacara* (family Cichlidae); (2) Linnaean types and other historical fish specimens in the collection of the Swedish Museum of Natural History, NRM.

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Current work: Morphology of gobioid fishes: lateral line system, osteology; (1) morphology of Ponto-Caspian gobies (w/M. Duchkovitsch); (2) morphology of east Pacific gobies (w/V. Bohacek, J. Goeschl, N. Miljkovic & G. Scattolin). Osteology of small cyprinid fishes; (3) comparision of *Phoxinus phoxinus* and *Pseudorasbora parva* (w/ M. Juette & A. Schoen). Hubert Keckeis, Hans Nemeschkal and I start a project on the early ontogeny of European freshwater fishes.

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Current work: (1) Phylogenetic revisions of the Neotropical electric fish genera *Gymnotus*, *Steatogenys*, and *Sternopygus* using morphological data, including descriptions of 11 new species in these taxa (James Albert, William Crampton, Dean Thorsen & Kevin Hulen); (2) evolutionary analyses of electric organ discharges in these taxa (William Crampton & James Albert); (3) a three year interdisciplinary biodiversity inventory of the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a megadiverse, vulnerable and poorly known region in the Peruvian Amazon (James Albert, William Crampton, Cristián Ituarte, Nathan Lovejoy, Carolina Noreña, Hernan Ortega, Guido Pereira, Roberto Reis, Daniel Shain, Lorgio Verdi & Cecilia Volkmer). (4) identifying species of freshwater fishes from the Tefé area, Brazil (William Crampton, James Albert & Roberto Reis).

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Current work: (1) Taxonomic studies of Indo-Pacific Apogonidae; (2) taxonomic studies of Indo-Pacific Pomacentridae; (3) freshwater fishes of New Guinea and northern Australia, particularly melanotaeniids and gobioids; (4) taxonomic studies of coral reef fishes of Australia and SE Asia; (5) updated version of field guide to the freshwater fishes of New Guinea; (6) zoogeographic analysis of coral reef fishes to identify "hotspots" of biodiversity/endemism for conservation priority setting. Field work for 2003 will include a fresh water survey of islands in Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea.

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Current work: (1) Systematics of Blenniidae; (2) ichthyofauna of seagrass beds in Atlantic and Indian Ocean; (3) ichthyofauna of deep-sea hydrothermal vents.

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Current work: study of the ichthyofauna of the Esteros del Iberá Wetland and province of Misiones.

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Current work: (1) Working up specimens from 2002 bottom trawls off Angola. Many new records and a few undescribed species we hope to get to colleagues in time for FAO Identification Guide for eastern central Atlantic (ECA); (2) chapter on Zoarcidae for ECA; (3) revisionary work on western Indian Ocean Ambassidae (7 species; with Phil Heemstra) and Bythitidae (8 species including a new *Microbrotula*; with Dan Cohen). Spent a good deal of time during 2002 on food habits study of macrourids and deep-sea eels off South Africa as well as scientific editor duties for the institute, taken over after Phil Heemstra's retirement.

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Current work: (1) New records and species of fishes from the Maldives, with several collaborators; (2) fisheries biology of Maldivian tuna, reef fishes and sharks; (3) biology of mantas.

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Current work: Review of Atlantic and eastern Pacific anhiine serranids (w/P.C. Heemstra); description of a new species of *Sympysanodon* (Sympysanodontidae) collected off Puerto Rico (w/V.G. Springer); revision of the Callanthiidae (w/G.D. Johnson); identification of fishes portrayed in plates sent by John Edwards Holbrook's to Paris and now housed in the Bibliothèque centrale, Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle. Please note my new phone and fax numbers.

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Current work: (1) Still working on my thesis of the taxonomic revision of the genus *Gerres* from America, under the supervision of Castro-Aguirre, J.L.; (2) preparing a paper about a new record of *Hemitriakis* in Mexican waters (w/ Castro-Aguirre, J.L. and De La Cruz-Agüero, J.); (3) reconstruction of cephalic structure from *Regalecus knoi*.

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Current work: (1) Ontogenetic development of the lateral line system in catfishes; (2) review of crania, axial skeleton and fins, and skin in siluriforms; (3) Handbook of Paleichthyology, vol. 9: Teleostei (w/M.V.H. Wilson); (4) searching for the [fossil and living] sister-group of Teleostei and stem-group teleosts.

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Current work: (1) Phylogenetic studies of the genus *Pimelodus* (w/J. Lundberg); (2) study of the ichthyofauna of the province of Misiones (w/A. Almirón & J. Casciotta); (3) study of some species of the family Rivulidae (w/G. García); (4) description of new species of *Astyanax* (w/M. Mirande & G. Aguilera); (5) paleontological studies in the Paraná Formation (w/A. Cione & J. Casciotta).

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Current work: (1) Biology and ecology of *Myliobatis aquila* from the Azores; (2) Atlantic reef fishes - behavioural ecology; (3) biology and ecology of *Epinephelus itajara* from Brazil. Continuation of present studies on behaviour of pelagic bone fishes in the Atlantic.

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Current work: (1) Computer compilation of catalog by the Zoological Museum Ichthyological collection with Isabel Mate & Manel Bueno; (2) long-term study on captures and sales of the Catalonian Sea sharks with I.Mate; (3) study on ecology and feeding of demersal and benthic sharks in Catalonian Sea with I. Mate; (4) long-term study with co-workers (Mediterranean Shark Research Group) in the Mediterranean Shark Sportfishery Program and the Mediterranean Mako Program; (5) preparation of a field guide of fishes of the Catalonian Sea with I.Mate.

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Current work: (1) Feeding behaviour of coastal and pelagic species; (2) trophic webs; (3) biological and morphological study of the ichthyofauna in Sicily and in Greece; (4) collaboration with Marine Reserve of Egadi Islands (TP-Italy) in project "Characterisation of marine environment, of fish community and of fishing activity in Marine Natural Reserve of Egadi Islands (Trapani) aimed at the realization of the zonation and cartography by GIS (Geographic Information Systems); (5) fish restocking; (6) catch and effort study.

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Current work: Phylogenetic analysis of the Neotropical genus *Moenkhausia* (Characiformes: Characidae) with a taxonomic revision of the forms of the upper rio Paraná (as a Ph.D. thesis), as part of the activities of the BIOTA/FAPESP – The Virtual Biodiversity Institute Program (www.biota.org.br) through the Thematic Project "Fish diversity of the headwaters and streams of the upper Paraná River system in the State of São Paulo, Brazil".

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Current work: (1) A paper on reproductive biology of the nurseryfish, *Kurtus gulliveri*, is in preparation with Bruce Thompson; (2) a paper on molecular systematics of *Kurtus gulliveri* is in preparation with Kent Carpenter; (3) a paper on anatomy of skull, ribs, and swim bladder of *Kurtus gulliveri* is in preparation with Kent Carpenter and Julian Humphries; (4) ontogeny of *Diplomystes* with John Lundberg and John Friel is under review; (5) resource partitioning among *Etheostoma* with Joan Bradley is on going; (6) a paper on early life history of *Kurtus gulliveri* with Francisco Neira is accepted by Copeia for 2003.

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Current work: (1) Phylogeny and taxonomy of *Hollandichthys* Eigenmann, 1909 (Ostariophysi: Characiformes: Characidae) under advise of Dr. Luiz R. Malabarba; (2) review of *Astyanax* Baird & Girard, 1854 (Teleostei: Characidae) from the rio Tramandai drainage, RS, Brazil (w/L. R. Malabarba & J.F.P. da Silva); (3) systematics of *Prodontocharax* and *Amblystilbe* (Teleostei: Characidae: Cheirodontinae), with descriptions of new species (w/L.R. Malabarba); (4) review of *Odontesthes* "grupo perugiae" from the laguna dos Patos drainage (w/L.R. Malabarba & B. Dyer); (5) revision of the *Hollandichthys* and *Pseudochalceus* for CLOFFSCA; (6) study of the occurrence, distribution and abundance of sand beach fish species in the lago Guaíba, RS, Brazil (w/F.G. Becker & Z M. Lucena).

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Current work: (1) Genetic, citotaxonomy and morphological revision of cyprinids from southern Europe in collaboration with colleagues from several European countries; (2) a paper in collaboration with Frank Nordlie on salinity tolerance of *Valencia letourneuxi* (Valencidae) and *Pseudophoxinus stymphalicus* (Cyprinidae) is still in preparation; (3) chapters on *Barbus plebejus*, *B. tyberinus* and *B. caninus* for "The Freshwater Fishes of Europe" (edited by Aula-VERLAG, Wiesbaden) are at proof stage and the final print is planned for end of 2002; (4) field work on fishes from National Park (Parco

Nazionale della Maiella, Parco Nazionale del Cilento) are in progress; (5) a study on biology of three cyprinid species from southern Italy (*Rutilus rubilio*, *Leuciscus cephalus* and *Barbus tyberinus*) is completed; (6) I start to work on marine fish with: a contribution to the biology of *Pagellus bogaraveo* (Sparidae) from Tyrrhenian sea; record of the mesopelagic species *Zucristatus* (Lampridiformes) from shallow waters. I start a work on biology and autoecology of Lizard fish (*Synodus saurus*) from central Thyrrhenian Sea.

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Current work: My main project continues to be the systematics and biogeography of the family Heptapteridae, with revisionary studies of all heptapterine genera. As byproducts of this research, the following articles are being prepared: (1) a complete phylogenetic analyses of the Heptapteridae, including as many terminals as possible; (2) systematics of *Brachyrhamdia* (w/L. Casatti); (3) systematics of *Chasmocranus* – ready to be submitted; (4) systematics of *Goeldiella*; (5) systematics of *Gladioglanis* (w/J.G. Lundberg); (6) systematics of *Horionymzon* (w/J.G. Lundberg); (7) systematics of *Nemuroglanis* – almost finished and soon to be submitted (w/C.J. Ferraris); (8) systematics of *Rhamdiopsis* – almost finished and soon to be submitted (w/R.M.C. Castro); (9) systematics of *Taunayia* – almost finished and soon to be submitted (w/E. Trajano); (10) description and phylogenetic relationships of a new blind species from a cave in the State of Bahia, northeastern Brazil – finished and soon to be submitted (w/R.M.C. Castro & T.X. de Abreu); (11) description and phylogenetic relationships of a new species of *Rhamdella* (w/J.P. da Silva); and (12) description of a new species of *Myoglanis* (w/W. Masson). Apart from heptapterids, I am working on the following issues: (1) phylogenetic study of the pimelodid genus *Conorhynchus* (W/M.C.C. de Pinna, J.G. Lundberg & C.J. Ferraris Jr.); (2) phylogenetic assessment of the pimelodid *Pimelodus ornatus* (w/M.C.C. de Pinna); (3) phylogenetic relationships of the hypophthalmid catfishes (w/M.C.C. de Pinna); (4) description and phylogenetic relationships of new Hypoptopomatinae loricariids from Rio Paranaíba basin (some of them with Júlio Cesar Garavello); (5) description of two new species of *Trichomycterus* from the Upper Rio Paraná system (one with Lilian Casatti and Mário C. C. de Pinna, and one with Aléssio Datovo); and (6) description of a new species of *Pimelodus* from the Upper Rio Tocantins basin (w/B. Meirelles). Furthermore, my forthcoming years will be partially dedicated to a large-scale project on the phylogenetic nature of the family Characidae (Characiformes, Ostariophysi) with Ricardo M. C. Castro and Richard P. Vari.

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Current work: Work on the systematics and stratigraphical distribution of fossil elasmobranch teeth from the Cretaceous (Maastrichtian) and Tertiary (Eocene, Oligocene and Miocene) of The Netherlands and Belgium is continued. In addition the dentitions and systematics of modern sharks, rays and chimaeras are studied. Under the auspices of the Dutch Geological Society (Nederlandse Geologische Vereniging) a chondrichthyan workgroup has been formed, with 15 members, to combine and guide the research on the Dutch fossil elasmobranch faunas.

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Current work: (1) Finishing my Ph.D. thesis about higher-level phylogeny of Siluriformes (Teleostei: Ostariophysi) (advisor: M. de Pinna); (2) description of a new *Corydoras* (Siluriformes: Callichthyidae) (w/F.C.T. Lima); (3) revision of the catfish genus *Aspidoras* (Siluriformes: Callichthyidae) (w/F.C.T. Lima); (4) ongoing research on corydoradine catfishes (Siluriformes: Callichthyidae).

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Current work: (1) A phylogenetic study of Gasterosteiformes with consideration of other smegmamorphs including ontogenetic characters (w/G.D. Johnson); (2) anabantoid and channid interrelationships (w/G.D. Johnson); (3) descriptive osteology of chaudhuriids (w/M. Kottelat) close to submission; (4) ontogeny of the Weberian apparatus in Otophysi (w/M. Hoffmann) is nearing completion; (5) several projects on the molecular inter- and intrarelationships of anabantoids (w/L. Rueber, R. Zardoya).

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Current work: (1) Study of otoliths from the Lower Miocene (Italy, w/D. Nolf); (2) a revision of the Karpatian (top of the Lower Miocene, Central Paratethys) otolith based fish fauna (w/B. Reichenbacher).

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I am continuing work on the projects listed in previous issues of the Systematic Newsletter. (1) Review of the family Cichlidae with separate reviews on the genera (1a) *Aequidens* and (1b) *Xenotilapia*. (2) revision of the family Pomacanthidae (complete). (3) review of subfamily Corydoradinae, family Callichthyidae. (4) revision of family Ambassidae (two supplementary short papers currently in preparation). (5) new update to Catfish Atlas (with Lee Finley) will include checklist of world species. (6) papers dealing with larval fishes of (6a) Acanthuridae, (6b) Pomacanthidae, (6c) Chaetodontidae, (6d) Pomacentridae. (7) new species in the works in Pomacanthidae, Cichlidae, Loricariidae, Callichthyidae. (8) work on Anabantoidae is continuing with checklist in preparation. (9) interest in Embiotocidae and Chaenopsidae continuing.

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Current work: (1) Phylogeny of the Cirrhitidae (w/T. Donaldson); (2) phylogeny of the Chironemidae (w/R. Melendez & B. Dyer); (3) molecular phylogeny of the Percichthyidae (w/M. Truong & C. Austin); (4) genetic identification of commercial fishes in SE Australian markets (w/S. Williamson & C. Austin); (5) molecular systematics of Australian desert fishes (w/B. Bostock, C. Austin & M. Adams); (6) molecular systematics of landlocked *Galaxias maculatus* (Galaxiidae) in SE Australia (w/C. Jacq & C. Austin); (7) molecular phylogeny of *Acanthopagrus* (Sparidae).

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Current Work: (1) Continuing studies on taxonomy of larval and adult snailfishes (family Liparidae) in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea including the taxonomic status of *Careproctus jordani* and *C. pycnosoma* with a description of late stage *C. jordani* eggs (w/J.W. Orr); (2) description of a late stage larva of giant grenadier, *Albatrossia pectoralis* (Gadiformes: Macouridae); (3) spawning and development of eggs and early larvae of arrowtooth flounder (*Atheresthes stomias*) (family Pleuronectidae) (w/A. Matarese & D. Blood); (4) description of larvae and early juveniles of blob sculpin, *Psychrolutes phricus* (w/J. Drazen); (5) taxonomy and osteology of juvenile osmerids, gadids and other young fishes and ichthyoplankton from the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea.

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I am currently describing five new species of *Opistognathus* from tropical eastern Pacific waters. Progress on Isla del Coco and Costa Rica Pacific reef fish book meanwhile suspended.

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Current work: (1) Long-term studies on the Cretaceous and Tertiary elasmobranch faunas regularly collected in the Phosphate deposits of Morocco and Middle-East with the description of new Campanian and Maastrichtian Anacoracidae; (2) studies on the dentition of Recent Dasyatoidea, mainly dasyatids and urolophids, from Tunisia, Eastern Atlantic and Western Australia (in collaboration with different people); (3) the end of the revision of European Eocene Odontaspidae, mainly from Belgium (in collaboration with D. Nolf). (4) an addition to the Cretaceous (Campanian and Maastrichtian) elasmobranch faunas from Texas (USA, in collaboration with G.R. Case et al.); (5) studies on the dentition of the Squaliforme genus *Miroscyllium* including Recent and fossil forms (in collaboration with S. Adnet and Nakaya); (6) description of a Lower Cretaceous elasmobranch fauna from Thailand; (7) completion of a database including all fossil post-Triassic genera and species of elasmobranchs, that will be published in the series "Fossilium Catalogus"; (7) up-dating of the Handbook of Palaeoichthyology for a new publication of the Vol. 3B, actually out-of-print.

