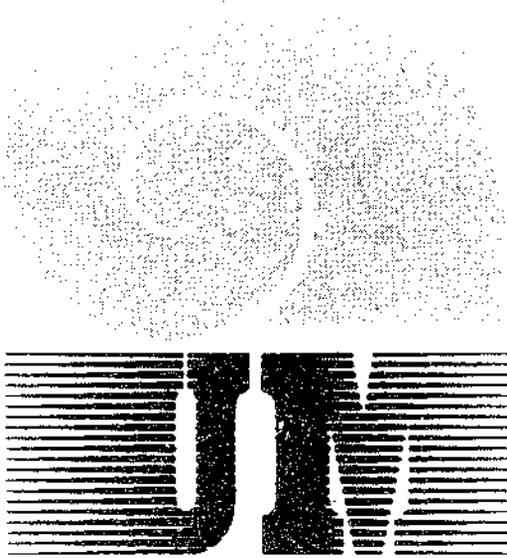


includes announcement and first circular of
Eleventh International Malacological Congress
 Siena, Italy, 1992
 Preliminary application form enclosed

June 1990



UNITAS

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Newsletter

Editorial

Dear fellow-malacologists,
 the Tenth International Malacological Congress saw some 340 colleagues in Tübingen. Among the 380 persons, from 46 countries, who had definitely registered, regrettably there were a considerable number who eventually failed to be with us in the "Kupferbau". I have received a good number of letters expressing satisfaction with this congress. However, what we need for improving organization of future events is criticism, too. The Newsletter is the ideal forum for discussing controversial opinions. As all of you know Unitas publishing policy has been a matter of concern, in particular for those who have submitted manuscripts. Our present President is exposing new ideas to tackle the rising problems UM is facing. Why not discuss these problems here? Why not write down your own proposals and find them discussed in future numbers? UM Forum is the right place.

Let me finally express my gratitude to all the many, many helpers who made the past congress a success. My thanks also to all contributors of talks and posters. May I stress that in general there was an admirable discipline as to keeping in schedule. This is certainly due to the chair persons having learned a lot during past meetings.

Claus Meier-Brook

FAUNA INVERTEBRATA EUROPAEA
BERN CONVENTION INVERTEBRATES
PROJECT
CIE/EEW/EIS

(Cartographie des Invertébrés Européens/ Erfassung der Europäischen Wirbellosen/ European Invertebrate Survey)

Over 80 invertebrate species, including several molluscs, have now been added to the Appendices of the Bern Convention - the Council of Europe's Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (see UM Newsletter no. 2, p.2, 1988)

A CIE/EEW/EIS project has been drawn up to bring together data on these species. It is intended that the results will be published in the series Fauna Invertebrata Europaea.

A CIE/EEW/EIS colloquium will take place towards the end of the year and will take the Bern Invertebrates as its theme. This will provide an opportunity to record progress on work on Bern species and to discuss problems relating to their study and conservation. The species will probably be incorporated into an EEC Directive now in preparation, concerning habitats and wildlife in need of special protection. It has to be recognized that the survey and monitoring of Bern Invertebrates will be necessary activities of both national and international agencies from now on.

Further information available from:

DR. M.C.D. Speight, Research Branch,
Wildlife Service, Sidmonton Place,
Bray, Co. Wicklow, Ireland

Sue Wells, IUCN Mollusc Specialist
Group, c/o World Conservation
Monitoring Centre, 219c Huntington
Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, U.K.

"TENTACLE"

The IUCN/SSC Mollusc Specialist Group is now producing a newsletter called "Tentacle". The first issue came out in December 1989, and the second issue is due out in summer 1990. It aims to carry information about activities of the group, as well as news on a wide variety of molluscan conservation topics around the world. Contributions will be very welcome. Please contact Fred Woodward, Natural History Dept., Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow G3 8AG, Scotland.

CLEMAM

During the Tübingen Congress, a proposal was drawn up to establish a Committee on a Checklist of the European Marine Mollusca (CLEMAM). It was agreed that UM provided the ideal forum for such a group, that the group would not require money from UM, and that time would be made available at Congresses for the group to meet.

The committee is chaired by Prof. Bedulli (Parma) with E. Platts and R. Gianuzzi-Sarelli respectively as Atlantic and Mediterranean representatives. A first circular was launched 22/02/90 and interested persons should contact Prof. D. Bedulli (Museo di Storia Naturale, V. Farini 90, I-43100 Parma, Italy)

Congress Participants:

At future Congresses, as a courtesy to non-English speaking listeners, please write the genus and species names that you use in your presentation on the blackboard, or make sure you have them clearly written in your slides. Many people have great difficulty in understanding the various English and American pronunciations of Latin names.

IN MEMORIAM

It is our sad duty to announce the death of our member

Dr. Thomas E. Thompson

(Bristol, U.K.)

He was killed in an accident on the first of January 1990. We express our condolence with his family.

