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ANNOUNCEMENTS



**MALACOLOGY 2014:
THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAS
UNAM, MEXICO CITY
23-27 JUNE 2014**

Submitted by Paul Valentich-Scott, President AMS

We are exceptionally pleased by the massive response to the AMS meeting for 2014 entitled **Mollusca 2014: The Meeting of the Americas**. This will be the first joint meeting of the AMS, the Western Society of Malacologists, the Asociación Latinoamericana de Malacología, and the Sociedad de Malacología de México. As of this writing we have over 350 presentations, of which 150 are posters. Over 300 people have registered for the meeting, so this will be one of the largest gatherings of malacologists in recent memory.

All information is posted on our website at:

<http://sbnature.org/crc/805.html>

We are hoping to have the meeting schedule posted at our website by 1 June 2014.

We have an active Facebook page with updates on the meeting at: www.facebook.com/Mollusca2014. There are over 750 facebook members on Mollusca 2014. Please "like" the page to be part of this active community.

We have 13 exciting symposia organized as well as many contributed papers. The symposia include many molluscan topics including ecology, invasive mollusks, mollusks as environmental indicators, two sessions on terrestrial mollusks, genomics, a symposium devoted to student research, along with keynote symposia on cephalopods, opisthobranchs and bivalves of the Americas.

The Mollusca 2014 hotel is El Diplomático Hotel (www.eldiplomatico.com.mx). Reservations at the hotel are easily made through www.booking.com or www.expedia.com.

Registration forms and fees are due no later than 15 May (forms and payment information at the website listed above).

Any questions about the conference should be addressed to Paul Valentich-Scott, AMS president at pvsconfig@sbnature2.org.

See you all in Mexico City!



OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS



**THE AMERICAN MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETY 81ST
ANNUAL MEETING**

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BIOLOGICAL STATION
PELLSTON, MICHIGAN**

AUGUST 28-31, 2015

Submitted by Thomas Duda, Jr., President-elect AMS

The 81st meeting of the American Malacological Society (AMS) will take place from August 28th to 31st, 2015 at the University of Michigan Biological Station (UMBS) in Pellston, Michigan.

The program will include symposia, contributed talks and posters, possible workshops, an auction to earn funds to support student research in malacology, social events, and opportunities for local field trips. Information on meeting registration, events, schedules, accommodations, and submission of titles will be presented on the AMS website (<http://www.malacological.org/>) in early 2015. Please contact Tom Duda (tfduda@umich.edu) for further information or if you are interested in organizing a workshop or symposium to be held at the meeting.

The UMBS, the meeting's venue, is nestled "up north" adjacent to Douglas Lake, one of the many inland lakes of Michigan, on approximately 10,000 acres of mostly secondary-growth forest near the northern edge of Michigan's Lower Peninsula (about 20 minutes south of the Mackinac Bridge). With about 150 buildings on site, including an auditorium and a large seminar room, classrooms, laboratories, cabins, dorm rooms, a dorm lounge and a dining hall, the station has served students and researchers for over 100 years (see <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs> for more information). The self-contained and relatively rustic setting of the meeting should create an informal and lively

camp-like atmosphere that will provide plenty of opportunities for interactions and conversation and impromptu field excursions.

We look forward to seeing you "up north" next year!



EUROMAL 2014

**7TH CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN
MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETIES**

CAMBRIDGE, UK

7-11 SEPTEMBER, 2014

Submitted by Andreia Salvador

The Malacological Society of London is delighted to invite you to the historic city of Cambridge for EuroMal 2014. While talks from all aspects of malacology will be considered for inclusion in the programme, specific themes will include:

- Molluscan physiology and toxicology
- Next generation sequencing
- Invasive molluscs and pests
- Taxonomy and phylogenetics
- Biogeography, ecology and conservation
- Molluscs, climate and archaeology

The event will be held in the heart of the city at St. Catharine's College, with ready access to restaurants, pubs, museums and many other tourist attractions. London is just a 1hr train journey away. The College, founded in 1473, provides a wonderful mix of the old and the new, including a newly built conference centre and bar. Accommodation (single rooms only) will be available within the College, although numerous other options are available within the city.

Please note: for logistical reasons the conference will be strictly limited to 150 participants.

Registration, details and accommodation information can be found at:

<http://euromal2014.malacsoc.org.uk>

Chairman: Dr David Aldridge (St Catharine's College and Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge. d.aldridge@zoo.cam.ac.uk)



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Freshwater Mollusks Seminar

Submitted by Marilyn Mayer

This summer Art Bogan is teaching a week-long seminar entitled Freshwater Mollusks of the Northeast: Ecology, Distribution and Identification at the Eagle Hill Institute.

Dates: July 20 - 26, 2014

Instructor: Art Bogan

Location: Eagle Hill Institute, Steuben, ME

For general program information, go to:

<http://www.eaglehill.us/programs/nhs/natural-history-seminars.shtml>

For 2014 Courses, go to:

<http://www.eaglehill.us/programs/nhs/nhs-calendar.shtml>

For more information contact marilyn@eaglehill.us

**Molluscan Musing Blog**

Submitted by Charles Lydeard

Members of the AMS are invited to have a look at the molluscan musings blog at <http://molluscanmusings.blogspot.com/>



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS

16th Mid Atlantic Malacologists Meeting

Submitted by Liz Shea

The 16th Mid Atlantic Malacologists (MAM) meeting was held on March 29, 2014 at the Delaware Museum of Natural History (DMNH). Twenty-seven amateur, student, and professional molluscan biologists spent the day talking about all aspects of mollusks – from merchandizing to molecules. The sixteen talks, listed below in alphabetical order, show the diversity topics and taxa addressed during this marathon day.

Make plans to join us in March 2015!



Figure 1. The Mid-Atlantic Malacologists at the Delaware Museum of Natural History. Photograph courtesy of Aydin Örstan.

Talks presented at the MAM 2014 meeting:

- Adam Baldinger, In search of the Giant Squid.....at the Museum of Comparative Zoology?
- Matt Blaine, A survey for the presence of Corbicula and fresh water mussels in Sussex County, Delaware.
- Francisco Borrero, Parental care in land snails.
- Paul Callomon, Robot specimen mount.
- Marla Coppolino, The Snail Wrangler: filling the gaps in land snail awareness and education.
- Carlo Magenta Cunha, Implications of ontogeny in the taxonomy of the genus *Aplysia* (Heterobranchia, Anaspidea).
- Rich Goldberg, Field observations of the genus *Pleurodonte* in Jamaica.
- Jessica Goodheart, Evolution of nematocyst sequestration in Cladobranchian nudibranch.
- Ken Hayes & Norine Yeung, Hawaiian land snail conservation.
- Aydin Örstan, The annual growth cycle of *Megapallifera mutabilis* (Pulmonata: Philomycidae) in a Maryland Forest.
- Megan Paustian & Tim Pearce, The likely effects of global warming upon the distributions of Pennsylvania land snails.
- Tim Pearce and Chelsea Arnold, Decline of the Tiger Snail *Anguispira alternata* in Pennsylvania.
- Makiri Sei, Next generation sequencing for malacological systematics.

- Colleen Winters, Upstream or downstream? Land snail *Ventridens ligera* (Say, 1821) population structure in the Potomac River watershed.
- Norine Yeung, Torsten Durken, Wallace Meyer III, Robert Cowie, Kenneth Hayes. Evaluating land snail sampling techniques: to sieve or not to sieve?
- James Young, C.F. Reed's *Cepaea nemoralis* collections.



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