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Current work: (1) Taxonomic revision and phylogeny of the subfamily Rhoadsiinae (Characidae, Characiformes); (2) revision of the species of *Rineloricaria* from coastal rivers in southern Santa Catarina and northeastern Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (Pisces, Siluriformes, Loricariidae); (3) description of two new species of *Hemiancistrus* Bleeker, 1862 from southern Brazil and (4) participation in Cloffsca revising the subfamily Rhoadsiinae (Characidae, Characiformes).

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Current work: All projects listed in the last issue are still on-going. The Late Cretaceous platyrhinid from southern Italy has been submitted for publication (to Mesozoic Fishes 3, edited by A. Tintori and G. Arratia). I plan on returning to Brazil in the near future, hopefully this year, where I will continue and expand my research on the anatomy and relationships of fossil and living chondrichthyans. This is a research appointment that is currently under review (contact me for details of my new address). Papers listed as "in press" in the last issue are now published.

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Current work: (1) Main project: development of a fish IBI for streams of the nw. region of the State of São Paulo, through the BIOTA/FAPESP Program <http://www.ibilce.unesp.br/enspesext/pesquisa/biota/ibi/index.html#inicio>; (2) description of a new *Trichomycterus* species from the Morro do Diabo State Park (w/FA Bockmann & MCC de Pinna); (3) long-range studies on the stream fish fauna from the Alto rio Paraná basin, São Paulo State, through the BIOTA/FAPESP Program (w/RMC Castro & LIRP time).

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Current work: (1) study of the ichthyofauna of the Esteros del Iberá Wetland and province of Misiones; (2) paleontological studies in the Paraná Formation.

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Current Research: (1) Initiating a project on the phylogenetic nature of the family Characidae (Characiformes, Ostariophysi) (w/F.A. Bockmann & R.P. Vari); (2) phylogenetic and revisionary studies of the family Prochilodontidae - the project is finished and soon to be in press in Smithsonian Contributions to Zoology (w/R.P. Vari); (3) revision and phylogenetic relationships of the genera *Engraulisoma* Castro and *Clupeacharax* Pearson (Characiformes, Characidae); (4) description and phylogenetic relationships of a new species of blind pimelodid catfish from a cave in the state of Bahia, northeastern Brazil - finished and soon to be submitted (w/T.X. de Abreu & F.A. Bockmann); (5) revision and phylogenetic studies of *Rhamdiopsis* Haseman (Siluriformes, Pimelodidae) (with Flávio A. Bockmann); (6) ecomorphology of the fishes from the headwaters of the São Francisco River, state of Minas Gerais, southeastern Brazil (with Lilian Casatti); (7) description and phylogenetic studies of a new genus and species of *Glandulocaudinae* fish (Characiformes, Characidae) from the upper Paraná River basin, State of Minas Gerais - finished and soon to be submitted (w/A.C. Ribeiro, R.C. Benine & A.L.A. Melo); (8) description and phylogenetic studies of a new genus and species of a *Bramocharax* - like tetragonopterin from the upper Paraíba do Sul River, State of São Paulo (w/R.C. Benine, A.C. Ribeiro & R.S. Lima); (9) redescription and phylogenetic appraisal of *Henochilus wheatlandii* Garman, 1890 (Characiformes, Characidae) - finished and soon to be submitted (w/R.P. Vari); (10) phylogenetic and revisionary studies of *Leporellus* Lütken (Characiformes, Anostomidae) (w/R.P. Vari & L. Casatti); (11) taxonomic revision of the Upper Paraná River species of *Astyanax* Baird & Girard (Characiformes, Characidae) - a new species description finished and soon to be submitted (w/R. P. Vari); (12) coordination of a four and a half years (started in December 01, 1998) BIOTA/FAPESP's Thematic Project on the fish diversity of the headwaters and streams of the upper Paraná River system in the State of São Paulo, southeastern Brazil (w/H.A. Britski, J.L.

Figueiredo, N.A. Menezes, J.C. Garavello, R.P. Vari, S.H. Weitzman and many students and technicians from LIRP-USP and MZUSP.

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Current work: (1) The Mexican sharks catalog (w/H. Espinosa Pérez & L. Huidobro-Campos) is now at the press and will be published by the end of 2002; (2) studying several specimens of Triakidae from off Bahía Magdalena, Baja California Sur (w/J. De la Cruz-Agüero); (3) systematics and Biogeography of some genera and species of Mexican mojarras (Family Gerreidae) (w/A. González-Acosta & A. Antuna-Mendiola); (4) writing a new book on Mexican iso and hypersaline coastal lagoons ichthyofauna (with the assistance of many good friends and colleagues). This is a long term project, which will be the natural complement of the previous book entitled: "Ichtofauna estuarino-lagunar y vicaria de México", published in 1999; (5) describing some new species of Mexican sharks and rays (w/H. Espinosa Pérez & L. Huidobro-Campos).

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Current work: (1) Systematics, phylogeny and zoogeography of genus *Barbodes* Bleeker (Cyprinidae) in Yunnan, China; (2) taxonomy and phylogeny of genus *Paracobitis* (Cobitidae) in Yunnan; (3) fish fauna of great snow mountain natural reserve, Yongde, Lincang, Yunnan, China, with description of several new species of *Baliotora* and *Schistura*. I am interested in *Schizothorax*, Barbinae and Cyprininae fishes, now I start to study catfishes and loaches, especially those species occurring in Irrawaddy, Salween, Mekong and Red River.

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Current work: (1) Taxonomy, phylogeny and zoogeography of the subfamily Barbinae distributed in Yunnan, China; (2) study on the conservation and restoration of the indigenous fishes in Dianchi Lake; (3) study on the biology and conservation of the indigenous fish *Ptychobarbus chungtienensis* in Bita Lake of Zhongdian County, Yunnan. I am interested in Barbinae and *Schizothorax* fishes, especially those species distributed in Yunnan, lower Irrawaddy, Salween, Mekong and Red River, and the cave-dwelling fishes in China. I also like to do conversation works on the endemic fishes of Yunnan, China.

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Current work: (1) Editing and writing sections of the books "Arctic Marine Fishes of Canada" and "Freshwater Fishes of Nunavut"; (2) maintaining a website (see above) with work towards a "Freshwater Fishes of Iran", "Fishes of Canada's National Capital Region" and a "Dictionary of Ichthyology"; (3) writing up papers on systematic problems in the ichthyofaunas of Canada and Iran.

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Current work: Completed two short bythiid papers with Jorgen Nielsen. One is the description of a new species of *Diplacanthopoma*: the other is the description of a new genus. Also working with Eric Anderson on shallow water western Indian Ocean bythitiids.

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Current research: (1) Molecular phylogeny and biogeography of the groupers (Serranidae); (2) trans-isthmian species evolution in fishes; (3) phylogeny and biogeography of the chaenopsis tube blennies; (4) revision of the genus *Lophotus* (Lampridiformes).

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Current work: (1) Species level taxonomy of the salmonid genus *Salmo*, for the moment focusing on North African and Balkan trouts; (2) geographic variation in the cottid genus *Triglopsis*.

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Current work: The systematic overview of the fishes is still in progress. Order, family and genus composition are followed and updated with new described taxa or revisions. Several nomenclatural problems are in study.

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Current work: (1) Structure and dynamics of ecotone Catalão, area of confluence of white and black water rivers : Rio Negro and Rio Solimões; (2) Ichthyofauna survey in the Sustainable Development Reserve Amanã, rio Japurá basin; (3) development of Rapid Assessment Program of biodiversity and ecological conditions in streams for ornamental fish management in Rio Negro basin; (4) faunistic survey in Madeira river.

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Current work: Finishing various chondrichthyan studies; conservation of rare and endangered primitive fishes; with Todd Georgi updating the paddlefish bibliography.

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Current work: (1) Historical ecology, behavior and biogeography of hawkfishes (Cirrhitidae), sandperches (Pinguipedidae), and groupers (Serranidae: Epinephelinae). Some additional work on wrasses (Labridae) and marine angelfishes (Pomacanthidae), and continued collaboration with A. Nakazono (Kyushu University); (2) revision of and a book on the Cirrhitidae (w/J.E. Randall); (3) biogeography of Indo-Pacific coastal marine and insular freshwater fishes (w/R.F. Myers); (4) reef fish conservation biology, especially fishes taken in the Live Reef Fish Trade; (5) comparative studies of reef fish spawning aggregations and sites (w/P.L. Colin and others). Long range plans include development of a remote atoll/locality survey program with IMA's research vessel, the RV Alliance. Also, work continues on a comprehensive book on the fishes of the Philippines (w/R.F. Myers and others). I continue to serve as Chair of the IUCN/SSC Coral Reef Fish Specialist Group and am still in the process of restructuring it. I also serve on the Board of the Society for the Conservation of Reef Fish Aggregations.

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Current work: November 2002 field study of the species *Loricaria nickeriensis* Isbrucker, 1979 and *Lithoxus lithoides* Eigenmann, 1910 from northeastern Suriname. Collection of material at their type localities and in the surrounding areas. Definition of more locations of these and similar species on the base of GPS data and hydrographic conditions. Biogeography, habitats, water chemistry (hardness, pH, water temperature), species diversity of the members of the genus *Loricaria* and other syntopic loricariid catfish in Suriname. Introduction of live material to Germany for further studies. Attempting to study reproductive behaviour in the aquarium.

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Current work: (1) Researches on the taxonomy and biogeography of the Iberian freshwater fishes; (2) projects on conservation of Spanish freshwater fishes.

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Current work: We continue to work on the Catalog of Fishes database on a daily basis – I, Bill Poly and Mysi Hoang. The generous Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant ended in June. A new one-year NSF grant was received to begin a program of "Annotated Checklists for Fishes." This project involves our working with taxonomic specialists; we assist with manuscript preparation, will publish the checklists, provide missing literature, and the specialists will be the authors. We hope to "pin down" unplaced names, assemble unavailable names, and provide a current state of the systematic

knowledge for all fishes. We are working with a number of specialists, and are mostly concentrating on marine North Pacific groups for the first volume, but we will combine families as they become available into subsequent volumes. We will contact more of you as time goes by, in hopes that you will participate in this project. More information was provided in the last newsletter. Done: The paper (Randall & Eschmeyer) on the genus *Scorpaenopsis*, with 8 new species, was published as Indo-Pacific Fishes No. 34. A new internet version of the Catalog of Fishes was posted in the spring of 2002. A very recent version was posted in November 2002 (www.calacademy.org/research/ichthyology/catalog/catalog_online.html). I have returned nearly all of the specimen loans made to me through the years and donated my library to CAS. I expect to concentrate on the Catalog of Fishes project in the future. The Move: CAS is in final negotiations to rent a building in downtown San Francisco. It is large enough for us to continue all of our activities for the 4-5 years we will be in these temporary quarters. Moving will start in about one year, and we hope interruptions will be minor. We will return to a fabulous new facility on our present site in Golden Gate Park about 2008.

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Current work: I am involved in an EC sponsored project, ECOCARP, and am now working mainly with Chinese freshwater fishes. (1) Systematic revisions of genera *Zacco*, *Opsariichthys* and *Saurogobio* (Cyprinidae); (2) study of the ichthyofauna of Hunan, P. R. China; (3) phylogenetic analysis on rasborine species.

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Current work : PhD thesis on the taxonomic study and phylogenetic relationships of the genus *Knodus* Eigenmann, 1910 (Characiformes: Characidae).

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Current work: (1) Description of the only known complete skull of *Xiphiorhynchus* (Scombroidei: Xiphiorhynchidae) from the lower Oligocene of Austria (w/F. Pfeil); (2) description of billfish remains (Scombroidei: ?Blochiidae and Xiphiorhynchidae) from the late Oligocene of South Carolina (w/R. Weems) and Washington; (3) taxonomic revision and stratigraphic provenance of *Histiophorus rotundus* (Woodward) (Scombroidei: Xiphiorhynchidae) (w/K. Monsch & R. Weems); (4) puncture marks in fossil tuna vertebrae inflicted by istiophorid billfishes (w/V. Schneider); (5) three specimens of *Xiphiorhynchus* (Scombroidei: Xiphiorhynchidae) from the Eocene of Mississippi (w/J. Starnes).

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Current work: (1) This year I'll be finishing my Doctoral thesis on phylogeny of *Poecilia* (Cyprinodontiformes, Poeciliidae) and related genera; (2) phylogeny of Poeciliinae genera (as part of my thesis); (3) description of three new poecilin species from Brazil and one from Venezuela; (4) revision of the Characiinae (Characiformes, Crenuchidae) of Paraguay (w/Dr.P.Buckup); (5) description of a new species of *Xylipterus* (Siluriformes, Aspredinidae) (w/M.R.Britto); (6) description of a new *Retropodus* (Perciformes, Cichlidae) from Tocantins basin (w/M.I. Landim & C.R.Moreira); (7) description of a new *Creagrutus* (Characiformes, Characidae) from Paraná basin (w/A.C.Ribeiro & R. Benine).

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Current work includes: (1) Callionymid fish systematics, including zoogeography and descriptions of new species; (2) draconettid fish

systematics; (3) tripterygiid fish systematics and zoogeography; (4) revision of Western Indian Ocean Tripterygiidae of the genus *Enneapterygius* (w/ W. Holleman); (5) revision of several families of fishes from New Caledonia;(6) Checklist of Mascarene fishes; (7) Red Lists of European and Northeast Atlantic marine fishes (w/ various collaborators); (8) freshwater fishes of Mid-Europe (w/ H. Brunken); (9) New Zealand sharks of the genus *Etmopterus* (Squalidae); (10) editing the monograph series THESES ZOOLOGICAE; (11) checklist of the fishes of New Caledonia (w/ M. Kulbicki, J. Rivaton).

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Current work: (1) Evolution and functional morphology of the defensive and acoustic behaviors of catfishes (Siluriformes); (2) descriptions of new catfish species (Aspredinidae and Mochokidae), (3) identification of recently collected freshwater fishes from Odzala National Park, Republic of Congo.

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Current work: (1) With the help of the FishBase Team and many partners, continue coordination of FishBase, a global database currently containing key information for over 27,000 species and subspecies of fish (see www.fishbase.org); (2) collaborate with curators to provide coherent on-line access to fish collection databases (currently 25 collections with over 1.2 million lots, see www.fishbase.org/SearchFishCollections.cfm); (3) continue to work on the Species 2000 Project Management Team (see Catalogue of Life, www.sp2000.org); (4) continue to serve on the OBIS International Committee to combine marine species data with physical oceanography data; (5) do research on life history of fish and on understanding of large marine ecosystems.

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Current work: (1) Identification of behavioral skill required for fish larvae to survive predatory attacks; (2) review of development of form and function of the teleost acoustico-lateralis system (w/ D.M. Higgs, K.R. Poling); (3) sublethal effects of contaminant exposure on behavior of Atlantic croaker and red drum larvae (Sciaenidae) (w/ P. Thomas, D. Sabath, I. McCarthy, M. Alvarez); (4) causes and consequences of individual differences in growth rates of red drum larvae (w/ M.E. Smith); (5) behavioral mechanisms underlying recruitment of marine fish larvae (w/ J.H. Cowan, Jr.); (6) underwater behavior of Antarctic fishes as viewed by their predator (Nototheniidae); (7) foraging behavior and physiology of Weddell seals under the Antarctic fast ice and Stellar sea lions off Alaska (it's not exactly fish, but it's really cool and it provided the data for item 6). I will be at McMurdo Station, Antarctica, during November and December 2002.

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Current work: (1) Continuing studies on the Anostomidae genera *Schizodon* and *Leporinus* (w/H.A. Britski); (2) the revision of the genera *Hisnotus* and *Microlepidogaster* of the Hypoptopomatinae subfamily (Loricariidae) is almost finished (w/S.A. Schaefer & H.A. Britski); (3) the revision of genus *Steindachneridion* of Pimelodidae has a new species to be described in 2003; (4) descriptions of new species of the genera, *Hypostomus*, *Rhamdia* and *Pimelodus* from the rio Iguaçu basin (w/H.A. Britski & O.A. Shibatta) is coming soon.

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Current work: (1) My doctoral thesis on the phylogenetic relationships of *Sturisoma* (Siluriformes, Loricariidae) and taxonomic revisions should be completed in the early 2003; the manuscript with new species of *Sturisoma* should be ready by the end of the year; (2) revision and phylogenetic status of the genus *Sturisomatichthys* (Siluriformes, Loricariidae); (3) I intend to begin working again on *Rineloricaria* (Siluriformes, Loricariidae) from South Brazil and Rio Ribeira de Iguape drainage (São Paulo, Brazil), the last with Oyakawa, O.T. (MZUSP)

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Current work: Doctoral project "Biology and ecomorphology of a coastal marine fish community in southeastern Brazil" (since August 2000); (2) description of a new and unusual feeding strategy used by the comb grouper *Myxteroperca acutirostris*; (3) studies on the biology and mating behavior of the hairy blenny *Labrisomus nuchipinnis* (Labrisomidae) in western south Atlantic (in preparation w/F.B. Santos, J. Sabino & H.F. dos Santos); (4) coastal fish fauna from Canal de São Sebastião, São Paulo State, Brazil (in preparation w/R.M.C. Castro, F.B. Santos, B.S. Daher & H.F. dos Santos); (5) I am still working on a manuscript resultant from my M.Sc. thesis with activity, feeding behavior, diet and comparative morphology associated with feeding of *Diplectrum formosum*, *D. radiale*, *Epinephelus marginatus* and *M. acutirostris* (Serranidae).