IN MEMORIAM

It is our sad duty to report the death of our member since the foundation of Unitas Malacologica

Dr. G. Alan Solem

(Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.)

He passed away on the 26th of February, 1990. We send his wife and his children our condolence.

THREATENED NON-MARINE MOLLUSCS OF
EUROPE

A generous grant has been awarded this year by the Worldwide Fund for Nature UK which will enable work to go ahead on the production of a report to identify conservation priorities for threatened non-marine molluscs of Europe. The report will be compiled by Dr. June Chatfield and Sue Wells, both of whom currently work as independent consultants and have a particular interest in invertebrate conservation. It will be published by the Council of Europe (in English) in their Nature and Environment Series, by early 1991.

In 1983, following the 8th International Malacological Congress in Budapest where the need for such a report was discussed, data on the status of European molluscs began to be collected at the IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre (now the World Conservation Monitoring Centre - WCMC). This information formed the basis for a section on molluscs in the Council of Europe report "Invertebrates in need of special protection in Europe" and led to the listing of 23 molluscs on the Bern Convention in 1987. However, as a result of staff changes and financial constraints at the Conservation Monitoring Centre, the mollusc data collection and analysis was never completed. Draft annotated lists of threatened molluscs have been prepared for about 30 countries and a draft tabulation showing the IUCN threat category of each species in each country has been drawn up. WCMC have kindly made this data available and it will form the basis for the current work. New material that has been produced since 1985 will be incorporated, for example many E.I.S. mollusc mapping projects have produced important new data and a number of national Red Data Books have been published. The country sections will be sent out for review to experts and their comments incorporated. Top priority species for conservation action will be identified and data sheets compiled.

The WWF-UK grant has come at a most opportune time, as the project will be able to work with initiatives now underway for invertebrates under the Bern Convention and the proposed EEC Habitats Directive. It is hoped that the project can have a major input into the recently established European Invertebrate Survey (EIS) project to compile data for the Bern Convention invertebrates, in terms of helping to compile the mollusc data sheets and identifying possible future changes to the listings. Similarly, the project will permit refinement of the mollusc list for the proposed EEC Habitats Directive.

Many EIS Mollusc Group members and other malacologists have already given most generously of their time, when early attempts were made to carry out this project. Their data can now be put to very good use, and it is hoped that the project can be seen as an important activity of the current EIS Mollusc Group. The compilers will shortly be contacting group members and other experts to request new material. In the meantime, if anyone has information that would be of value, or would like to become involved, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Report on General Assembly of UM at
Tübingen

This is a brief report on some of the issues covered at the General Assembly; other issues are dealt with in separate notes in this newsletter.

The President reported on the work carried out to prepare the Tübingen Congress and thanked all helpers, sponsors and contributors.

The Treasurer reported that the UM accounts were very satisfactory, but emphasized that many members were in arrears with their dues. Total payment of all arrears could double the UM assets. A small effort by each member would greatly help UM and members are requested to:

1. Pay in advance
2. Pay for three years at a time
3. Send a letter if they wished to resign as a member.

There are about 10 ways to pay the dues (see Newsletter 2, or write to the Treasurer for details) including personal cheques. Payment by Postal Giro account avoids bank charges. A number of new members had joined at Tübingen and others had paid their arrears. However, many "members" still owe money. Council have therefore been forced to give a final ultimatum for those in arrears for three years or more (see p.). Although this may seem regrettable, all members will probably agree that it is essential if we are to keep the society on a firm financial basis.

The General Assembly agreed that **membership fees** should be increased by 5 SFr. to 25 SFr; the fee had remained at 20 Sfr. for 14 years. Even the reduced fee must be considered comparatively inexpensive in relation to many other international Societies. As members are aware, the fee covers a) one copy of the proceedings of each congress (regardless whether you attend this or not); 2) congress registration on reduced rate 3) and the UM Newsletter.

One important proposal made in Tübingen was that English should become the **official language** at congresses, rather than the traditional three languages. The proposal

had been signed by 45 Um members from non-English speaking countries and, when put to the General Assembly, was accepted with 63 for, 17 against and 32 abstentions. Council feels that this is strong overall endorsement of this change, although it is appreciated that some members may not be entirely happy. It has been recognised that English is fast becoming the language for scientific communication, as indicated by the fact that the proposal came from non-English speakers. The purpose of this change is therefore to ensure that the maximum number of presentations at a congress are communicated to the maximum number of participants. If a participant has major problems in communicating his or her paper in English, he/she should contact a member of the council who will try to provide assistance, for example by putting the participant in touch with an English speaker who could help (N.B. Unitas cannot provide free translation services!).

The question of **publication** of Congress **proceedings** was discussed in some detail. As explained in the first circular for the Siena Congress, a new system is to be tried. This may result in greater selection of papers to be presented and published. However all detailed summaries will be published before the Congress. It is important to understand that this is not unusual in most scientific disciplines, and is important in maintaining the standards of scientific publications produced by UM.