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Current work: Studies listed in the last several issues on acanthomorph relationships and anatomy (particularly on gobioids, pseudochromids and centrogeniids) and on the systematics and biogeography of various Indo-Pacific taxa (particularly pseudochromids, xenisthuids, gobiids, *Notograpta*, *Balistapus*, *Canthidermis*, *Scatophagus*, *Retropinna* and *Lates*) continue at various rates (w/ various collaborators); recent fieldwork has been in Queensland (w/J. Johnson & other QM staff), and northern New South Wales (w/M. McGrouther and other AMS staff). Papers that should be submitted over the next few months include: (1) systematic position of the Notograptidae (w/R.D. Mooi); (2) pseudochromine and pseudoplesiopine pseudochromids of Socotra, including descriptions of two new species (w/U. Zajonz); (3) descriptions of new gobiids of the genus *Eviota* (w/S. Jewett); (4) descriptions of new xenisthuids of the genus *Xenisthus* (w/D.F. Hoese); (5) molecular phylogeny of the Chaetodontidae (w/ S. McDonald, D.T.J. Littlewood and T.H. Cribb); and (6) comment on the monophyly of the Percopsiformes (w/G.D. Johnson). I've also recently taken on the role of Associate Editor (Pisces) for the journal Zootaxa (see Announcements for details).

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Current work: (1) The marine ichthyofauna of the eastern Mediterranean, with emphasis of Red Sea colonizers species (Lessepsian migrants); (2) exotic fishes in the Mediterranean; (3) taxonomy of Holocentridae and Mullidae; (4) sandy shore and artificial reef fish communities in the Red Sea and the Mediterranean; (5) ichthyofauna of the Seychelles (w/A. Baranes, M. Goren and A. Diamant); (6) commercial fisheries in the Levant.

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Current work: (1) Work on the cardinalfishes of the western Indian Ocean continues (Apogonidae); (2) revisions of the genus *Siphamia* (w/G.R. Allen) and of the *Apogon coccineus* species group (w/D. Greenfield) continue; (3) review of western Indian Ocean clupeiform fishes (w/M.E. Anderson) continues.

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Current work: (1) Systematic and biogeographic study of the genus *Eugeras* (Perciformes: Gerreidae), thesis of doctorate advised by Dr. José Luis Castro-Aguirre; (2) morphosystematic study of *Eugeras* complex from the Eastern Tropical Pacific (*Eugeras axillaris*, *Eugeras lineatus* and *Eugeras brevimanus*); (3) considerations on morphometry and distribution of *Eugeras mexicanus* and Morphosystematic and taxonomic study of complex *Eugeras plumieri*-*Eugeras brasiliensis* (w/J.L.Castro-Aguirre & J. De la Cruz-Agüero); Ecology and conservation of freshwater fishes from Baja California Peninsula (*Fundulus lima*) (w/G. Ruiz Campos & J.L. Castro-Aguirre); new records of *Cephaloscyllium ventriosum*, *Isurus oxyrinchus*, and *Hexanchus griseus* in the southwest coast of Baja California Sur, México (w/J.L. Castro-Aguirre, J. De la Cruz-Agüero & A. Antuna-Mendiola); Seasonal dynamics of the structure of the fish community in El Conchalito

mangrove swamp, La Paz Bay, Baja California Sur, México (w/G.De la Cruz-Agüero, J. De la Cruz-Agüero & G. Ruiz-Campos).

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Current work: Most of my time is now spent on the NSF project, A Survey of the Marine Fishes of Fiji. To date we (J.E. Randall and I) have made 185 rotenone collections and several more research trips are planned. Identified specimens are being deposited at the California Academy of Sciences.

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Current work: I am beginning my M. Sc. under the supervision of Dr. Richard Winterbottom. I plan to study the patterns of speciation within a group of Indo-Pacific coral reef fishes, the identity of which I have yet to determine.

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Current work: (1) Molecular relationships, evolution and biogeography of the reef fishes of the genera *Thalassoma*, *Gomphosus*, and *Clepticus* and related genera of wrasses (Labridae) with G. Bernardi, R. Robertson, R. Moura and others; (2) "Guide to the Common Fishes of Costa Rica" including Atlantic and Pacific reef species, freshwater fishes and some common sports fishes. For snorkelers, shallow water divers, fishers and boaters; (3) continued interest in the biology of hagfishes and their populations in the face of directed fisheries with F. Martini; (4) the text for which I write the ichthyological sections, "Vertebrate Life" is in its sixth edition (Prentice Hall, 2002). All comments and suggestions are welcomed.

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Current work: (1) Revising the species of *Helcogramma* (Tripterygiidae) in the western Indian Ocean; (2) pondering – and working up material – the species of the *Helcogramma obtusirostre* complex of species in the Indo-Pacific – and southern Atlantic Oceans; (3) working with Jeff Williams (Smithsonian Institution) on *Helcogramma* species that may or may not be related to *Helcogramma ellotti*; recently completed a review of *Enneapterygius* in the WIO, in which four new species are described; (5) beginning, in collaboration with the International Ocean Institute at the University of the Western Cape (Kim Prochazka & Guido Szilavec), to look at the systematics and ecology of the Clinidae in South African waters, with the aim of revising the entire family as they occur in SA and to attempt to answer why there are so many – 40+ species, all endemic – and so many cryptic species.

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Current work: (1) Genetic adaptation and phenotypic plasticity in gut structure and function in four related species of pricklebacks (Stichaeidae) within a phylogenetic context, with research associate Anna Gawlicka and graduate students Donovan German and Kelly Kim; (2) trophic position of these prickleback species, with graduate student Mike Saba; (3) comparative gut morphology and digestive physiology of *Atherinops affinis* and two related silverside species, *Atherinops californiensis* and *Leuresthes tenuis*, with Anna Gawlicka, Donovan German, and another graduate student, Kelly Boyle; (4) gut morphology and function in juvenile and adult *Brycon guatemalensis*, an insectivorous / frugivorous fish (Characidae) from tropical rain forest streams of Costa Rica, with graduate student Karen Drewe; (5) a multi-authored book entitled Ecology of California Marine Fishes, edited by Larry Allen, Michael Horn and Daniel Pondella, and scheduled for publication by the University of California Press in 2004.

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Current work: I am currently involved in some contract work with an environmental consulting firm; freelance writing for a textbook publisher, informational writing, and sales and marketing for a large aquarium and filtration manufacturer.

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Current work: (1) Revision of the gobiesocid genus *Alabes* (w/S. Morrison); (2) description of a new *Paraluteres* (Monacanthidae) from the Indian Ocean (w/J. Randall); (3) revision of the monacanthid genus *Thamnaconus* (w/K. Matsuura); (4) systematics and biogeography of the monacanthid fishes; (5) continuing studies on tropical reef fish recruitment in temperate Australia. I will be on leave for 5-6 months commencing March 2003 (see also general announcements).

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Current Work: (1) Systematic study of the superorder Batoidea; (2) systematic study of the freshwater elasmobranchs in Madagascar (w/T. Taniguchi & S. Tanaka); (3) systematic study of the family Dasyatidae (w/M. Manjaji & P. Last); (4) systematic study of the demersal fishes of Ghana; (5) research of the endangered elasmobranchs with SSG/IUCN and WWF, Philippines; (6) systematic study of the sticklebacks around the Sea of Japan (Tonhe=East Sea) (w/H. Sugiyama). In May I attended the shark conference 2002 in Taipei, Taiwan. We were hosted by the WildAid and the Taiwan Ocean University. After Taiwan, I joined the wetland conservation project in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico under the JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) Nature Conservation Program. We enjoyed to see wild flamingos in the Ria Cerestun and Ria Lagartos National Parks. From middle July to middle August I joined the demersal fish resources survey in Ghana again and we were successful in catching more than 180 species of marine animals including bony fishes, cartilagenous fishes and invertebrates. In September, I went to the east coast of South Korea to study the systematics of the sticklebacks.

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Current work: Items listed in last Newsletter continued through 2002. In November attended annual meeting of Ichthyological Society of Korea, held in the COEX Aquarium in Seoul. The society has an active and enthusiastic membership of around 200, and there was an amazing 160 registered attendees at the one-day meeting. In 2003 will participate in an ambitious bioregionalisation project to model the biogeographic distribution of Australia's marine environments. A trip is planned in February to visit various Australian museums. From 9 May to 6 June will participate in NORFANZ cruise, a joint venture of New Zealand and Australia to sample slope fauna of Norfolk and Lord Howe ridges. Clive Roberts is cruise leader. Several days to be spent at Museum of New Zealand (NMNZ) before and after cruise to complete with Peter McMillan manuscript on grenadiers for NZ Fish Guide. Plan also to participate in FAO workshop in Canaries 19-22 July.

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Current work: (1) Revision of Indo-Pacific leiognathid fishes (family Leiognathidae) (w/Y. Iwatsuki & P.V. Dunlap); (2) revision of Indo-Pacific marine atherinid fishes (family Atherinidae) (w/Y. Iwatsuki & T. Yoshino); (3) revision of the genus *Gerres* (family Gerreidae) (w/Y. Iwatsuki); (4) studies on the ichthyofauna of the eastern Indonesian waters (w/ K. Matsuura & T. Peristiwady); (5) revision of the genus *Zoarchias* (family Stichaeidae); (6) study of the ichthyofauna of Kumano-nada, Pacific coast of the central Japan (including the mesopelagic fishes); (7) study of larval fish fauna of Ago Bay, Pacific coast of central Japan.

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Current work: (1) Phylogeny and speciation of the Sisoridae fishes; (2) taxonomy and zoogeography of genus *Oreoglanis* Smith. I am interested in sisorid catfishes especially the genus *Oreoglanis*; fieldwork also interests me.

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Current work: (1) Fish diversity in Southeast Asia, more particularly Indonesia, Laos, Thailand, including faunal surveys, descriptions of new taxa and revisionary work in (but not restricted to): Cyprinidae, Belontiidae, Cobitidae, Balitoridae, Sisoridae; (2) production of a guide to European freshwater fishes (w/J. Freyhof), expected completion in 2003; (3) nomenclature and systematics of various southern European fishes (*Gobio*, *Cottus*, *Barbatula*, *Leuciscus*, *Phoxinus*, *Phoxinellus*, *Salaria*); (4) production of a revised and expanded version of my 1993 Indonesian fish guide; (5) other field guides and minor projects.

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As of December 2002, I am resuming duties as Curator of Fishes at the Senckenberg Research Institute in Frankfurt, after 11 years in Saudi Arabia, working with international organizations. Current work includes: (1) Taxonomy and biogeography of the fishes of the Arabian Seas Region, particularly the Arabian/Persian Gulf and the Socotra Archipelago; (2) long-term ecological effects of the Gulf War on fish populations; (3) taxonomy, ecology and conservation of the freshwater fishes of the Arabian Peninsula.

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Current work: but is not limited to: (1) Systematic revisions of South American cichlids (Teleostei: Cichlidae); (2) systematic revision of small Asian cyprinid species (Teleostei: Cyprinidae); (3) coordination of an EC project ECOCARP which aims to find potential aquaculture fish species for sustainable use and conservation, and studies of systematic aspects of Chinese cyprinid fishes within this project; (4) species level studies of Swedish sticklebacks (*Gasterosteus* spp.) and sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus/sturio*); (5) participation in creating an online catalog of DNA sequences of European marine fishes (EC project, FISHTRACE); (6) a molecular analysis of Badidae with Lukas Rüber and Ralf Britz; (7) descriptions of new species of catfishes and characoids from Paraguay, with Thomas Axenrot, Henrik Dahlgren and Peter Nilsson. PhD students in the department now are Bo Delling (Salmonidae), and Oldrich Rican (heroine Cichlids). Work completed on CLOFFSCA, and the *Badis* revision with Ralf Britz is in press.

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Current work: (1) I am preparing my MS thesis on phylogeny of Geophaginae (Perciformes: Cichlidae) for publication; (2) describing some new cichlid species; (3) PhD on phylogenetic analysis (morphology) of Cichlidae.

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Current Work: (1) Ichthyofauna of Caura River basin (Orinoco drainage) (w/C. Vispo, D. Taphorn, A. Machado-Allison & O.Lasso-Alcalá); (2) study of the ichthyofauna of Upper Caroni River basin and the Canaima National Park (Orinoco drainage) (w/O. Lasso-Alcalá & J. Meri); (3) study of trophic ecology of the fish community in a Venezuelan Guayana black river (w/J. Meri & O. Lasso-Alcalá); (4) ichthyofauna of Golfo de Paria and Rio Tuy basin (w/F. Provenzano & O. Lasso-Alcalá); (5) ichthyofauna of Cataniapo River basin, Amazonas State (Orinoco drainage) (with F. Provenzano, J. Fernandez & A. Cervó) (6) conservation of biological diversity of fresh & brackish Fishes of the Guianas (w/O. Lasso-Alcalá and other colleagues); (7) ichthyofauna of Ventuari River basin, Amazonas State (Orinoco drainage) (w/D. Taphorn and other colleagues); (8) ichthyofauna of central Orinoco Delta (w/O. Lasso-Alcalá & J. Meri); (9) description of new species of *Galeocharax* (Characidae) from Venezuela (Orinoco Drainage) (w/D. Taphorn); (10) descriptions of new species of *Trichomycterus* (Trichomycteridae) from Upper Caroni River basin (Orinoco Drainage) (w/F. Provenzano); (11) descriptions of a new species of *Cyphocharax* (Curimatidae) from Upper Caroni River Basin (Orinoco Drainage) (w/R. Vari, O. Lasso-Alcalá & J. Meri); (12) description of a new species of *Apareiodon* (Parodontidae) from Upper Caroni River basin (Orinoco Drainage) (w/O.

Lasso-Alcalá, A. Machado-Allison and other colleagues); (13) descriptions of a new species of *Gobionellus* (Gobiidae) from Orinoco Delta (w/O. Lasso-Alcalá); (14) study of introduction of fishes in continental waters of Venezuela (with O. Lasso-Alcalá); (15) study of the Marine Ichthyofauna of Venezuela: Taxonomical revision of The Collection of Fishes, "Museo Oceanológico Hermano Benigno Román, Estación de Investigaciones Marinas de Margarita" (MOBR-EDIMAR) (with O. Lasso-Alcalá, and J. C. Capelo); (16) new records of marine fishes from Venezuela (w/O. Lasso-Alcalá & J.C. Capelo); (17) assistant editor of the journal: "Memoria de La Fundación La Salle de Ciencias Naturales"; and (18) actually I am Manager Research Scientist of Fundación La Salle de Ciencias Naturales.

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Work continues on a number of descriptions of larvae of Australian fish species. Descriptions of larvae of *Achoerodus viridis* (Labridae) and other temperate marine species are in preparation. A paper on larval development in the lutjanid subfamily Lutjaninae is in preparation, as is a paper on developmental osteology of the Caesioninae. Still need larvae of *Macolor*, *Lipocheilus* and *Apsilus* if anyone can help. Ultimately, the goal is to produce a phylogeny of the Lutjanidae based on larval characters. Various larval fish ecology projects with various collaborators are underway. A paper on the species that complete their life cycle in 5 coral-reef lagoons in the Society and Tuamotu Islands is in review. Current emphasis is on behaviour of larvae of fishes at Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef and off the NSW coast, and future work will be on ontogeny of behaviour in marine fishes. Fieldwork on the NSW coast is planned for 2002/03. Check out our website at www.amonline.net.au/fish

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Current work: (1) The fish fauna of the Huanghe River (Yellow R.); (2) the geographical distribution of Chinese freshwater fishes.

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Current work: Chiefly those already mentioned in the previous NSI issue, as follows:(1) Systematics and phylogenetic relationships of *Salminus* (Characiformes: Characidae) (Ph.D. project), which I just started; (2) revision of cisandean *Brycon* (Characidae) - after finishing my M.Sc. dissertation last year, I undertook a travel throughout the eastern museums of U.S.A. in the summer of 2002, looking at the abundant material of *Brycon* deposited in American museums. Unfortunately it will take some time till I can complete the MS, as I still have to examine some type material deposited in european museums; (3) revision of *Aspidoras* (Callichthyidae) (w/M. Britto); (4) revision of *Thayeria* (Characidae) (w/C. Moreira); (5) description of an odd-looking *Astyanax*-like characid from the upper rio Paraguaçu (w/F. Di Dario & P. Gerhard); (6) three new *Hyphessobrycon* from the upper rio Araguaia (w/C. Moreira); (7) a new *Bryconops* from the upper rio Arinos, rio Tapajós basin (w/B. Chernoff & A. Machado-Allison); (8) revision of *Megalancistrus* (w/F.A. Bockmann & F. Vieira); (9) new *Gelanoglanis* from the upper rio Negro (w/A. Akama & E.G. Baena); (10) redescription of *Corydoras flaveolus* (w/M. Britto); (11) a new Hypostominae from the upper rio Araguaia (w/C. Moreira); (12) a new *Aphyocharacidium* from the upper rio Paraguai system (w/H. Britski); (13) redescription of *Hemigrammus jaguaribensis* and a key for the small tetras from northeastern Brazil (w/H. Britski).

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Current work: I am completing my dissertation on the effect of reproductive mode on genetic structure of marine taxa in the Eastern Pacific. I am finishing the examination of the population structure of (1) the bay pipefish (*Syngnathus leptorhynchus*) using mitochondrial DNA and microsatellite data from Alaska to Baja CA; (2) the staghorn sculpin (*Leptocottus armatus*); and have begun a collaboration to examine the population structure of (3) Pacific giant seahorse (*Hippocampus ingens*) with Jorge Gomez Gurado using mitochondrial DNA control region with specimens on loan from Project Seahorse.

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Current work: (1) Taxonomic revision and biogeography of Indo-Pacific seahorses (Syngnathidae: *Hippocampus*), using morphological and molecular techniques; (2) description of new species of pygmy seahorses. Based at McGill University under the supervision of Dr Amanda Vincent.

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Current work: (1) Systematics and biogeography of Beloniformes (Belonidae, Scomberesocidae, Hemiramphidae, Exocoetidae, and Adrianichthyidae) (w/B. Collette & R. Pittman); (2) systematics and biogeography of marine-derived endemics in South America (Potamotrygonidae, Belonidae, Engraulidae, Sciaenidae, etc.) (w/M. Carvalho, F. Marquez, W. Boeger, L. Cassati); (3) systematics of Telmatherinidae (w/J. McKinnon); (4) systematics of Myliobatiformes (w/A. Martin); (5) systematics and biogeography of *Myoxocephalus*.

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Current work: (1) I continue working on systematic of the genus *Phenacogaster* (Characidae) (doctoral thesis under advice of L. R.Malabarba); the description of two new *Phenacogaster* species from French Guyana is being done with P.Y Le Bail; the definition of genus *Deuterodon* (Characidae) was published this year (w/C. A. Lucena) (see Literature); we are starting the taxonomic study of *Deuterodon* species of coastal rivers from southeastern of Brazil (w/A. Kruger & C. A. Lucena); taxonomic study of *Bryconamericus stramineus* and the description of a new *Bryconamericus* species from upper

Parana River basin will be submitted for publication this year (w/ F. Langeani, P. Pedrini, F. Pereira & V. Andrade); RedBook of endangered animals of Rio Grande do Sul (Fish) is finished (w/C. A. Lucena, L. R. Malabarba & R. Reis). An identification guide of the fish fauna from laguna dos Patos drainages , RS, Brasil is a long term project (w/C. A. Lucena, L. R. Malabarba & R. Reis). I am engaged in the project "Subsídios para o Diagnóstico Ambiental do Planalto das Araucárias, RS, Brasil (Subprojeto Peixes)" of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do RS and University of Tübingen, Germany.

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Current work: (1) I am finally concluding my Phylogeny and biogeography of the subfamily Poeciliinae (Poeciliidae, Cyprinodontiformes); (2) I am also finishing the taxonomic revision, systematics and biogeography of the tribe Cnesterodontini including the taxonomic revision of the genera *Cnesterodon*, *Phallotorynus*, *Phalloptychus*, *Phalloceros* and *Tomeurus*. (1) and (2) as PhD thesis under advise of Dr. Roberto E. Reis; (3) description of a new species of the genus *Moenkhausia* (Tetragonopterinae, Characiformes) from the rio Tocantins drainage (w/L.R. Malabarba); (4) taxonomic revision of the genus *Roeboexodon* (Characiformes, Characidae) (w/ C. A.S. Lucena).

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Current Work: My dissertation research consists of a phylogenetic analysis of the stichaeid tribe Lumpenini, using adult morphology, early-life history, and molecular characters. I am currently concentrating on the collection of phylogenetically-informative character data for larvae of this group. Over the last year, I have continued my work as curator of the eggs and larvae at the University of Washington Fish Collection. In addition, I am starting work on a project at NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center, under the supervision of Dr. Ann Matarese, to construct an Interactive Ichthyoplankton Information System for the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska region.

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Current work: (1) Description of a new "West Wind Drift" species of *Caelorinchus* with Tomio Iwamoto and Yuri Shcherbachov; (2) revision of the family Callorhinchidae with Dominique Dagit; (3) description of a new species of *Mystus* with Heok Hee Ng; (4) description of a new species of *Kryptopterus* with Heok Hee Ng. Plan to participate in the All Catfishes project as a graduate student (perhaps on the Plotosidae and/or Bagridae) and hope to assist with the Checklist of Fishes project. I am continuing my undergraduate work at UC Davis currently as a research assistant in Peter Moyle's lab, identifying locally caught larval fishes; am also working with entomologist Peter Cranston, developing computer-based taxonomic keys for the Nematocera via the program Lucid. My interests are in the systematics, biogeography, and conservation of fishes, particularly freshwater species in Asia. I plan to graduate from UC Davis sometime in late 2003 or early 2004.

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Current work: (1) Revision of triggerfish genus *Xenobalistes* (w/P.C. Heemstra); (2) review of Australian tricanthodids (w/J. R. Paxton); (3) databases on Japanese fishes; (4) electronic identification tool for bony fishes (see General Announcements); (5) 6 families of Tetraodontiformes for the FAO Eastern Central Atlantic Identification Guide.

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Current work: (1) Review of deepwater (>200m) *Ophichthidae* including several new species from Indian, western Pacific and eastern Atlantic oceans; (2) descriptions of Galapagos fishes: a new genus and species of Galápagos labrisomid with Dick Rosenblatt and John Stephens; a catshark with Leonard Compagno and Carole Baldwin; scorpaenids with Stuart Poss; (3) description of two new Indo-Pacific *Chlopsis* with Ken Tighe; (4) description of a new strange-toothed *Gymnothorax* from Indonesia with Jack Randall; (5) monograph of ophichthid eels of Australia; (6) general review of the

Galápagos ichthyofauna with Dick Rosenblatt; (7) chapters on Ophichthidae and Muraenidae for the New Zealand fish volume; (8) involved with Moore Foundation Salmon and Coral Triangle Biodiversity initiatives; and (9) I hope to be making submarine dives and collections in a variety of tropical eastern Pacific locations.

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Current work: (1) Slow progress continues with the study of galaxioid relationships based on osteology of the entire group, in collaboration with Dave Johnson at USNM; (2) as stated last year, new galaxiid species continue to turn up; here in NZ, certainly in southern Africa and possibly in Patagonia; (3) I'm exploring what seems increasingly to be a serious conservation crisis in the galaxioid fishes, seemingly coincidental with the introduction of salmonids across the family's range; (4) continue to maintain an interest in diadromy, and its role in aquatic biology from community assembly to biogeography.

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The *Fishes of Alaska* was finally published in April 2002. Later I gave presentations on taxonomy, nonindigenous species, and new (since the book) records of North Pacific fishes at ASIH meeting at Kansas City, Gilbert Ichthyological Society near Seattle, Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at Girdwood, Alaska; among others. Participated in U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service research cruise to Norton Sound, Bering Sea. Studied fish, mainly lumpfishers (Cyclopteridae), in UW, USNM, and CAS collections. Research continues on taxonomy of lumpfishers (w/B. Sheiko) and checklist of West Coast fishes from Baja California to Arctic Alaska/Canada boundary (w/M. Love). Worked on annotated taxonomic checklists, primarily of North Pacific families, with Bill Eschmeyer during two visits to CAS.

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Current work: Preparing revised and short update version of the Antarctic fish Atlas and History. Meanwhile Foresta is arranging sales of the few remaining copies of first edition (see Announcements). Preparing revision of genera *Aethotaxis*, *Pleuragramma*, and *Dissostichus* of the Antarctic Ocean and several Arctic estuarine genera. Present concerns: Assembling data on the global latitudinal position shifts of the oceanic front known as the 'Antarctic Convergence,' that separates the cold waters of the 'Southern Ocean' from the colder waters of the Antarctic Ocean, and defines the different habitats of two species of *Dissostichus*, (family Nototheniidae). [The taking of which is controlled, with some of the marketing -as 'Chilean Sea Bass'- illegal and stems from pirate fishing (Crime and enforcement chases - from one ocean to another!)]. Watch for my novel !

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Current work: (1) Taxonomy and biology of hagfishes (Myxinidae); (2) phylogeny of the family Myxinidae (Ph.D. thesis w/Dr. R.E. Reis, Museu de Ciências e Tecnologia da PUCRS); (3) taxonomy and biology of sharks (Dalatiidae and Scyliorhinidae) and rays (Rajidae) from Brazil (w/J.M.R. Soto, Museu Oceanográfico do Vale do Itajai); (4) parasitism in Brazilian marine fishes (w/J.J. Vicente & R.M. Pinto, Instituto Oswaldo Cruz).

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Current work: (1) Fish and Fisheries of the river Siran (w/A. Ahmad); (2) fish and fisheries of the river Unar (w/F. Itasan); (3) fish and fisheries of the river Kunhar (w/M.Z. Butt). Participated in the First National Conference of Biology held at the Government College Lahore in March, 2002, and chaired the session on Fish and Fisheries on 30th March, 2002.

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Current work: Higher-level relationships of fishes at various taxonomic levels using complete mitochondrial DNA sequences (w/M. Nishida and many coworkers). Our research group has determined complete mitochondrial DNA sequences from over 400 species (as of 16 September 2002) and has published

results from phylogenetic analyses based on these sequences at various hierarchical levels.

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Current work: (1) Starting in 2003 my PhD at MZUSP, dealing with the higher-level interrelationships within the Characiformes (w/M.C.C. de Pinna & R.P. Vari); (2) the relationships within the Iguanodectinae (Characidae) is ready, and waiting the completion of the groups revision to be published; (3) redescription of *Iguanodectes rachovii* is almost ready, and will be published soon; (4) revision of *Thayeria* (w/F. Lima) should be ready in 2003; (5) a new *Caiapobrycon* (w/R. Vari) from the Xingú and Tapajós basins.

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Current work: (1) Revision of the family Polynemidae in the world; (2) revision of the family Banjosidae; (3) taxonomic study of the family Tripterygiidae with descriptions of three new species; (4) taxonomic study of the family Scorpaenidae with descriptions of two new species; (5) ichthyofauna of freshwater fishes of Cambodia.

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Current work: (1) Continued research on systematics of flatfishes, especially families Soleidae and Cynoglossidae; (2) continued work on a systematic revision of *Soleichthys* (Soleidae); (3) completion of manuscripts (some with co-authors) describing new species of *Soleichthys*, *Syphurus* and *Cynoglossus* from Indo-Pacific waters; (4) completion of chapters on diversity and biogeography of flatfishes and tropical fisheries for flatfishes for upcoming, multi-authored book on biology of flatfishes; (5) continued work on FAO species catalogues on pleuronectid flatfishes of the world (Pleuronectidae) co-authored with A. Cooper, Canada, and scorpaenid flatfishes with B. Chanet, France; (6) drafting manuscript describing new species of symphurine flatfishes (Cynoglossidae) from waters around New Caledonia; (7) preparation of species identification sheets for several families of flatfishes and clupeoids of the tropical eastern Atlantic; (8) continued progress on identification of flatfishes from El Salvador; (9) continued work on systematic revision of eastern Pacific *Syphurus*; (10) preparation of family account of the Cynoglossidae for book on Fishes of Western Indian Ocean, edited by P. Heemstra and J. Randall; (11) continued collaborative work with Juan Diaz de Astarloa on South Atlantic paralichthyid flounders.

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Current work: Until Aug 15, 2003, I am on sabbatical at the address above. Work on revising the gobiid subfamily Amblyopinae with Koichi Shibukawa continues. Currently revising *Taenioides* and redescribing *Trypauchenopsis*. For two weeks in July 2002, fieldwork in southern Japan was conducted with Koichi Shibukawa; one species of amblyopine was collected. As a result of this experience, I am convinced that amblyopines are far more common than collections would indicate. Collecting these fishes is arduous and requires concerted effort. When the appropriate habitat is found, however, amblyopines can be abundant.

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I have finally left Guam and am in the process of resettling in Florida. However, I plan to continue to visit and work in Micronesia as opportunities arise. A field guide to Red Sea marine life is nearing completion (w/E. Lieske) and is expected to be published in mid 2003, as long as divers still visit the region. Studies of Micronesian fishes and regional zoogeography

continue. An updated checklist of the fishes of the Mariana Islands (w/T.J. Donaldson) and description of a new Pacific *Parupeneus* of the *P. trifasciatus* complex (J. E. Randall, sr. author) are at the printers. New records of fishes for the Mariana Islands (w/T. Allen & H. Kimura), an annotated checklist of the fishes of Palau (w/T.J. Donaldson & J.E. Randall) and new and recent records of the fishes of Palau (w/T.J. Donaldson & H. Nagano) remain in preparation. A supplement to Micronesian Reef Fishes and the reprinting of the comprehensive edition of that work has been delayed until the Red Sea book has been completed. Zoogeographic studies continue with emphasis on a comprehensive table of Indo-Pacific shorefish distributions to facilitate the comparison of biodiversity across regions and aid in the production of detailed species distribution maps. Loan requests for Marianas material should be sent to Terry Donaldson.

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Current work: (1). In September I attended the Conference "The Genus Cobitis and Related Genera" in Olsztyn (Kortowo), Poland, where I presented the contribution "The Tribe Cobitini, a Monophyletic Assemblage". (2). I submitted for print "Sixty million years of evolution. Part; (3) my studies in Anatolian Nemacheilidae will continue (w/F. Erkakan & G. Ekmekci); new species will be described; (4) a general study on the South Korean loaches (Nemacheilidae and Cobitidae) is in preparation with Ik Soo Kim and Jong Young Park; (5) an atlas of the species of the tribe Cobitini is in preparation; (6) a similar work, concerning the family Chaetodontidae based on a new classification, is in progress.

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Current work: (1) Systematics of the Psychrolutidae and description of new species (w/K. Jackson); (2) description of a new species of Trichonotidae (w/M.K. Das & J.E. Randall); (3) analysis of data on pelvicless *Culaea inconstans* (Gasterosteidae); (4) chair AFS/ASIH committee for revision of AFS publication on "Common and scientific names of fishes from the United States, Canada, and Mexico", new edition expected mid 2003; (5) "Fishes of the world" — I will continue to appreciate receiving either reprints and/or references to your systematic studies relevant to future revisions of this book (revisions for 4th edition started last year and expected to be completed 2004). I am now retired but maintain a university office and research grant.

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Current work: (1) The phylogenetic study of the Asian catfish families Sisoridae and Erethistidae (Ph.D. dissertation); (2) a study of the phylogenetic relationships of *Ancharius*, with descriptions of new species (w/J. Sparks); (3) faunistic studies on the catfishes of northern Sumatra (w/S. Wirjoatmodjo & R. Hadiaty) and central Vietnam (w/J. Freyhof); (4) systematic studies on the genus *Akysis* (w/M. de Pinna) and descriptions of new species from Indochina (w/W. Rainboth); (5) a revision of *Microsynodontis*; (6) descriptions of new *Mystus* (w/B. Marquardt), *Pseudomystus* and *Leiocassis* (w/K. K. P. Lim); (7) descriptions of new *Oreoglanis* (w/C. Vidhyayan); (8) phylogenetic study of the Siluridae and descriptions of new *Kryptopterus* (w/B. Marquardt), *Ompok* and *Wallago*; (9) a revision of Southeast Asian *Glyptothonax* (w/M. Kottelat). Other work described in last year's newsletter also ongoing, as is assorted projects on systematics of Asian catfishes.

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Current work: (1) Taxonomy of piscivorous haplochromine cichlids of the Mwanza Gulf, Lake Victoria; (2) revisions of several piscivorous haplochromine cichlid species from Lake Victoria; (3) redescription of *Tilapia labriforma* (w/F. Witte) catalogue of type specimens of fishes in the Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden; (4) several papers concerning publications of P. Bleeker; (5) finishing a paper on original notes by H. Bürger on ecology and fishery of Japanese fishes written between 1828-1835.