Work is under way on the production of **Tübingen proceedings** and symposia. Only two symposium volumes will be published: - 1) the Unionid papers are being published as an extra volume of "Advances in Limnology" and UM members will have a reduction on the selling price. - 2) The Toxoglossa papers are being published in MALACOLOGIA and will probably be also available at reduced rate. Papers from other symposia and workshops are to be included in the Proceedings as too few final manuscripts were submitted to merit separate publishing arrangements. The Proceedings are nearly all under editorial work,

each ms. being peer-reviewed, and efforts are now being made to obtain the cheapest possible estimate for printing (the Proceedings volume will come to some 800 pages).

Council apologized at the General Assembly for the excessive delay publication of Edinburgh Proceedings and outlined the problems. The current situation is as follows:

- 1) Prosobranch Phylogeny symposium - now published in Malacological Review
- 2) Opisthobranch symposium - to be published in MALACOLOGIA; papers edited and almost ready for printing.
- 3) C. M. Yonge symposium - to be published in Hong Kong through assistance provided by Brian Morton; production underway.
- 4) Extinction and Conservation symposium - to be published through IUCN in conjunction with Mollusc Conservation Action Plan produced by IUCN/SSC Mollusc Specialist Group; production underway.
- 5) Applied Malacology
No news.
- 6) Introduced Mollusk Species. Ready for printing; publisher still being sought
- 7) Proceedings - These will include all other papers, as well as those

relatively few papers submitted following the symposium on Historical Malacology and Deepsea and Coldwater Molluscs.

Any questions concerning publication of the Edinburgh proceedings and symposia should be directed to the Secretary of UM, not to the past and present Presidents.

In future there will be much closer collaboration between the UM Council and the Congress organisation, and decisions concerning publications will involve Council. This is necessary because of the increasing numbers of contributions at each Congress and escalating printing and publishing costs. The UM Council and Congress organizers are doing all they can to enable the maximum number of good contributions to be published at minimum costs. UM members can play their part by ensuring that they pay their membership dues on a regular basis.

A resolution concerning the need for increased resources to be made available for taxonomy and systematics was accepted by acclamation. A second resolution concerning a change of name for the society was deferred as it was affected by the regulations of the society.

Susan M. Wells

EDINBURGH PROCEEDINGS

The case of the Edinburgh Proceedings and (most of the) Symposium volumes is both a mystery and a tragedy. It is unknown why corresponding with the one and only editor, David Heppell (Edinburgh), proved to be virtually impossible because letters remained unanswered. It is even more puzzling why generous offers to render assistance have been neglected, often after initial verbal acceptance by him. Frustration, to say the least, among the authors who presented their papers and serious damage to *Unitas Malacologica* have resulted. The actual situation is still (June 19, 1990) very unsatisfactory, with the real magnitude of the problems unclear. Relevant data are kept secret to the UM Council.

The one bright spot is that Dr.

R.G.W. Anderson, the Director of the National Museums of Scotland, to whom I had written about the situation, informed me (Jan. 10, 1990) that "... a contribution of 5,000 Pounds may be made available (... as) a contribution being made by the National Museums of Scotland towards the cost of publication of the Proceedings of the Ninth International Malacological Congress (...)". By now the Treasurer has received this amount. However, nothing happened in addition and so I decided to try to take over the (remaining) editing and publishing. With some delay, apologizing for it, Dr. Anderson replied (May 1, 1990) "I have spoken to Mr. Heppell He agrees with the Council and has promised to send the manuscripts and original art-work to

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ANNOUNCEMENT AND FIRST CIRCULAR



Eleventh International Malacological Congress
Siena (Italy) 1992

organized by

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GIUSEPPE MANGANELLI (General Secretary
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ANNOUNCEMENT AND FIRST CIRCULAR

The Eleventh International Malacological Congress will be held in Siena in August - September 1992 (Sunday, 30 August to Saturday, 5 September are the most likely dates).

Siena is a small town situated in the heart of Chianti, south of Florence (Tuscany). It is renowned for its medieval centre, Sienese Gothic cathedral, Town Hall and Piazza del Campo where the Palio race is run, Etruscan Museum with masterpieces from many periods, the School of Music "Accademia Chigiana" and one of the oldest universities in Europe, founded at the beginning of the 13th Century.

Anyone carrying out scientific work on Mollusca may take part. There will be three parallel sessions, two for symposia and one for more general topics. Over the four days, there will be a total number of six symposia and two free lecture sections. One afternoon session will be devoted to the discussion of posters and there will be no other parallel sessions at that time. One or two volumes of extended abstracts (maximum 2 pages) will be published by the Congress organizers and distributed free of charge to participants at the registration desk. It will be mailed to U.M. members not attending the Congress. The abstracts may include an introduction, materials and methods, results, conclusions, references; up to an additional two pages (i.e. maximum total of 4 pages) may be published in the volume for an additional fee. Summaries are to be typed up on special sheets that will be distributed with the 2nd circular and the original must be sent to the congress organizers. If the topic belongs to one of the symposia, a copy should also be sent to its convenor. Participation in the symposia will be limited to invited lectures and papers selected by the symposium organizers. Colleagues wishing to take part in a symposium should write to the appropriate organizer (see below). The Proceedings of each symposium will be published in separate volumes and individual organizers will be responsible for all aspects of publication (including finance). The two free lecture sections will be on A) Marine and B) Non-marine Molluscan Phylogeny and Systematics.