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Current work: (1) Revision of cyprinoid fishes *Garra* Group in Red River Drainage of Yunnan, China (w/Prof. W. Zhou); (2) revision of Nemacheiline loaches from Nangun River (a branch of Salween River), Yunnan (w/Prof. W Zhou); (3) comparisons to fish diversity among Nanpan River, Panlong River (Upper Red River) and Nanxi River (Upper Red River)

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Current research: Projects continue on the systematics and biogeography of freshwater, coastal and marine fishes from the Indo-Australian Archipelago, particularly northwestern Borneo and Sulawesi, and development of the use of gonad (w/Harry Grier) and nerve (w/Jiakun Song) characters in systematic ichthyology. I participated in the Second International Symposium on Viviparous Fishes in Mexico, March 2002; a symposium volume is in preparation. I will be presenting a co-authored (w/H. Grier) review of gonad morphology in bony fish phylogeny at a symposium on Patterns and Processes in the Evolution of Fishes at the January 2003 meetings of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology to be held in Toronto. Ecology of the Marine Fishes of Cuba (Rodolfo Claro, Ken Lindeman and L. R. Parenti, eds.) was published by SI Press (see Announcements).

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Current work: (1) checklist of Labridae and Scaridae; (2) checklist of Molidae; (3) collaboration for preparing annotated checklists of fishes and a new edition of the catalog of fishes (w/W.N. Eschmeyer); (4) study of the role of Walbaum, Seba, Klein and other eighteenth century scholars in systematic ichthyology. Several names (*nomina obliterata*) proposed by Walbaum and other early authors have been found to predate well established taxa (*nomina protecta*). However, conditions exist to allow "reversal of precedence" of the two names as provided by Article 23.9 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature.

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Current work: (1) *Apareiodon* Eigenmann, 1916 (Teleostei, Characiformes) from the Tocantins-Araguaia basin, with description of three new species

(w/HA Bristki) (in press-Copeia); (2) checklist and handbook to identification of Rio Corumbá species (w/HA Britski, GS Avelino, AP Vidotti & WJ Graça, in part); (3) morphometrical characterization and electrophoresis of upper Rio Paraná *Hypostomus* species (w/CH Zawadzki & E Renesto, in part); (4) temporal and spatial distribution of the ichthyofauna in two streams of the upper Rio Paraná basin (w/EP Caramaschi) (in press-Brazilian Archives of Biology and Technology); (5) characterization of the species of some small reservoirs of State of Paraná (w/HA Britski) (in press); (6) description of a new *Astyanax* species from the Rio Mourão, upper Rio Paraná basin (W/HA Britski); (7) check list of freshwater fishes from South and Central America (CLOFFSCA) – family Parodontidae and Characidae, in part (in press); (8) characterization of two *Bryconamericus* species from the Rio Iguaçu basin for a work regarding to their diet (w/NS Hahn & MR Russo) (in press-Hydrobiologia) (9) characterization of the cultivated fish species from the State of Paraná, Brazil (w/S Veríssimo) (in press); (10) systematic of the cultivated fish species from the Southern Brazil (w/ RP Ribeiro) (see announcements); (11) morphological characterization of eggs, larvae and adults of some cultivated fish species from Brazil (w/K Nakatani et al.) (see announcements); (12) on the distribution of *Astyanax altiparanae* (w/WJ Graça) (in press-Acta Scientiarum); (13) phylogenetic relationships among endemic species of *Astyanax* from Rio Iguaçu, inferred by mitochondrial DNA and RAPD markers (w/SMA Prioli, JA Prioli, HF Júlio Jr. & LM Prioli); (14) occurrence of *Astyanax altiparanae* in the rio Iguaçu basin, as evidenced by RAPD markers (w/SMA Prioli, JA Prioli, HF Júlio Jr., LM Prioli & AV Oliveira); (15) morphological and biochemical systematics of two allopatric populations of *Hypostomus marginatus* (Regan, 1907) (Teleostei: Loricariidae) from the upper Rio Paraná basin (w/CH Zawadzki, C. Weber & E. Renesto) (in press-Acta Scientiarum); (16) fish assemblages of the Paraná river floodplain (w/AA Agostinho, LC Gomes & LM Bini) (in press).

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Current work: (1) Zoological Catalogue of Australia, Pisces, Part 2 (w/D.F. Hoese, G.R. Allen, & D. Bray; submitted); (2) a new species of the deepsea whalefish genus *Cetomimus* (Cetomimidae), with a key to the described species (w/T. Trnski); (3) 5 family accounts of cetomimoid fishes for the FAO Western Central Atlantic Identification Guide (2 with T. Trnski); submitted; (4) revision of the whalefish genera *Gyrinomimus* and *Cetomimus* (Cetomimidae); (5) new species of *Neoscopelus* (Neoscopelidae) (w/M. McGrouther). [Families 178, 237, 238, 251, 252, 253]

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Current work: (1) Taxonomic revision and phylogenetic interrelationships of species and genera in the subfamily Neoplecostominae (sensu Armbruster: *Neoplecostomus*, *Pareiorhina*, *Pareiorhaphis*, *Kronichthys*, *Isbrueckerichthys*, *Hemipsilichthys* and *Corymbophanes* from Bahia state) for my Doctoral dissertation; (2) taxonomic revision of genus *Pareiorhaphis* (Siluriformes, Loricariidae) (w/R. Reis); (3) taxonomic revision of genus *Kronichthys*; (4) revision of *Delturus* and *Hemipsilichthys* with the proposition of a new loricariid subfamily (Siluriformes) (w/R. Reis and J. Armbruster) and (5) description of new species of the genus *Isbrueckerichthys* (Loricariidae, Neoplecostominae) from the rio Ribeira de Iguaçu drainage (w/O. Oyakawa).

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Current work: (1) Assisting with Catalog of Fishes and Annotated Checklists projects of Bill Eschmeyer; (2) taxonomy and distribution of *Argulus* (Crustacea: Branchiura), focusing on North and Central America for dissertation (advisor: Dr. William G. Dyer); (3) ongoing study to follow progress of translocation of fringed darter (*Etheostoma crossopterum*); (4) distribution and taxonomy of crayfishes (*Orconectes*).

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Current work: (1) A manuscript on the subterranean fishes of the world (93 described species) has been submitted to the publisher, the International Society for Subterranean Biology. It should appear in 2003. There is an account for each species and a bibliography of 1800 works; (2) I am re-assessing the Red List status of all subterranean fishes for IUCN. The 1996 list had three critically endangered subterranean fishes. One of these is currently improved to vulnerable but two others have been assessed as CR; (3) patterns of endemism in subterranean fishes.

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Current work: (1) Taxonomic and phylogenetic studies of the subfamily Paragoniatinae (Characiformes: Characidae), as PhD thesis under advise of Dr. Luiz Roberto Malabarba; (2) taxonomic revision of the genus *Oligosarcus* (Characiformes: Characidae) and description of the new species from southern Brazil (w/L. R. Malabarba); (3) taxonomic revision of the genus *Rhinelepis* (Siluriformes: Loricariidae: Hypostominae); (4) "All Catfishes Species Project" (w/other researchers).

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My book Surgeonfishes of the World was published in September by Mutual Publishing in Honolulu. All members of ASIH were supposed to have been sent a 20% discount order form (retail \$18.95). If you did not receive the form and wish a copy, write to Mutual Publishing at 1215 Center St., Suite 210, Honolulu, HI 96816 and indicate you are a member of ASIH and should have received the discount order form (or e-mail: mutual@lava.net). The manuscript for my book Reef and Shore Fishes of the South Pacific (933 MS pp., 2506 col. figs., 83 black and white figs.) has been accepted for publication by the University of Hawaii Press, but funds are currently lacking for printing. I am now writing another large book, Reef and Shore Fishes of the Hawaiian Islands (all species to 200 m; keys to all families), but I expect it will take another year to complete. Helen Randall and I have nearly completed the editing of a revision of the cardinalfish genus *Archamia* by Ofer Gori and myself which is planned for publication in December as number 35 of Indo-Pacific Fishes. All subscribers will receive a notice of its availability. Anyone wishing the price list for Indo-Pacific Fishes should e-mail or write me.

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Current work: (1) Revision of sex dimorphism in Neotropical catfishes; (2) species description of Loricariidae (*Parancistrus*, *Rineloricaria*); (3) description on new ostariophysan taxon; (4) study of catfishes and electric fishes occurring in floating meadows in Central Amazon; (5) ichthyofauna of rio Purus, rio Negro.

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Current work: (1) Characterization and description of the Amazon *Pseudancistrus* species (Loricariidae); (2) currently working on ichthyological surveys on Lago Amaná (rio Japurá). My M.Sc. dissertation is on systematics of the genus *Pseudancistrus* (Loricariidae). I am interested in systematics, taxonomy and evolution of the family Loricariidae, particularly some groups used in the fish trade such as *Hypancistrus*. I am also interested to deepen my studies on general fish taxonomy and wish to keep on participating in different field work in the Amazon.

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Current work: (1) PhD thesis on the phylogeny and biogeography of the neotropical heroine cichlids; (2) 2002-2003 focusing on systematics of the West Indian cichlids and the '*Cichlasoma*' facetum group.

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My research continues on systematics of both Recent (w/M. Aizawa & H. Senou) and fossil (w/T. Uyeno & N. Micklich) flatfishes, and investigating the origin of Japanese common names for fishes, however my main work is as the director of the Tukiji Fish Information Center and Museum (Tel 81-3-3547-8824; Fax 81-3-3545-4415).

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Current work: Dissertation title: still not decided. Advisor: Dr. Richard E. Strauss, co-advisor: Dr. Robert J. Baker. Master thesis completed, to be defended on July 2003: Phylogenetic analysis of the genus *Chaetostoma* Tschudii, 1845 (Siluriformes: Loricariidae), emphasis on peruvian species. Papers in preparation: (1) Description of a new species of *Chaetostoma* (Loricariidae), from central Peru; (2) description of a new species of *Cetopsorhamdia* (Pimelodidae), from southwestern Peru; (3) description of a new species of *Hypocolopterus* (Loricariidae) collected in Peru during the Catherwood Expedition.

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Current work: I will be completing my Ph.D. at the University of Toronto in January 2003, and in May 2003 I will start a postdoc in the lab of Dr. Guillaume Lecointre at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, joining an ongoing research project on acanthomorph relationships. Recently completed work includes: revision of the fossil material of Tetraodontiformes; phylogenetic analysis of the relationships between selected modern and fossil tetraodontiform taxa and phylogeny of the extant species of Triacanthidae and Molidae (Tetraodontiformes), all these projects with Dr. James C. Tyler, NMNH; analysis of the historical biogeography of Indo-Western Pacific coral reef fauna. Current work includes phylogeny and historical biogeography of Triacanthidae (Teleostei, Tetraodontiformes), with description of a new species; phylogeny of the extant and fossil species of Tetraodontidae and Diodontidae (Tetraodontiformes); phylogeny of extant and fossil taxa of Zeiformes and Caproiformes, and inter-relationships of the Zeomorpha with other major clades of Acanthomorpha (with Dr. J. Tyler); investigation of the relationships between regulatory genes (Hox) and skeletal morphology in tetraodontiform fishes.

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Current work: (1) Phylogenetics of the Lamprologini, a tribe of cichlids from Lake Tanganyika, East Africa, based on morphology and molecules; (2) molecular phylogenetics of atherinomorphs.

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Current work: (1) Systematic and multivariate analysis of the morphological variability among *Cichlasoma* (Cichlidae); (2) variability of *Pterophyllum scalare* (Cichlidae) (w/H.-J. Paepke); (3) analysis of lateral body shape of *Centropyge* (Pomacanthidae).

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Current work: (1) Description of a new *Archocentrus* (Cichlidae) and a new *Poecilia* (Poeciliidae) (w/S. Contreras-Balderas & M. Valdez-Moreno); (2) M.Sc. student Roberto C. Barrientos finishing a revision of "Cichlasoma" *urophthalmus* (Cichlidae) and its nominal subspecies; (3) M.Sc. student Adán Caballero finishing his work on fishes of Chakmochuch Bay, near the limit between the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea; (4) completing the chapter on historical ichthyogeography for the book Freshwater Fishes of Mexico, by R.R. Miller, W.L. Minckley and S.M. Norris. From August 2003 to July 2004 I intend to be on sabbatical leave at the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology for a revision of the *Astyanax fasciatus* complex (Characidae) (w/W. Fink & G. Smith).

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Current work : (1) Taxonomy of the Indo-Pacific chondrichthyans with various colleagues (P. Last, K. Nakaya, M. Carvalho, D. Didier, etc.) – some papers have been published in 2002; (2) the proceedings of the 4th European Elasmobranch Association meeting have been published in 2002; (3) FAO Batoid catalogue with L.J.V. Compagno, P. Last & J. McEachran ; (4) updating the batoid section of the FAO sheets for the Eastern Tropical Atlantic (K. Carpenter ed.); (5) elaboration of the action plan for the conservation of the chondrichthyan fishes in the Mediterranean (w/F. Serena) for UNEP/RAC/SPA ; (6) participation to the elaboration of the European action plan for conservation of the elasmobranch fishes for the EU ; (7) co-editor of Cybium, journal of the French Ichthyological Society; (8) chair of "ElasmoFrance", the shark group of the French Ichthyological Society and editor of the newsletter "ElasmoScope" ; (9) management of the collection and studies on the deep sea bony fishes from New Caledonia. Project: revision of the West African torpedinids (w/M. Carvalho).

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Current work (1) Continuing to prepare the taxonomic review of the genus *Bryconamericus* (Characiformes: Characidae) from Southeastern Brasil for publication; (2) taxonomic review of the genus *Astyanax* (Characiformes: Characidae) from the rio Tramandai drainage (w/ L. R. Malabarba and V. A. Bertaco); (3) taxonomic review of the genus *Othonocheiroodus* (Characiformes: Characidae) from southeast Brasil (w/ L.R. Malabarba); (4) description of two new species of *Hypobrycon* (Characiformes: Characidae) from middle rio Uruguai in Rio Grande do Sul state, Brasil (w/ L.R. Malabarba); (5) description of a new species of *Piabina* (Characiformes: Characidae) from upper rio Tiete (w/ C. Kaefer).

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Current work: (1) A revision of amphilid catfishes from the Lower Guinean province, Africa; (2) molecular genetics and phylogeography of redfin minnows (Cyprinidae, genus *Pseudobarbus*) from southern Africa (with student Ernst Swartz); molecular genetics of yellowfishes (Cyprinidae, genus *Labeobarbus*) from southern Africa (with student Daksha Naran); (4) fish diversity of upper Zambezi. I have indicated participation in the All Catfish Species Project (ACSP) coordinated by Larry Page, John Lundberg et al.

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Current work: (1) Species accounts for book on fishes of the Western Indian Ocean (Heemstra and Randall, eds.); (2) western Indian Ocean *Ariosoma*, with U. Zajonz; (3) checklist of fishes of Tonga, with J. T. Williams and J. E. Randall; (4) review of species of *Pteropsaron*, with G. D. Johnson; (5) descriptions of new eel species; (6) larval fishes at Carrie Bow Cay, Belize, with C. C. Baldwin; (7) nomenclatural history and status of *Enneanectes*, with J. T. Williams. Type catalog of Indo-Pacific Murænidæ completed, in press (Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad.).

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Current work: (1) The limits and relationships of the Scorpaeniformes; (2) phylogenetic placement of the enigmatic percomorph, *Normanichthys crockeri* (w/G.D. Johnson); (3) intrarelationships of the Percomorpha; (w/J.S. Sparks); (4) phylogenetic placement of the red indianfish (*Pataecus fronto*); (5) the evolution of venom in the Percomorpha.

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Current work: (1) Taxonomy and biology of sharks, rays and chimaeras of western South Atlantic; (2) revision of the genus *Squalus*; (3) description of a new species of *Hydrolagus*; (4) phylogeny of the genus *Squalus* (thesis project, with Dr. J. Matallanas, UAB, Barcelona); (5) biogeography of the Brazilian marine ichthyofauna.

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Current work: (1) Taxonomic revision of the Doradidae genus *Physopyxis*; (2) currently working on ichthyological surveys on Lago Amanã (rio Japurá, AM). My major interest is in systematics, taxonomy, evolution and general features of the family Doradidae. I am particularly interested in the Platydoradinae + Amblydoradinae group. I am also interested in some loricariid genera such as *Hypancistrus*.

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Current work: (1) Principle investigator on study of the dorsal gill-arch musculature of actinopterygian fishes; (2) systematics of blenniid fishes; (3) a questionable new species of *Symphysanodon* (w/W.D. Anderson, Jr.); biographical report on ichthyological illustrator, land- and seascape artist, novelist Charles Bradford Hudson (1865-1938 [would appreciate hearing from

anyone having information on Hudson that they would be willing to share with me].