Any other general papers (e.g. Applied Mal., Biogeography, Bio-monitoring, Ecology, Ecophysiology, History of Malacology, Medical Malacology, Metabolism, Neurophysiology, Toxicology) are to be presented in the poster session. Poster presentation is highly recommended and has the great advantage of permitting a more thorough discussion of results. An award will be given by a special commission for the best poster.

Malacologists interested in organizing special informal meetings during the Congress (European Invertebrate Survey; Mus. Curators; Scaphopods group; Checklist Europ. Mar. Molluscs; Opisthobranchs group; IUCN Mollusc Specialist Group; etc.) should contact Prof. Giusti.

Colleagues interested in workshops on single topics which could take place during the free lecture sections should contact Prof. Giusti as soon as possible and must take responsibility for the organization.

Several colleagues have offered to take responsibility for the organization of the symposia, and thus constitute a preliminary Scientific Programme Committee.

The following symposia will be held:

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| 1) Freshwater Bivalvia. | F.R. Woodward* & A. Bogan: |
| 2) Molluscan Reproduction. | N.W. Runham* & W.H. Heard: |
| 3) Molluscan Palaeontology | A.W. Janssen* & P. Jung: |
| 4) Molluscan Behaviour. | P.V. Hamilton* & G. Chelazzi: |
| 5) Diversity and Conservation. | A.C. van Bruggen* & S. Wells: |
| 6) Molecular Techniques and
Molluscan Phylogeny. | M.G. Harasewych* & S. Tillier: |

Please send applications to the organizer marked with an asterisk (*):

- 1) F.R. Woodward, Nat. Hist. Dept., Art Gallery & Mus., Kellingrove, Glasgow G3 8AG, Great Britain
- 2) Dr. N.W. Runham, Zool. Dept. U.C.N.W., Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2UW, Great Britain
- 3) Dr. A.W. Janssen, Rijksmus. van Geol. en Mineral, Hooglandse Kerkgracht 17, NL-2312 HS Leiden, The Netherlands
- 4) Dr. P.V. Hamilton, Dept. of Biol., Univ. of West Florida, Pensacola, FLORIDA 32306, U.S.A.
- 5) Dr. A.C. van Bruggen, Syst. Dierk., Rijksm. Nat. Hist., Postb. 9571, Raamsteeg 2, NL-2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands
- 6) Dr. M.G. Harasewich, Div. Moll., National Mus. Nat. Hist., Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560, USA

As decided at the Tübingen Congress. English will be the only congress language.

An author's name must not appear on more than two papers/posters.

The deadline for submission of extended abstracts will be
31 December 1991.

Venues: The scientific programme will be hosted in one or two University buildings, five minutes walk apart. Two large halls and a series of smaller rooms for workshops and talks will be available. Panels (1.5 m high, 0.7 m wide) will be available for posters.

On the Wednesday of the Congress (2 September 1992), there is a possibility of two different cultural-natural history excursions: one in the province of Siena, and one to the Tuscan coast. When filling in the preliminary form, please indicate whether you are interested in participating in one of these. The Wednesday will also provide opportunities for informal meetings, as at least some of the Congress buildings will remain open.

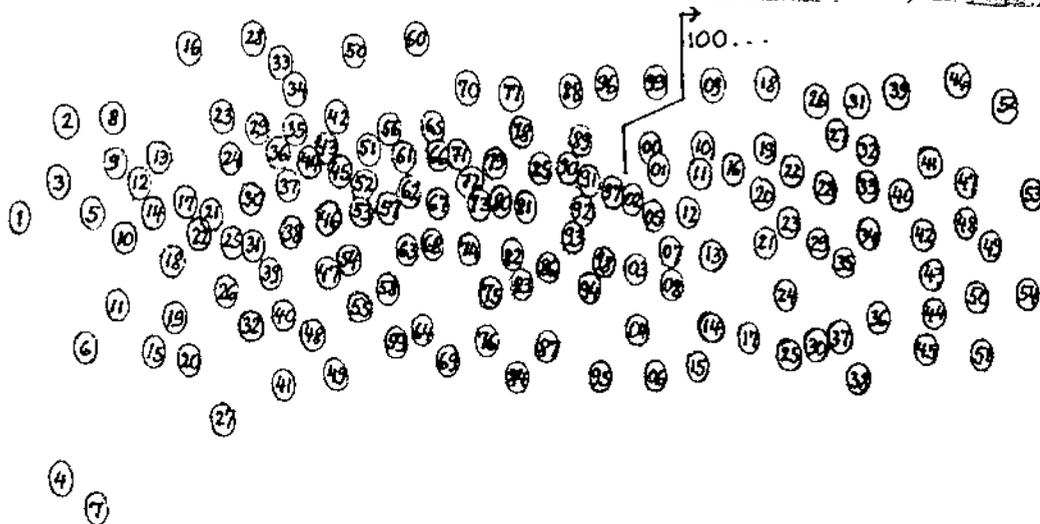
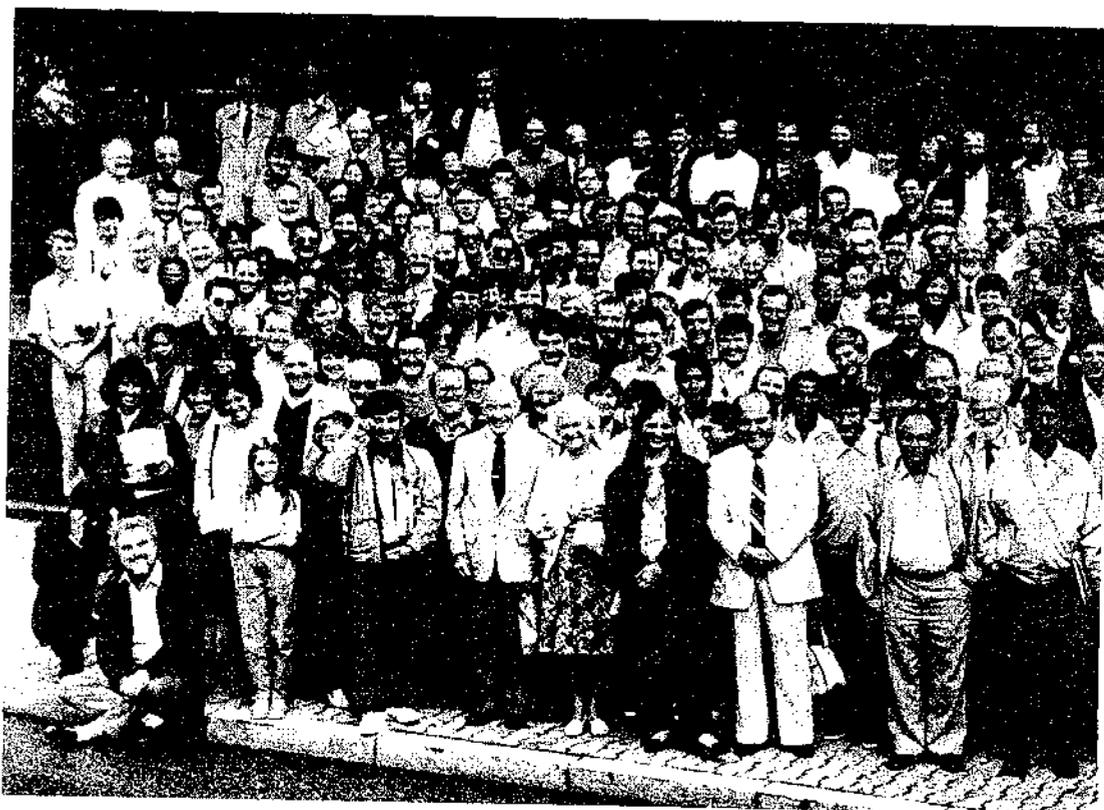
Social programmes for participants and accompanying persons are in preparation. There will be a banquet in the Contrada of the Snail, one of the 17 geographical and social divisions of Siena since medieval times.

Members of the Council of the Societa Italiana di Malacologia are investigating the possibility of an excursion to palaeontological sites in Central Italy and a SCUBA-diving excursion along the Tuscan coast, after the Congress.

Accommodation: A famous town like Siena, at the height of the holiday season, obviously has difficulty in lodging hundreds of participants. A quick preliminary application is therefore essential if you wish to reserve rooms in hotels within the town walls, which would minimize traffic problems.