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Current work : Co-operation since 1997 for elasmobranch research continued with C.M. Vooren at Univ. of Rio Grande-RS (FURG), Brazil, presently for revision of SW Atlantic *Myliobatis goodei* appearing to cover under this name two sibling species. Visits to FURG in this context during June/July and Nov./Dec. for remaining studies and preparation of the descriptive paper. The EC multinational research project DELASS after three years expires by the end of this year and will through its results provide assessment methods for elasmobranch stocks in order of their incorporation into regular fishery management. My maturity scale for chondrichthyans fishes has formally been published this year under DELASS. A three years (2003-2006) research proposal on skates in the SW Atlantic off Argentina has been submitted in co-operation with the Bremen Univ. Center of Tropical Marine Ecology and two Argentinean partners, INIDEP and Ichthyol. Lab Univ. in Mar del Plata. Have visited the Argentinean partners in March for final negotiations. Visited as consultant the ICRAM institute in Rome in early October for final discussions on the Field Guide to skates in Italian waters to be published next year, for studying some very interesting skate material there calling for further co-operation, and participated for ICRAM in a planning meeting on the Mediterranean Shark Action Plan. The last regular issue of the odontology series with J. Herman & M. and D. Hovestadt on Torpediniformes will appear late this year, with eventually a few additions to follow in this journal on still missing supraspecific taxa and appreciating recent developments in chondrichthyan classification. After my early retirement from Institute for Sea Fisheries (ISH) in Hamburg at end of May, please do no longer use for contacts my former professional postal and email addresses there but address only to those new ones given in the header. As I do now return, after a forced break of nearly 10 years since the closure of the ISH Ichthyology in 1993, to my active research on elasmobranch systematics, please continue sending me your reprints in exchange.

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I have moved from my former administrative position to a research position in the National Marine Fisheries Service Systematics Laboratory located in the U.S. National Museum of Natural History. I will be here until 2005. Current work: (1) MS describing a new species of northeast Pacific *Liparis* (submitted; with Carl Bond); (2) description of a new species of western Atlantic *Pseudnos* (MS; with Natalia Chernova); (3) annotated check-list of liparid species (with Natalia Chernova and Anatoly Andriashev); (4) review of the liparid specimens in the USNM fish collection.

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Current work: (1) Phylogenetic systematic relationships of the freshwater gobies (Neogobiinae: Gobiidae) of the Black and Caspian Seas; (2) population genetics of freshwater goby invasions in the Great Lakes: Changes over the time course of the invasions of round and tubenose gobies; (3) phylogenetic systematics and population genetics of the bass genus *Micropterus* (Centrarchidae; with Ph.D. student W. Calvin Borden); (4) molecular population genetics and phylogenetic systematics of Percidae (with Ph.D. student Alex M. Ford); (5) molecular systematic and biogeographic relationships of Blennioid fishes, using nuclear and mitochondrial genes. I spent September 2002 sampling throughout the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, and rivers draining into them, with Ukrainian colleagues. I am planning a research expedition to sample the Caspian Sea for next year. I welcome applications from talented and excellent postdoctoral and Ph.D. applicants for work on the systematics, invasion genetics, and population genetics of freshwater gobies and the molecular systematics of blennioid fishes.

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Current work: (1) Revision of the Bathymasteridae (w/Ann Matarese); (2) preparation of a field guide to the skates (Rajidae) of Alaska (w/Jerry Hoff), and (3) ongoing investigation of several potentially new species recently

collected from the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. I recently published a large portion of my dissertation work, revising the Asian genera *Chaenogobius* and *Gymnogobius* (Gobiidae). My focus has now shifted to the fishes of the Northeast Pacific and Bering Sea. I participated in the 2002 Eastern Bering Sea slope bottom trawl survey conducted by the RACE Division of NMFS, and will be participating in RACE bottom trawl surveys on the Eastern Bering Sea shelf and in the Gulf of Alaska in the summer of 2003. I am also continuing to update training materials and procedures for the Alaska Groundfish Observer Program.

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Personal research continues to revolve around fish otoliths from paleontological and archeological sites. A presentation entitled "Fish otoliths as indicators of seasonality and paleotemperatures of archeological sites" was given at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeology Society with graduate student Casey Strickland as a co-presenter. Several presentations on fossil fish otoliths have been accepted for the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology. A study with Dr. Dirk Nolf of Brussels, Belgium, has resulted in a paper entitled "Late Eocene (Priabonian) fish otoliths from the Yazoo Clay at Copenhagen, Louisiana", which has been accepted for publication by the Louisiana Geological Survey. Graduate student Tiffany Green completed her thesis on otolith-based fishes and paleoecology of the Upper Eocene Moodys Branch Formation in Louisiana and Mississippi, and graduate student Lorin King completed his thesis on marine coprolites (shark and fish) from the Upper Eocene Yazoo Clay in Louisiana. Casey Strickland, another graduate student, is nearing completion of his thesis on fish otoliths from three Archaic archeological sites in north Louisiana and their utilization in paleoenvironmental interpretations, especially the effects of the altithermal in Louisiana. Graduate student Lauri Worley is beginning a study of cartilaginous and bony fishes from several newly discovered Oligocene sites in north Louisiana

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Current work: (1) Systematics of Tanganyikan cichlid fishes; (2) taxonomy of Tanganyikan cichlid fishes; (3) morphological and genetic structure of Tanganyikan cichlid shell brooder, *Telmatochromis* sp.; (4) osteology and myology of African fluvial cichlids; (5) identification of fishes from Lake Biwa, found from stomach of cormorant.

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Current work: (1) The phylogenetic position of five genera (*Acanthochromis*, *Azurina*, *Chrysiptera*, *Dischistodus*, and *Neopomacentrus*) within the family Pomacentridae (w/K.M. McNyset & N.I. Holcroft); (2) a phylogenetic analysis of the family Pomacentridae based on morphological and molecular data; and (3) a phylogenetic analysis of the subfamily Amphiprioninae (family Pomacentridae) based on morphological and molecular data.

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Current work: Still at a snail's pace, my research continues under Dr. K. Fujita (who retires at the end of March 2004) centering on a comparative osteological study (and some morphology) of the larval development in Japanese domesticated goldfish varieties (comet, ryukin, ranchu, tosakin, jikin, nankin, demekin, etc.), *Carassius a. auratus* var. as well as congeners ('funa') from Japan, especially 'ookinbuna' *Carassius b. buergeri* (probably the root of the Japanese 'funa') and sympatric 'nagabuna' *Carassius* sp. Hopefully I can get some live "dzhi" from southern China (the real wild goldfish) for study. Other long-term projects include: (1) Goldfish genetics, especially of pigment patterns, finnage, eye types, and body shapes; (2) use of antioxidants to stabilize life colors in preserved fish specimens; (3) determination of variations (paper, ink, etc.) in folios of Temminck and Schlegel's 'Pisces' volume in the von Siebold 'Fauna Japonica' series to determine which pages and plates compose a single folio, and to date them. Next year I hope to make it to Manaus for the ASIH meeting.

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Current work: (1) Study of the ichthyofauna of Cameroon, Gabon and Congo-Brazzaville (w/M.L.J. Stiassny - eds); (2) revision of *Brienomyrus* (Mormyridae) (w/C.D. Hopkins); (3) revision of Southeast Asian Clariidae (w/L. Pouyaud); (4) phylogeny of Clariidae (w/J.F. Agnèse & D. Adriaens); (5) conservation studies on ichthyofauna in Côte d'Ivoire (w/T.Kone, P. Kouamélan, V.N'Douba); (6) ichthyofauna of the Niger Delta in Nigeria (w/R.P. King). Student work (Ph.D.): R. Gustiano - systematics of Pangasiidae; S. Devaere - revision and comparative anatomy of anguilliform Clariidae; J.D. Mbega - taxonomy and ecology of Lower Ogowe (Gabon) fishes; D. De Weirdt - revision of *Varicorhinus* (Cyprinidae) from Africa.

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Current work: (1) Phylogenetic study of the Neotropical characiform fish family Acestrorhynchidae; (2) systematics of the Heterocharacini (Characiformes: Characidae). The revisionary study of the characid genus *Chalceus* (w/A. Zanata) is finished and the manuscript has been submitted for review.

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Current work: New species of *Emblemariopsis* from Carrie Bow Cay, Belize (w/D.M. Tyler); fishes of Pelican Cays, Belize (w/C.L. Smith et al.); phylogenetic analysis of tetraodontiform families, fossil and Recent (w/F. Santini); phylogenetic relationships of basal fossil zeomorph genera (w/F. Santini); redescriptions and systematics of fossil caproids and zeiforms (w/D.-S. Baciu & A. Bannikov); congruence of fossil and Recent zeiform and tetraodontiform otolith morphology with phylogeny based on osteology of Recent species (w/D. Nolf); redescriptions and relationships of various acanthuroids from the Eocene of Monte Bolca, Italy; new genus and two new species of file fishes from the Pliocene and Pleistocene of Italy and Greece, the first fossil monacanthids (w/C. Sorbini).

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Current work: (1) Deep demersal and midwater fishes of the Canary Islands (w/F. Bordes, R. Castillo, P. Lorance, T. Moreno, R. Wienerroither & J.G. Nielsen); (2) species composition and behavioural analysis of demersal deep-sea fishes in the Bay of Biscay (NE Atlantic) based on submersible and ROV videos (w/P. Lorance & D. Latrouite); (3) phylogeny of *Neobythites* with special emphasis on the evolution of eyespots and colour patterns in this ophidiid genus (w/J.G. Nielsen, W. Schwarzhans & A. Baltanas); (4) coordination work for fish ecological and systematic studies in the Census of Marine Life Project "MAR-ECO" featuring the ecosystems along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (w/O.A. Bergstad et al.)

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Current work: I am continuing to work on: (1) Describing Oligocene *Hemipristis* from Japan; (2) compiling a work on the jaws of Japanese fishes; (3) describing an Upper Cretaceous *Ischyodus* sp. from Fukushima Pref., Japan; (4) developing an atlas of scales of Japanese fishes.

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Current work: Manuscripts on the revisionary and phylogenetic study of the Neotropical Characiform family Prochilodontidae (w/ R.M.C. Castro), describing a new species of *Pseudocetopsis* (Siluriformes, Cetopsidae) from French Guiana (w/C.F. Ferraris, Jr. & P. Keith), and describing a new species of *Creagrutus* (Characiformes, Characidae) from Brazil (w/F.T.C. Lima) are in review. Progress continued on the parallel phylogenetic and revisionary studies of the South American siluriform family Cetopsidae (w/C.F. Ferraris, Jr. & M.C.C. de Pinna). A. Zanata and I are completing a manuscript on the phylogenetic relationships within the Alestidae (Characiformes) and plan to have it in review within some months. Family accounts for the families Curimatidae, Ctenoluciidae, Prochilodontidae (w/R.M.C. Castro), Chilodontidae (w/S.J. Raredon), Cetopsidae (w/C.J. Ferraris, Jr.) and the characiform genera *Creagrutus* and *Piabina* (w/A.S. Harold) are in press in the Checklist of the Freshwater Fishes of South and Central America. The long delayed manuscript dealing with the phylogenetic analysis of the characiform family Anostomidae is being prepared with hopes for completion

during the upcoming year. Other ongoing projects include an analysis of the *Astyanax* species (Characiformes) of the upper Rio Parana basin (w/R.M.C. Castro), an analysis of the characiform genus *Henochilus* (w/R.M.C. Castro & F. Veira), the description of a new species of the siluriform genus *Trichomycterus* (w/L. Fernandez), and studies of West African distichodontids (Characiformes). Please note new mailing address.

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Research interests are primarily focused on fishes of the family Liparidae (Scorpaeniformes), Myxinidae (Myxiniformes) and Petromyzontidae (Petromyzontiformes). I am currently designing a meristic and morphometric study of a few members of the genus *Liparis* (Liparidae). I also have a working interest in invertebrates and fish-invertebrate interactions. I recently published, with Dr. Chernova, a meristic survey of the genus *Liparis*. I also had a paper on rehydration of dehydrated museum specimens published, and a paper on teaching adaptive landscaping and complex systems will be published this October. Besides my position with the university, I also have a full time statistician position at a local army base. A major effort to publish my thesis (on an invertebrate problem) will take up a lot of my time this year. I am also working on a paper describing a malformed *Liparis* and its significance in understanding *L. brevicaudus* Mori.

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Current work: (1) Revision of the Gerreidae; (2) completing revision of the genus *Leiognathus*; (3) adding to Siganidae revision with descriptions of new species; (4) molecular systematics of the Siganidae. As an Honorary Fellow of the University I am provided with a lab and study in order to continue with my research. I also do some casual consultancy work and teaching.

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Current work: (1) To evaluate the impact of introduced fishes on the indigenous fishes in Fuxian Lake, Yunnan, China (with Dr. Yi-Feng Chen); (2) to study the biodiversity restoration of Dianchi Lake, Yunnan (supported by GEF/The World Bank).

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Current work: (1) Dissertation study of the deep-dwelling fish communities of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, thesis to be completed soon, monographical works are planned, species descriptions and new records in a number of genera are in press: *Neomerinthe* (w/W. Klausewitz), *Liopropoma* & Checklist Coast of Jordan (w/M. Khalaf), *Plectranthias*, or in progress: e.g. *Ariosoma* (w/D.G. Smith), *Bathycongrus*, *Gnathophis*, *Dysomma*, *Scorpaenodes*, ++; (2) study of the taxonomy, ecology and conservation biology of the coastal fish communities of Socotra Archipelago (w/F. Krupp & M. Khalaf), based on the results of the UNDP/GEF Socotra Biodiversity Project, also freshwater and estuarine species there (w/F. Krupp); (3) review (phylogeny and vicariance biogeography) of the congrogadine genus *Halidesmus* (w/R. Winterbottom), a new species from Socotra is currently in press (w/A.C. Gill). I will pursue this project, starting early 2003, at Rick Winterbottom's lab at the Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2C6, Canada. My current E-mail address will remain valid for the time being.

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Current research: (1) The phylogenetic analysis of the family Alestidae (Ostariophysi, Characiformes) (w/R.P. Vari) is progressing and the manuscript is being completed; (2) in parallel I am preparing my PhD thesis for publication - phylogenetic study of *Brycon* (Characiformes, Characidae); (3) the revisionary study of the Neotropical *Chalceus* (Characiformes, Characidae) (w/M. Toledo-Piza) is completed and submitted.

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Current work: Study on taxonomy of endemic Cyprinid species of the Western Balkans.