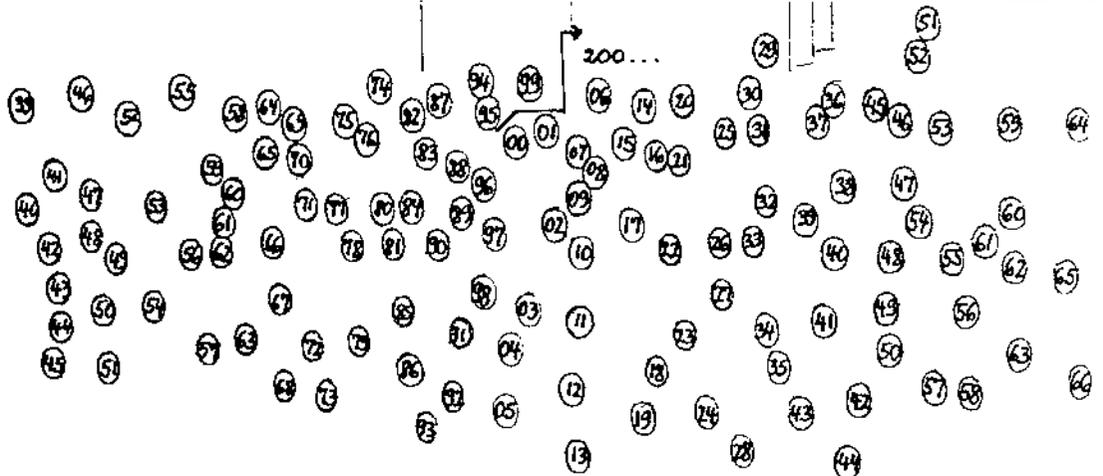
Colleagues wishing to attend the Congress are kindly requested to complete the form below as soon as possible and to return at the latest by 30 September 1990 to:

Eleventh International Malacological Congress
Prof. Folco Giusti
Dipartimento di Biologia Evolutiva
Universita di Siena
Via Mattioli 4,
I-53100 Siena, Italy



WHO WAS WHO IN TUBINGEN 1989?

2-Jungbluth, 4-Bedulli, 5-Woodward, 7-Sabelli, 8-v.Knorre, 9-Daguzan, 12-Heppell, 23-Colling, 24-Heard, 25-de Winter, 26-Schmalz, 27-Isabel Meier-Brook, 28-Kuiper, 32-Starmühlner, 38-Muley, 50-Dupouy, 56-Morton, 57-Metivier, 58-Margrit Falkner, 60-Vianey-Liaud, 61-Thomas, 62-Krolopp, 63-Beckmann, 69-Mead, 72-Pettitt, 74-Falkner, 75-Korniushin, 76-Vivii Timm, 77-Becker, 78-Sirgel, 84-Eleanor Mead, 86-v.Proschwitz, 87-Maria Jackiewicz, 89-Ponder, 90-Dannemann, 91-Hornbach, 92-Bouchet, 93-Gisela Vater, 95-Mrs. Shidrawi, 102-Scheltema, 104-Pagulayan, 109-Finet, 112-Amelie Scheltema, 115-Shidrawi, 116-Van Goethen, 121-Fioroni, 123-Beatrice Moor, 124-Morris, 125-Wisniewski, 128-Wiese, 130-daughter of Morris, 131-Bogan, 132-Groh, 134-Carole Hickman, 136-Valovirta, 137-Mrs.Morris, 138-Yousif, 140-Turner, 141-Rähle, 142-Janice Voltzow,



144-Baba, 145-Wiktor, 146-Adler, 149-Monique Richardot, 150-Richnovszky, 154-Heller, 156-Louise Russert-Kraemer, 157-v.Cosel, 157a-Kpikpi, 159-Bieler, 162-Colette Stevanovitch, 164-Dussart, 166-Jennifer Levitt, 168-Jeyabawani Subramaniam, 169-Landhäuser, 171-Kool, 172-Paget, 175-Wolff, 180-Gittenberger, 182-Gorthner, 190-Lindberg, 191-Mrs. Parodiz, 192-Schmid, 193-Elisabeth Pakarinen, 197-Mrs. van Bruggen, 199-Houbrick, 200-v.Salvini-Plawen, 202-A.van Bruggen, 203-Paula Mikkelsen, 204-Margret Costeli, 205-Meijer, 206-Haszprunar, 210-Petitjean, 211-Gabi Roth, 212-Goetting, 218-Madsen, 221-Kilias, 222-Carriker, 223-Kathe Jensen, 224-Willan, 227-Ökland, 228-Heike Wägele, 231-Pai, 233-Runham, 234-Knudsen, 238-Felix-Alves, 241-Karen Anna Ökland, 242-Delay, 243-?Pointier?, 244-Mary Yong, 245-McLean, 246-Berrie, 254-Elizabeth Platts, 256-Bandel, 257-Kristensen, 258-Elsa Meier-Brook, 259-Davis, 262-Harbeck, 263-Meier-Brook, 264-Shileyko, 266-Giusti.

Who recognizes more? Who finds mistakes?

MALACOLOGICAL CALENDAR

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON
MEDICAL AND APPLIED MALACOLOGY
At Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.
June 25-30, 1990 (deadline over).

WORLD INTERNATIONAL MALACOLOGY
EXHIBITION

370 000 shells to be exposed from
July 10 to September 10, 1990 at
Cupra Marittima, Italy. Contact
address: Mostra Mondiale Malacologia,
via Adriatica Nord 240,
Cupra Marittima, Italy.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON
LITTORINID BIOLOGY

at the Dale Fort Field Centre,
Dyfed, S. Wales, 5-12 September
1990.

Contact address: Dr. J. Grahame or
Dr. P.J.Mill, Dept. of Pure & Applied
Biology, Baines Wing, The
Univ. of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, U.K.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
CHITONS: PAST AND PRESENT

Adelaide, South Australia; 2-6 Dec.
1991. Contact address:
Mrs K.L. Gowlett-Holmes
Marine Invertebrates Section
South Australian Museum
North Terrace
Adelaide, S.Australia, 5000

Note: Our Malacological Calendar
announces events of supra-regional,
mainly international, interest. To
include meetings of national or
local associations would be beyond
our scope. When you are planning a
symposium, workshop or other meeting
of significance to malacologists
from various countries, please
inform us.

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If you find a red star on the label
of the envelope, you are in arrears
with payment of subscription for
three or more years. Please, pay
immediately. Contact the Treasurer
in case you have problems or queries.
If we do not hear from you
within two months, we cannot consider
you as a Unitas member anymore.

Report of the treasurer

Periods 1986/87, 1987/88, 1988/89

Mr. President, dear colleagues,
In September 1986, as the newly
elected treasurer, I took over all
the documents and archives of my
predecessor, Dr. Peter JUNG, and I
want to report that I found perfect
order in all his records and files.
It allowed me to make an easy start
in my new job.

Income and expenditure accounts are
compiled on the accompanying sheet.
The excess of income is due mainly
to low expenditures, e.g.:

- very low costs for council meetings,
because council members, in
general, attend council meetings
without costs to Unitas;

- no traditional request by the
president, Claus MEIER-BROOK, for
3.500 Swiss francs from Unitas to
balance the congress budget;

- economy on the mailing budget by
council members who use their
Institute budget;

- an invoice of 10.187 Austrian
shilling (1.200 Swiss francs) for
transport of the proceedings from
Budapest to Vienna and later on to
Leiden, was paid by the Natural
History Museum Vienna, thanks to
Oliver PAGET;

- for additional transport of proceedings,
a council members' personal
car was used;

- the new letterhead paper and logo
were paid for by the Royal Belgian
Institute of Natural Sciences in
Brussels.

The income should have been much
higher, however, mainly for two
reasons:

firstly, the retired president required
an additional amount of 1.885
Swiss francs from membership fees
paid through the Edinburgh Congress
office in 1986, and, I am afraid to
report, more requests may appear.

secondly, the paying habits of
Unitas Malacologica members are, in
general, not a highlight of our

organisation.

Only 125 members, or less than 1/3 of the list, have O.K.-status. Although reminders for payment were sent in 1987 & '88 to 440 listed members, many of them are still in arrears for dues for 6 years or more. I doubt if they still consider themselves as members. But why not send a letter of resignation to clear up the situation?...

Consequently, the total volume of membership dues in arrears stands at a minimum of 10.000 Swiss francs, and theoretically could even double our assets.

To improve the situation, I suggest two principles:

first, payment of membership dues in advance;

second, payment on a three year basis, in order to cover a congress-year with each payment.

This would be a small effort for each individual, but it would give Unitas substantial advantages.

Payment of contributions from overseas should be no problem at all since personal cheques are generally accepted by our Swiss bank. Moreover, there are less than 10 different ways of paying membership fees. Most of them were listed in Newsletter 1, issued July 1987.

Another bit of news (good) concerns the annual fee of 20 Swiss francs. This amount has remained unchanged for 14 years. That's the good news. Prices however are going up; and for three years Unitas members have had the service of a newsletter. So I am happy to tell you that the Council allowed me to propose to this General Assembly an increase of 5 Swiss francs on the annual fee. If accepted, the new membership fee will be 25 Swiss francs from 1/10/89. Those who paid in advance will not be asked to pay extra for the years already covered. And I'll try to change the financial year into the calendar year, with a bonus of 3 months for current members.

Any more good news: George M. DAVIS is offering Unitas publication of symposium volumes in MALACOLOGIA without any costs to Unitas.

Furthermore, you may know that certain proceedings of our congresses are almost out of stock (the Amsterdam-proceedings have even been completely out of stock for many years); again George M. DAVIS is offering Unitas a number of spare copies, so that Unitas can satisfy the demand of members, moreover with an interesting benefit for the Unitas treasurer (not personally of course).

During the council meeting in Tübingen 1988, the treasurer received permission to open a postal giro account in Belgium. This enables us to pay invoices to foreign countries without any bank charges.

Furthermore, the council asked me to investigate the possibility of opening an account for the Trust Fund in Belgium, because earlier attempts unfortunately failed.

I can now report that in Belgium it is possible to open a so-called foreign account. The currency on that account can be US\$ or DM or Pound Sterling... This system avoids conversion fees either for income or for outgoing payments.

Moreover, the account of Unitas Malacologica is exempt from advance tax payment, so the interest will be really netto.

The annual rate is at the moment 7,6% for amounts smaller than 25.000 US\$, but it goes up to 8,1% for amounts of 100.000 US\$. Furthermore there will be no management fee.