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- 328 Nematistiidae:
- 329 Coryphaenidae:
- 330 Menidae:
- 331 Leiognathidae: KIMURA, VITALE // WOODLAND ET AL.
- 332 Bramidae:
- 333 Caristiidae: // PAXTON
- 334 Arripidae: // HUTCHINS
- 335 Emmelichthyidae:
- 336 Lutjanidae: LEIS // ANDERSON [W.D.], ANDERSON [W.D.] ALLEN
- 337 Caesionidae: LEIS
- 338 Lobotidae (incl. Coiidiae):
- 339 Gerreidae: ANTUNA-MENDIOLA, CASTRO-AGUIRRE, GONZÁLEZ-ACOSTA, KIMURA, WOODLAND // IWATSUKI ET AL.
- 340 Haemulidae:
- 341 Inermiidae:
- 342 Sparidae: BIANCO, BURRIDGE, VITALE // BELTRANO ET AL., CAPONE & BIANCO, LEIS ET AL., SCHULTZ, VITALE ET AL.
- 343 Centracanthidae: STEPIEN
- 344 Lethrinidae:
- 345 Nemipteridae:
- 346 Sciaenidae: FUIMAN, LOVEJOY, WU // CASATTI, CASATTI & CHAO
- 347 Mullidae: GOLANI, MYERS // RANDALL, RANDALL & MYERS
- 348 Pempheridae:
- 349 Leptobramidae:
- 350 Bathyclupeidae: // PAXTON
- 351 Toxotidae: ALLEN
- 352 Coracinidae:
- 353 Kyphosidae (incl. Girellinae, Scorpidae, Microcanthidae): // RANDALL & STENDER
- 354 Parascorpidae:
- 355 Drepanidae:
- 356 Ephippidae:
- 357 Monodactylidae: // KOTTELAT
- 358 Scatophagidae: GILL // KOTTELAT
- 359 Chaetodontidae: BURGESS, GILL, NALBANT
- 360 Pomacanthidae: BURGESS, DONALDSON
- 361 Enoplosidae: // HUTCHINS
- 362 Pentacerotidae:
- 363 Nandidae (incl. Batidae): KULLANDER // KULLANDER & BRITZ, OTT
- 364 Oplegnathidae:
- 365 Cichlidæ: ÅHLANDER, BURGESS, FIGUEIREDO, KULLANDER, LANDIM, REIS, RICAN, SCHELLY, SCHINDLER, SCHMITTER-SOTO, TAKAHASHI // GIBRAN ET AL., PAEPKE, PAEPKE & SCHINDLER, SCHINDLER, TAKAHASHI, TAKAHASHI & NAKAYA, TAKAHASHI ET AL.
- 366 Embiotocidae: BURGESS
- 367 Pomacentridae: ALLEN, BURGESS, SCHINDLER, TANG // ALLEN, ALLEN & RANDALL, JANG-LIAW ET AL., JENKINS & ALLEN, LEIS & CARSON-EWART, LEIS ET AL., RANDALL
- 368 Cirrhitidae: BURRIDGE, DONALDSON // BURRIDGE, CHANG-LIAO ET AL., RANDALL
- 369 Chironemidae: BURRIDGE // HUTCHINS
- 370 Aplodactylidae: // BRUIIDGE, HUTCHINS
- 371 Cheilodactylidae: // HUTCHINS, PEQUEÑO, VARGAS & PEQUEÑO
- 372 Latridae:
- 373 Cepolidae:
- 374 Opistognathidae: BUSSING
- 375 Notogaptidae: GILL
- Mugiloidei:
- 376 Mugilidae: // HOESE ET AL., LI [S.-Z.], OTT
- Polynemoidei:
- 377 Polynemidae: MOTOMURA // MOTOMURA, MOTOMURA & SABAJ, MOTOMURA & SENOU, MOTOMURA ET AL.
- Labroidei:
- 378 Labridae: DONALDSON, HEISER, LEIS, PARENTI [P.] // ALLEN & RANDALL, ALLEN & ROBERTSON, ARENDT ET AL., DONALDSON & SADOVY, HEISER ET AL., MUNROE, PARENTI [P.] & RANDALL, RANDALL & EARLE, RANDALL & LOBEL, RANDALL & NAGAREDA, RANDALL ET AL.
- 379 Odacidae:
- 380 Scaridae: PARENTI [P.] // PARENTI [P.] & RANDALL, SCHULTZ
- Zoarcoidei:
- 381 Bathymasteridae: STEVENSON

- 382 Zoarcidae: ANDERSON [M.E.], MØLLER // ANDERSON [M.E.], ANDERSON & IMAMURA, MØLLER, MØLLER & GRAVLUND, VOSKOBONIKOVA & LAJUS
 Parabrotulidae:
 383 Stichaeidae: HORN, KIMURA, MacDONALD
 384 Cryptacanthodidae:
 385 Pholidae:
 386 Anarhichadidae:
 387 Ptilichthyidae:
 388 Zaproridae:
 389 Scythalinidae:
 Notothenioidei: VOSKOBONIKOVA
 390 Bovichtidae: // LAST ET AL., VOSKOBONIKOVA & BRUCE
 391 Nototheniidae: FUIMAN, MILLER // VOSKOBONIKOVA
 392 Harpagiferidae (incl. Artedidraconidae):
 393 Bathymedidae:
 394 Channichthyidae: // VOSKOBONIKOVA
 394a Artedidraconidae:
 394b Pseudaphritidae: // VOSKOBONIKOVA & BRUCE
- Trachinoidei:
 395 Xenocephalidae:
 396 Chiasmodontidae: // MOOI & PAXTON
 397 Champsodontidae:
 398 Trichodontidae:
 399 Ammodytidae:
 400 Trachinidae:
 401 Uranoscopidae:
 402 Trichonotidae: NELSON // NELSON
 403 Credidae: // NELSON
 404 Leptoscopidae:
 405 Percophidae (incl. Bembropinae, Hemerocoetinae): SMITH [D.G.] // NELSON
 406 Pinguipedidae: DONALDSON // RANDALL, RANDALL & McCOSKER
- Pholidichthyoidei:
 407 Pholidichthyidae:
 Blennioidae:
 408 Tripterygiidae: FRICKE, HOLLEMAN, MOTOMURA, SMITH [D.G.], WILLIAMS // FRICKE, HOLLEMAN, SMITH & WILLIAMS, WILLIAMS & FRICKE, WILLIAMS & HOWE, WILLIAMS & SPRINGER
 409 Labrisomidae: GIBRAN, WILLIAMS
 410 Clinidae: HOLLEMAN
 411 Chaenopsidae: BURGESS, CRAIG, RANGEL, TYLER, WILLIAMS
 412 Dactyloscopidae: WILLIAMS
 413 Blenniidae: ALMEIDA, KOTTELAT, RANGEL, SPRINGER, STEPIEN, WILLIAMS // SMITH-VANIZ ET AL., SPRINGER, WILLIAMS
- Icosteoidei:
 414 Icosteidae:
 Callionymoidei:
 415 Callionymidae: FRICKE // FRICKE
 416 Draconettidae: FRICKE // FRICKE
- Schindlerioidei:
 417 Schindleriidae:
 Gobioidei: AHNELT, ALLEN, WU
 418 Rhacichthyidae:
 419 Eleotridae: // LARSON & MURDY
 420 Gobiidae: AHNELT, GILL, LASSO, LASSO-ALCALÁ, MURDY, STEPIEN, STEVENSON // AHNELT & BOHACEK, AHNELT & DUCHKOWITSCH, AHNELT & SCATTOLIN, AHNELT ET AL., CHEN [I.-S.] & KOTTELAT, DAWSON ET AL., GREENFIELD, LARSON & MURDY, MOHLMANN & RANDALL, MURDY, MURDY & RANDALL, MURDY & SHIBUKAWA, RANDALL & SHEN, RANDALL ET AL., STEVENSON
 420a Odontobutidae: CHEN [I.-S.] & KOTTELAT, CHEN [I.-S.] ET AL. // WU ET AL.
 421 Kraemeriidae:
 422 Microdesmidae (incl. Ptereleotrinae):
 423 Xenisthmidae: GILL // GILL
- Acanthuroidei:
- 424 Siganidae: WOODLAND // BANNIKOV & TYLER, BONHOMME ET AL.
 425 Luvaridae:
 426 Zanclidae: // RANDALL
 427 Acanthuridae: BURGESS, RANDALL, TYLER // RANDALL, SMITH-VANIZ ET AL.
- Sphyraenoidei:
 428 Sphyraenidae: // BARREIROS ET AL.
- Scombroidei: FIERSTINE
 429 Scombrolabracidae:
 430 Gempylidae: // PARENTI [P.]
 431 Trichiuridae: // BURHANUDDIN ET AL.
 432 Xiphidiidae:
 433 Istiophoridae: FIERSTINE
 434 Scombridae: ANDERSON [R.C.], FIERSTINE // NAKAMURA & SÉRET
- Stromateoidei:
 435 Amarsipidae:
 436 Centrolophidae: // McDOWALL
 437 Nomeidae:
 438 Ariommataidae:
 439 Tetragonuridae:
 440 Stromateidae:
 Anabantoidei: BRITZ, BURGESS
 441 Anabantidae: BRITZ
 442 Belontiidae: KOTTELAT
 443 Helostomatidae:
 444 Osphronemidae: BRITZ, BRITZ & KOTTELAT // KOTTELAT
- Luciocephaloidei:
 445 Luciocephalidae: BRITZ
- Channoidei:
 446 Channidae: BRITZ
- PLEURONECTIFORMES: MUNROE, SAKAMOTO**
 447 Psettodidae:
 448 Citharidae:
 449 Scophthalmidae: MUNROE
 450 Paralichthyidae: MUNROE
 451 Bothidae: // HENSLEY & RANDALL
 452 Achiridae:
 453 Pleuronectidae (incl. Rhombosoleidae, Samaridae): BUSBY, MUNROE
 454 Achiridae:
 455 Soleidae: MUNROE // MUNROE & DESOUTTER, RANDALL
 456 Cynoglossidae: MUNROE
- TETRAODONTIFORMES: MATSUURA, SANTINI, TYLER // KOTTELAT, TYLER & SANTINI**
 457 Triacanthidae: MATSUURA, SANTINI // HOESE ET AL., MATSUURA
 458 Triacanthidae: SANTINI // BACIU & TYLER, MATSUURA, SANTINI & TYLER
 459 Balistidae: GILL, MATSUURA // MATSUURA, PARENTI [P.], RANDALL ET AL.
 460 Monacanthidae (incl. Aracanidae): HUTCHINS, TYLER // GILL & HUTCHINS, HUTCHINS, MATSUURA
 461 Ostraciidae: // MATSUURA
 462 Triodontidae: // MATSUURA
 463 Tetraodontidae: SANTINI, TYLER // MATSUURA
 464 Diodontidae: // LEIS
 465 Molidae: PARENTI [P.], SANTINI // HUTCHINS, SANTINI & TYLER
- SARCOPTERYGII: SCHULTZE**
- COELACANTHIFORMES:**
- 466 Latimeriidae: // SKELTON, UYENO
- CERATODONTIFORMES:**
 467 Ceratodontidae:
- LEPIDOSIRENIFORMES:**
 468 Lepidosirenidae:

General Announcements

BIOGEOGRAPHY SPREADSHEET FOR INDO-PACIFIC SHOREFISHES: Work continues sporadically on a biogeographic table of shorefish fish distributions for the Indo-Pacific in the form of a spreadsheet. The purpose of the spreadsheet is to compare biodiversity across regions and aid in producing detailed species distribution maps. It includes all species of shorefishes that occur down to 200 m, including freshwater gobioids as well as deeper-dwelling species within certain families that include shorefishes (e.g. many eels, dragonets, scorpaeniformes). It is based primarily on published checklists, taxonomic revisions and periodic reviews of key journals, but also utilizes much unpublished information from other sources such as museum collection data bases and verifiable underwater photographs. So far, I've completed data entry for localities that are the subject of recent comprehensive faunal studies or checklists. I am interested in contributions from anyone with recent, accurate lists of fishes from their area, especially lists that can be emailed as electronic files convertible to MS Word or Excel. Of course, I would be happy to share information from my spreadsheet. Since this is an unfunded project that gets "shelved" for long periods of time, I ask past and future collaborators to please bear with me and I will eventually get back to you. Since it now occupies nearly 100 pages of near-microscopic text, I rarely print it and prefer to share it or portions of it as an electronic file. Robert F. Myers, PO Box 550666 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33355-0666 ph.954 577-7919; E-mail: rmyers1423@aol.com.

BLEEKER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDO-PACIFIC ICHTHYOLOGY. The Scientific Advisory Committee for the 6th Indo-Pacific Fish Conference felt that the conference series should initiate an award for distinguished contributions to Indo-Pacific ichthyology. The committee decided that the award should be named in honor of the "father" of Indo-Pacific ichthyology, Pieter Bleeker. The details of the award and the criteria for it are yet to be finalized (suggestions are welcome), but the intent is to recognize career excellence in research contributions to Indo-Pacific ichthyology. Most probably, nominations will be called for from the ichthyological community, and a subcommittee of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the 7th Indo-Pacific Fish Conference will select the award-winning nominee(s). It is hoped that this will be an on-going series of award to be presented at each Indo-Pacific Fish Conference. Please direct questions or suggestions to the Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 7th Indo-Pacific Fish Conference, Professor Kwang-Tsao Shao.

CALL FOR ARGULUS (CRUSTACEA: BRANCHIURA). I am working on a taxonomic revision of the genus *Argulus* ("fish lice"), primarily of North and Central America (for dissertation) but also worldwide and am asking for specimens. I can send vials and will also gladly pay for shipping of specimens. *Argulus* should be preserved in 70% ethyl alcohol with as much of the following information as possible: locality, date, collector(s), host species, and location of parasite on the host(s). *Argulus* may be found on the body, fins, gills, inside surface of opercles, or inside the mouth. Specimens can be sent to William J. Poly, Department of Ichthyology, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California 94118 or Department of Zoology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901-6501. Thank you very much.

THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF VERTEBRATES is moving to a new facility in the spring of 2003. In addition to expanded specimen and tissue collection areas, the new CUMV facility will feature a multi-user molecular lab, separate preparation and teaching labs, and space for visiting researchers. Those interested in examining CU fishes in early 2003 should make requests as soon as possible since specimens will be temporarily inaccessible during the move. Please note that our mailing address, phone and fax numbers will also be changing when the move is completed. For further details and updates please contact John Friel (jpf19@cornell.edu) or visit our web site (www.cumv.cornell.edu).

FISH IDENTIFICATION SITE. An electronic identification tool for 3900 bony fish species was established by the Fish Division of National Science Museum, Tokyo. Fish Identification Site is a tool to identify fishes utilizing countable characters such as numbers of fin rays, scales, pores, gill rakers, bony rings, and vertebrae. Data for countable characters were taken from publications including many scientific papers and books. You may want to visit to test this tool for identifications. The address of this site is: <http://svrsh2.kahaku.go.jp/fishis/>

FISHES OF CHESAPEAKE BAY RETURNS TO PRINT. - Originally published in 1927, Fishes of Chesapeake Bay (U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, Vol. XLIII 1927, Part 1), by Samuel F. Hildebrand and William C. Schroeder (ISBN 1-930665-74-1, Hardcover, 390 pages, \$69.95), describes 202 species of fish observed in the bay's waters during field studies that began in 1912 and concluded in 1922. The book is illustrated with numerous fine-line drawings. The Blackburn Press has recently returned the book to print. For each species included in the book, the authors attempted to provide common names, descriptions, diagnostic characteristics, variations, feeding habits, spawning habits, embryology and larval development, growth rates, relative abundance, habitats, specimens in the Smithsonian collection and commercial importance. Collections were made in inshore and offshore waters. Of historical interest are the book's description, photographs and statistics on fisheries operating in Chesapeake Bay during the period. The Blackburn Press recently reprinted a companion fish identification book, Fishes of the Gulf of Maine by Henry Bigelow and William C. Schroeder. For more information, contact: Andrea Herbert, The Blackburn Press Publishers of classic scientific and technical books P.O.Box 287, Caldwell, N.J. 07006 973-228-7077 Fax: 973-228-7276 AHerbert@BlackburnPress.com.

FORESTA LIBRARY has just donated shelves of Antarctic and polar literature (books, journals, research reports, separates - much referring to fish habitat, paleohistory, geosciences exploration and lore - to The Desert Research Institute, Reno, where now they are more accessible for students. (Many of the files, records, correspondence of 40 years of Foresta actions, projects in fish collecting and conservation studies, ecology and natural history teaching, advocacy and publication - are now archived in the Special Collections Department, University of Nevada. R.G. Miller's and Foresta's other fish collections have long been deposited in museums at CAS, USNMNH, UC-SCRIPPS, LACM, Univ. Nevada, Univ. Arizona. A short local and dupl. reference set are in the Foresta vault, and some Antarctic specimen exchanges were sent to the museums in London, Paris, St. Petersburg, Tokyo, etc. R.G. Miller still has a considerable personal library on fishes, mammals, birds, journals and separates and clippings in Tucson for loan, exchange or mail-order-cheap. Tell your students. Still looking to compare Lake Tahoe fauna with that of Baikal and Hovsgol.

FRESHWATER FISH DISTRIBUTION by Tim M. Berra is available from Elsevier Science/Academic Press, phone: 1-888-437-4636, E-mail: usinfo-f@elsevier.com. This book features 169 distribution maps of fish families that enter fresh water, 234 beautiful line drawings of fishes, and 1700 references. Please contact Tim Berra (E-mail berra.l@osu.edu) for an errata sheet.

KILLI-DATA, the Data Base on oviparous Cyprinodontiformes or Killifishes is now available on line! Visit Killi-Data website: www.killi-data.org. 2 sections, "guest" and "member". Free access to "guest" section simply with your e-mail: there you will find news, various information and lists of names and many other items (including quizzes). Scientific questions are dealt with by a board of specialists. If you want to see an example of the contents of the data base without registering, click on SAMPLE. Access to "member" section (database) is not free except for researchers after fulfilling registration process in "guest" section: there you will find a page of all available information for each of the 1200 known taxa, with 1500 color photos of living male and female for the 700 valid species. Twice a year newsletters, plus "Killiflashes" immediately after important publications (notably new species!), upon free subscription. For the research section: Specialisation: oviparous Cyprinodontiformes Recent publications: none (the last 2 years were focused on the website). Current research of Jean Huber: Aplocheilichthyins, Aplocheiliids from Gabon, Rivulids from Colombia, Paraguay and the Guyane Shield. Please note my new e-mail: huber.mnhn@ifrance.com or author@killi-data.org.

NAME CHANGE. The JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology changed its name to The South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity, on 1 October 2001.

A NATURAL HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA by Tim M. Berra is available in North America from Academic Press and in Australia and New Zealand from University of New South Wales Press. This book covers the geography, geology, plants, invertebrates, Great Barrier Reef, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, and Aboriginals of the island continent. It features over 200 color photographs, 220 line drawings, and 500 references.