Hopefully, this information could stimulate the earlier efforts of several members to create a "Unitas Trust Fund". Thank you.

Tübingen, 27 August 1989,
(report given to the GA)

Dr. Jackie VAN GOETHEM,
Treasurer of Unitas Malacologica.

UNITAS MALACOLOGICA

Accounts for the periods 1986/87, 1987/88 and 1988/89

Income

Subscriptions:			
1986/87	.....	3,580.91 CHF	
1987/88	..... 4,095 BEF	6,355.15	
1988/89	..... 6,613	1,889.45	10,708 BEF 11,825.51 CHF
Interests:			
1986	.....	327.25 CHF	
1987	.....	178.10	
1988	.....	261.95	767.30 CHF
Income tax recovered for 1986, 1987, 1988..		268.60 CHF	268.60 CHF
Sale proceedings			
1986/87	.....	175.95 CHF	
1987/88	.....	152.00	
1988/89	..... 784 BEF	476.00	784 BEF 803.95 CHF
Unknown		24.85 CHF	24.85 CHF
Total			11,492 BEF 13,690.21 CHF

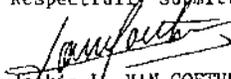
Expenditures

Income tax:			
1986	.....	114.55 CHF	
1987	.....	62.35	
1988	.....	91.70	268.60 CHF
Council Meeting Leiden, June 1987			
D. HEPPELL	.....	229.70 CHF	
Council Meeting Tübingen, June 1988			
S. WELLS	.....	408.50	
D. HEPPELL	..... 4,964 BEF		4,964 BEF 638.20 CHF
Mailing costs treasurer		432.60 CHF	
Costs of packing and distribution			
Proceedings Budapest-congress, 300 copies (invoice secretary)		1,064.05	
Printing of 50 additional copies of the Proceedings Budapest-congress (invoice KULTURA, Budapest)			
		1,244.20	
Transport proceedings			
Vienna - Tübingen (1988)		17.00	2,757.85 CHF
Total expenditure		4,964 BEF	3,664.65 CHF
Total income		11,492 BEF	13,690.21 CHF
Excess of income		6,528 BEF	10,025.56 CHF

Balance as at 14.8.1989

Balance 11.8.1986	.....		+ 6,306.11 CHF
Balance 14.8.1989	.....	+ 6,528 BEF	+ 10,025.56 CHF
Excess	.....	+ 6,528 BEF	+ 16,331.67 CHF
Assets			
- Swiss Bank Corporation, Basle (EH 10-941,085)			16,331.67 CHF
- Giro account Belgium (000-1539068-66)		6,528 BEF	

Respectfully submitted,



Jackie V. VAN GOETHEM,
Treasurer, Unitas Malacologica.

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you. (Possibly you have already received these.)(...) I hope that the problem has now been solved and that the Proceedings can now appear very shortly."

Up till now simply nothing arrived, so we will have to go on collecting frustrations and hoping for better, until this disgrace for UM has been settled as well as possible, which cannot be really good anymore. As the Secretary of Unitas Malacologica, I apologize most sincerely for this, meanwhile hoping that we will be able to find a solution for the publication of the Tübingen Proceedings and emphasizing that there are realistic plans for the Siena Proceedings and Symposium volumes. These plans should become the rule for the future with a healthy Unitas Malacologica, to the benefit of malacology.

Edmund Gittenberger

TÜBINGEN PROCEEDINGS

After some embarrassing experiences in the past you will be eager to learn what is going on with the proceedings of the Tenth International Malacological Congress, 1989. All manuscripts received until the beginning of May, 1990, have been edited as to the format (you remember: Malacological Review style). All of them have passed at least one first peer-review. The majority is now with a second reviewer. Only after their return we will send them to (first) authors. This enables them to (1) revise mss. according to reviewers' recommendations, and (2) adapt mss. to Mal.Review format at the same time. When returning mss., we will inform you about overpage charges for any printed page exceeding six (for the time being reckon with up to DM 120 per page). We will also ask those with a computer stored ms. to hand us a discette, which will enable a uniformly formatted and printed camera ready copy.

Opposite to what we had taken for granted, the German Science Foundation (DFG) does not support financing proceedings of congresses and other meetings. This implies that our estimates have been too optim-

istic and the papers accepted for publication in the Proceedings too long (6 pages). We have the choice between requesting an additional amount from you (of perhaps DM 25 to 30) or an extreme delay in publication (which might result in an Edinburgh-like situation). We prefer the former solution, as it is impossible to ask all authors to reduce their contributions in length. We will do our very best to drop an additional price for some 700 pages exhibiting world-wide malacological research as far as possible. Claus Meier-Brook

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Stability in Nomenclature

The report on the GA of the IUBS (cp. UM Newsletter No.3, p.11) made brief reference to new achievements in simplifying biological nomenclature. A more detailed account by Hawksworth and Greuter has been published in BIOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, no.19, pp.5 to 11; 1989.

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