NEW ADDRESS – DAVID STEIN. Just a short message to let you know that I am now stationed in the NMFS Systematics Laboratory located in the Fish division of the USNM (Smithsonian). I will be here until my retirement in a few years, after which I plan to move back to Oregon and continue my research. This new position leaves me free to pursue studies of liparids and other deep-sea fishes full-time. Although my mailing address has changed (below) this e-mail will remain current. David Stein, NOAA/NMFS Systematics Laboratory, Smithsonian Institution, P.O. Box 37012, National Museum of Natural History MRC-0153, Washington, DC 20013-7012

NEW AQUARIUM IN LONDON. The Zoological Society of London are to build a new aquarium in London. Its focus will be on the conservation and scientific study of threatened aquatic habitats and species. Because subterranean fishes are among the most threatened of all freshwater fishes we will be working to have several species in the new aquarium. Our aim will be to produce self-sustaining captive breeding populations of the most threatened species. In addition we will work with the host countries to conserve the natural habitat. Details of the aquarium can be found at www.zsl.org. Expressions of interest in this, whether for subterranean fishes or any other species to me in the first instance. Contact Proudlove, Graham S., British Cave Research Association Biological Recorder, Department of Zoology, The Manchester Museum, Manchester University, Manchester, M13 9PL UK. E-Mail g.proudlove@umist.ac.uk

PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE. - The proceedings of the 5th Indo-Pacific Fish Conference (Noumea, 1997) including 80 papers (866 pages) are now available at discount price : 38 Euros including postage. - The proceedings of the 3rd European Elasmobranch Meeting held in Boulogne-sur-Mer (France) in May 1999 are still available at 15 Euros including postage. To order, please contact Bernard SERET at seret@mnhn.fr

PROJECT SEAHORSE has an extensive collection of dried seahorses which may be borrowed for research purposes. Please contact Sara Lourie, Department of Biology, McGill University, 1205 Avenue Dr Penfield, Montréal, H3A 1B1, Québec, CANADA. Tel: +1 (514) 398 5112, Fax: +1 (514) 398 5069, Email: slouri@po-box.mcgill.ca for more information.

7TH INDO-PACIFIC FISH CONFERENCE to be held in Taipei (Taiwan) at Howard International House Taipei from 16 to 20 May 2005. Several symposia and workshops will be held as part of the conference. The first circular with call for proposed symposia, workshops, or forums was dispatched in October-November 2002. The 1st Cross-Straight Fish Conference will be held concurrently to invite many ichthyologists from mainland China to join the meeting. The second circular with call for papers will be distributed in April-May 2004. For more information please contact Kwang-Tsao Shao (Inst. Zool. Academia Sinica, Nankang, Taipei, Taiwan, 115, Tel (886)-2-27899556, Fax (886)-2-27883463, E-Mail: Zoskt@gate.sinica.edu.tw, or ipfc7@sinica.edu.tw, or consult the webpage at <http://www.ipfc7.org>.

REQUEST FROM HENRI CAPPETTA. I repeat my unsuccessful request of the previous year : In the course of study on Recent dasyatids and Urolophids dental morphologies, I should be very grateful to colleagues who could provide me jaws of North American Atlantic species (*Dasyatis centroura*, *D. americana*, *D. guttata*, *D. say*, *D. sabina* ... and possibly other ones) as well as jaws of the genera *Plesiobatis*, *Hexatrygon* and *Urogymnus*. Thanks a lot in advance for your help.

STEHMANN, MATTHIAS F.W. (ISH, GERMANY) - ADDRESS CHANGE after retirement on 30 May 2002:

- Invalid former address: Institut fuer Seefischerei (ISH), BFA fuer Fischerei, Palmalle 9, D-22767 Hamburg, Germany. Phone +49-40-38905 217, Fax +49-40-38905 263, Email 106241.1657@compuserve.com

- Effective new address: ICHTHYS, Ichthyological Research Laboratory and Consultancy, Dr. Matthias STEHMANN, Hildesheimer Weg 13, D-22459 Hamburg, GERMANY, Email <M.Stehmann@ichthys-fisch.info>, Tel. +49 - 40 - 32 89 70 71 / Mobile + 49 (0)179 - 2316614.

A SYMPOSIUM ON "PATTERNS AND PROCESSES IN THE EVOLUTION OF FISHES" will be held in January 2003 by F. Santini together with Gustavo Ybazeta (University of Toronto) in Toronto during the annual meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB), and will see the participation of 16 top fish evolutionary biologists. This symposium aims at bringing together pattern- and process-oriented scientists, in the search for a better understanding of the evolution of fishes. The topics of the presentations will span from paleontology and phylogenetics to genomics, development, community ecology, functional morphology and biogeography. More information on this event, including list of speakers and abstracts at: http://sicb.org/meetings/2003/symposia/evolution_of_fishes.php3

TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FISHERIES (Tokyo Suisan Daigaku) will be merged with TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF MERCANTILE MARINE (Tokyo Shosen Daigaku) on 1 October 2003. The new university will be named TOKYO KAIYO DAIGAKU in Japanese and TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF MARINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY in English. Reorganization of the university (including disestablishment of the Department of Aquatic Biosciences and movement of the Lab. of Ichthyology to a new Department) will be effective from April 2004.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FAUNABASE AND FAUNALIST. The Western Australian Museum has produced a website providing information on the State's fish fauna. At present it consists of an up-to-date checklist (updated regularly), but a separate section (FaunaBase) that presents additional information on many of the nearshore species is nearing completion. This will include an illustration and distribution map (within Western Australia) for each species. The address is <http://203.30.234.168/> or it may be accessed via the Museum's website at <http://www.museum.wa.gov.au/>. In addition, the collection manager of the fish collection, Sue Morrison, has been deployed to the Western Australian Department of Fisheries for three years. All requests for loans should now be directed to Glenn Moore (glenmoore@museum.wa.gov.au).

X CONGRESS OF THE ITALIAN ASSOCIATION OF FRESHWATER FISH ICHTHYOLOGISTS (AIAD) - To be held on spring 2004 in Italy, Pescara town on Middle Adriatic sea, but surrounded by three large protected areas: Maiella, Gran Sasso and Abruzzo National Parks. The subject of the conference will be "Freshwater Fish conservation in Protected Areas of Europe". The distribution and conservation of freshwater fish in National parks and others protected areas, when compared with other vertebrate classes, is still poorly known. The aim of this conference is to provide a general summary of the present status of freshwater fishes in protected areas of European countries. Any inquire or potential participation must be directed to Pier Giorgio Bianco, Dipartimento di Zoologia, Via Mezzocannone 8, I-80134 NAPOLI (Italy) - E-mail: gibianco@unina.it - Tel/Fax +39 081 2535138 Fax +39 081 25352

ZOOTAXA - Zootaxa is a rapid journal for papers and monographs on any aspects of zootaxonomy, including monographs, revisions, catalogues, checklists, bibliographies, identification guides, analyses of characters, phylogenetic relationships, zoogeography and descriptions of taxa. There is no restriction on length of manuscripts and there are no page charges. All manuscripts are subject to peer review and generally published within 1 month of acceptance. More details are available at www.mapress.com/zootaxa/. Ichthyological manuscripts should be sent (preferably by e-mail) to Dr A.C. Gill (see main section for address details).



New Publications

CIESM ATLAS OF EXOTIC SPECIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. VOL. 1 (FISHES) by Daniel Golani, Lidia Orsi-Relini, Enric Massuti & Jean-Pierre Quignard. 254 pages. This book provides color illustrations, ecological information and distribution maps of 91 fish species, mostly of tropical origin, considered as recent arrivals in the Mediterranean Sea. The book also includes an annotated list of species previously considered exotic but excluded from the list. This book can be ordered on-line from <http://www.ciesm.org/publications/fish.html>.

THE COELACANTH, FATHOM THE MYSTERY. A limited number of copies of this "Aquarium Symposium Proceedings" are available from AQUAMARINE FUKUSHIMA, 50 Tatsumi-cho, Onahama, Iwaki City, Fukushima Pref. Japan 971-8101 or request by email to research@marine.fks.ed.jp. This 37-page booklet contains the English-language extended abstracts of the fifteen papers delivered at the symposium convened 16 February 2002 by the director, Mr. Yoshitaka Abe. Included are talks by Prof. D.S. Woodruff (UCSD), Dr. T. Uyeno (NSMT), Dr. K. Yabumoto (Kitakyushu Mus. & Inst. Nat. Hist.), Dr. P.H. Skelton (S.Afr. Inst. Aq. Biol.), Dr. M.K. Moosa (LIPI), Prof. W. Sauer (Rhodes U.) and Dr. K. Mochizuki (Nat. Hist. Mus. & Inst., Chiba).

ECOLOGY OF THE MARINE FISHES OF CUBA. Edited by Rodolfo Claro, Kenyon Lindeman, and Lynne R. Parenti. Situated at the convergence of the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico, Cuba's coastal waters are home to one of the most diverse fish faunas in the Western Hemisphere. However, until now, information in English about Cuban marine fishes and their habitats has been limited. This comprehensive guide to the region's fishes fills that void. Originally published in Spanish in 1994, Ecology of the Marine Fishes of Cuba has been completely updated and revised for this English edition. The book collects and expands on the findings of more than 20 years of work by an international team of ichthyologists and marine biologists studying the coastal fishes and habitats of Cuba. In chapters arranged topically, the fifteen contributors detail the physical characteristics of the Cuban coast; document the physiology, behavior, reproduction, feeding patterns, and growth patterns of the region's fishes; and survey Cuba's fisheries management programs. The result is an unparalleled integration of English and Spanish-language references on coastal fishes of the western Atlantic, complete with a comprehensive bibliography that constitutes a valuable reference in its own right. The extensive information presented here establishes an important foundation for comparisons of regional biological variations and demonstrates the need for proactive habitat and fishery management policies in the area. February 2002, 83 b&w drawings, 31 b&w photographs, 38 tables, 253 p. Hardcover: ISBN 1-56098-985-5 \$55.00 ,39.00 Ordering Information: (800) 782-4612; (703) 661-1599. Web: www.sipress.si.edu. -- Rodolfo Claro is senior investigator at the Instituto de Oceanología de Cuba. Kenyon Lindeman is senior scientist at Environmental Defense in Miami, Florida. Lynne R. Parenti is curator of fishes in the Department of Systematic Biology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

FIELD GUIDE TO AUSTRALIAN SHARKS AND RAYS. This new guide profiles 100 of Australia's most commonly encountered elasmobranch species. Australia is committed to developing a National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks, and this guide was produced to assist fishers, observers and scientists to identify the main Australian target and bycatch species of sharks, rays and chimaerids. Available from CSIRO Publishing (publishing.sales@csiro.au or <http://www.publish.csiro.au>).

FISHERY SCIENCE: THE UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EARLY LIFE STAGES, edited by Lee A. Fuiman and Robert G. Werner. Each chapter of this textbook was written by a specialist and educator and covers a topic traditionally taught in fishery science courses, emphasizing the unique contributions that research on fish eggs and larvae make to understanding fish populations. Contents: Preface; Special Considerations of Fish Eggs and Larvae; Age and Growth; Mortality; Recruitment; Population Analysis; Cohort Identification; Habitat Requirements; Assemblages, Communities, and Species Interactions; Fishery Management; Human Impacts; Case Studies: Resurgence and Decline of the Japanese Sardine Population, Cascading Effects of Human Impacts on Fish Populations in the Laurentian Great Lakes, Understanding Conservation Issues of the Danube River; Methodological Resources; Appendix; Literature Cited; Subject Index; Taxonomic Index. For more information, see

<http://www.fishknowledge.com> or <http://store.yahoo.com/isupress/0632056614.html>.

FISHES OF ALASKA (Mecklenburg, Mecklenburg, & Thorsteinson. 2002. American Fisheries Society, Bethesda, MD) treats the marine and freshwater fishes of Alaska and adjacent waters of Canada and Russia, with accounts of 601 species in 108 families and 36 orders. Coverage extends out to the 200-mile limit. Identification keys and accounts are presented in the framework of a modern classification (Nelson 1994). The accounts give morphological features, discuss taxonomic problems and geographic range, depict range in Alaska on individual species maps, illustrate each species, give selected synonyms, and document all information presented. A gazetteer, glossary, extensive bibliography, and index are included. This monographic treatment should be useful to ichthyologists, fishery biologists, and others involved with the fish fauna of the North Pacific and Arctic oceans. Get shipping details and order from AFS at www.fisheries.org, or call (678) 366-1411. Price \$90 for AFS members, \$129.00 nonmembers. Orders of 10 or more qualify for the member price. xxxvii + 1037 pages + 320 color photos in 40 plates.

MICRONESIAN REEF FISHES. The comprehensive hardcover edition remains out of print pending completion of a supplement. The abridged softcover field guide with the same color photos covering nearly all coral reef species (0-60m) remains available: Micronesian Reef Fishes, a field guide for divers and aquarists: 408 pp., 1559 photos of 1192 spp. \$49.95; Postage/handling: U.S., Palau, FSM, Marshalls, American Samoa: Priority (air): \$5.00/book; W. Europe, most of Pacific Rim: Priority (air): \$10.00/book; surface \$7.00/book; everywhere else: air \$25.00/book; surface \$7.00/book. Coral Graphics, PO Box 550666 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33355-0666 ph.954 577-7919; E-mail: rmyers1423@aol.com.

A NEW REVISION OF THE ICHTHYOTOXIC AND MEDICINAL FISHES OF CHINA (CHINESE) 2002. Wu, Han Lin et al., 2002, Agriculture Press of China. 679pp. 442 figs. And 76 colour photographs. This volume has collected a large amount of information on ichthyotoxic and medicinal fishes of China in the past 30 years. Conclusions were made on the basis of practical animal experiments through comprehensive analysis and combined with latest research development and achievements made on ichthyotoxic and medicinal fishes both at home and abroad. As such, this book has been edited in a new format of fish fauna which is divided into two parts, namely, ichthyotoxic fishes and medicinal fishes. And the ichthyotoxic fishes are sub-divided into poisonous fishes (including ciguatera-producing fishes, tetrodotoxic fishes, ichthyotoxic fishes, gall-bladder poisonous fishes, ichthyohemotoxic fishes, ichthyohepatotoxic fishes, histamine and saurine-producing fishes, gempylotoxic fishes and carchatoxin-producing fishes), venomous fishes and ichthyocrinotoxic fishes. For each type of ichthyotoxic fishes, emphasis has been placed on the description, symptoms of poisoning, treatment and prevention aspects. For the medicinal fishes, apart from describing the medicinal parts, function and effect, and cure of each species, emphasis has also been placed on providing information regarding the medical use and drug synthesis of squalene, shark cartilage powder, fish oils (DHA, EPA), puffer fish toxins etc. in China. The major breakthroughs of this book are as follows: In regard to ichthyohemotoxic fishes, back to the 70's, one of the authors discovered from animal experiments that the serum of swamp eel (*Monopterus albus*) contain toxins that can kill mice. Achievements in the research of gall-bladder poisonous fishes are included. From our animal experiments, 6 more freshwater fishes (cyprinids) have been found to contain toxins in their gall bladders. Gall-bladder poisonous fishes have theoretically been proven to originate from cyprinid fishes. All cyprinid fishes possess toxins in their gall bladders which should not be taken for curing illness. Information of 382 species of Ichthyotoxic and medicinal fishes of China was provided in this book.

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SEAHORSES: AN IDENTIFICATION GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S SPECIES AND THEIR CONSERVATION, 1999, by Lourie, S.A., A.C.J. Vincent and H.J. Hall. Reprinted by Project Seahorse in 2002 as a CD Rom. Available through Natural History Book Service Ltd, 2-3 Wills Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5XN. Tel: +44 (1803) 865 913. Fax: +44 (1803) 865 280. Email: nhbs@nhbs.co.uk. Internet: <http://www.nhbs.co.uk>

TIBURONES DEL MEDITERRÁNEO, by Joan Barrull and Isabel Mate (2002), is published by Ed. El Set-ciències. This work has as basic objectives the wish to contribute to the general knowledge about sharks, and the aim to be an useful tool for everything that works and lives in the Mediterranean area, either researchers, fishermen, divers, or simply lovers of the sea. It is not

another book on sharks, one of many others presents in the market. This is a different book, even novel in the concept. Any book of sharks recently published (at least in the Spanish market), is based in particular data of our geographical setting, since most of them, if not all, are mere translations of works that adapt the foreign data to the Mediterranean Sea area. The book, profusely illustrated, includes 115 drawings and 125 pictures, and it is structured in two well differentiated parts: a first one of general information on the anatomy, the feeding, the reproduction, the fishing of the sharks and their commercial importance, as well as a mention of the attacks that they have caused to the humans, and a second part that is a guide of the 45 species of sharks recorded in the Mediterranean Sea, organized as files with summaries of the diagnostic characters, distribution, biology and use, besides biometric data. Available from the editors via e-mail (setciencies@ample24.com)



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