Pre-conference programme

**Saturday, 19 July 2008**

13:00 to 17:00  Registration (museum building)

**Sunday, 20 July 2008**

09:00  Excursion: “Saxon Switzerland – Elbe Sandstone Mountains”  
(easy hiking route) http://www.saechsische-schweiz.de  
(not included in the conference fee, price: 15 €)  
meeting point in front of the Humboldt-Haus

15:00 to 18:00  Registration (museum building)

17:30 to 19:00  Meeting of the CIM Council  
(Hotel “Börse”)

19:00  Come-together meeting (included in the conference fee);  
(seminar room, museum building)

Conference programme

**Monday, 21 July 2008**

Lectures will be held in the Lecture Hall, Humboldt-Haus, Platz des 17. Juni 2/3 (see map). Posters will be displayed in the seminar room in the main building, Am Museum 1.

08:00 to 9:00  Registration (entrance to the Lecture Hall, “Humboldt-Haus”)

08:00 to 9:00  Installation of posters (seminar room, museum building)

09:00  Official conference opening  
welcome addresses

Prof. Dr Willi Xylander  
Director of the State Museum of Natural History Görlitz

Dr Eva-Maria Stange  
State Minister of Science and Art

Joachim Paulick  
Lord Mayor of the City of Görlitz
Section 1 – Evolution, phylogeny and comparative morphology

09:30 to 13:00

Chairman: B. Meidell, Bergen (Norway)

09:30-Keynote speaker:
C. Müller, Rostock (Germany) “Many ways to reach the goal – how evolutionary morphology may help to settle phylogenetic controversies about Myriapoda”

10:15-G. D. Edgecombe, London (UK) “Phylogeny of the Scolopendromorpha (Chilopoda) – the morphological evidence”
M. Koch, Berlin (Germany)

10:35-M. Koch, Berlin (Germany) “Evolution of the gizzard in the Scolopendromorpha (Chilopoda)”
S. Pärschke, Berlin (Germany)
G. D. Edgecombe, London (UK)

10:55-G. D. Edgecombe, London (UK) “A century plus years later and another round of scutigeromorph phylogeny, focusing on higher-level systematics and the use of molecular data for addressing species problems”
G. Giribet, Cambridge (USA)

11:15 to 11:35 Coffee break

11:35-K. Pitz, Chicago (USA) “Phylogenetics of the order Spirobolida (Diplopoda, Helminthomorpha)”
P. Sierwald, Chicago (USA)

11:55-A. Chagas, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) “The phylogenetic analysis of the centipedes Scolopocryptopinæ (Chilopoda, Scolopendromorpha)”

12:15-A. Sombke, Jena (Germany) “Brain structure of Scutigera coleoptrata (Myriapoda, Chilopoda): new insights into the evolution of mandibulate olfactory centers”
S. S. Harzsch, Jena (Germany)
B. Hansson, Jena (Germany)

12:35-O. Kraus, Hamburg (Germany) “Similarity or relationship? Comparison of extant spined polydesmoids and Late Carboniferous archipolypods (Diplopoda)”

13:00 to 14:30 Lunch break
## Section 2 – Embryology, post-embryonic development and life history

14:30 to 17:00

**Chairman:** J.-J. Geoffroy, Brunoy (France)

### 14:30

**Keynote speaker:**

W. Damen, Cologne (Germany)  
“Embryonic and post-embryonic development of myriapods”

### 15:15

L. Drago, Padova (Italy)  
G. Fusco, Padova (Italy)  
A. Minelli, Padova (Italy)  
“Becoming adult: the impact of gonopods on male millipede trunk anatomy”

### 15:35

E. Lazanyi, Budapest (Hungary)  
Z. Korsós, Budapest (Hungary)  
“Fluctuating asymmetry of millipedes”

### 16:00 to 16:20

Coffee break

### 16:20

M. Leśniewska, Poznań (Poland)  
L. Bonato, Padova (Italy)  
G. Fusco, Padova (Italy)  
“Segmental abnormalities in a Polish population of Stigmatogaster subterranea (Chilopoda, Geophilimorpha): a multi-year survey”

### 16:40

M. Short, Burwood Vict. (Australia)  
C. Huynh, Burwood Vict. (Australia)  
“Determining the life history of the bristly millipede Phryssonotus novaehollandiae: how different are synxenids from polyxenids?”

### 17:00

S. Simaiakis, Irakleio (Greece)  
“Geographic variation in segment number in Himantarium gabrielis (Chilopoda, Himantariidae) and the hypothesis of a cryptic species in Apennine peninsula”

### 17:30 to 18:00

Poster session I (Section 4)  
(seminar room, museum building)

### 18:15

Photo session on the steps of the City Hall

### 18:30

Reception with the Lord Mayor of Görlitz followed by a guided tour “Görlitz by Night”
Tuesday, 22 July 2008

Section 3 – Physiology and functional anatomy

09:00 to 10:25

Chairman: W. Damen, Cologne (Germany)

09:00
Keynote speaker: J. Rosenberg, Essen (Germany) “Comparative and functional morphology in Chilopoda: facts and gaps”

09:45
G. Kania, Lublin (Poland) “Elements of the *Glomeris hexasticha* (Brandt, 1833) (Glomerida, Diplopoda)”

10:05
E. O. Horneland, Valevaag (Norway) “Post-embryonic development of *Strigamia maritima* (Leach, 1817) (Chilopoda, Geophilomorpha, Linotaeniidae), with emphasis on how to separate the different stages”

10:25
W. Xylander, Görlitz (Germany) “Haemolysins and other potential antibiotic haemolymph proteins from Diplopoda and Chilopoda”

10:45 to 11:05 Coffee break

Section 4 – Advances in systematics and biodiversity

11:05 to 17:10

Chairman: O. Kraus, Hamburg (Germany)

11:05
Keynote speaker: H. Enghoff, Copenhagen (Denmark) “What is taxonomy?”

11:50
W. Dohle, Berlin (Germany) “Panarthropoda – Arthropoda – Euarthropoda On names, terms and sense”

12:10
St. Negrea, Bucharest (Romania) “Critical evaluation of specimens of the *Lithobius validus*-group Meinert (Chilopoda: Lithobiidae) in the collections of Z. Matic and S. Negrea”

12:30
N. Akkari, Tunis (Tunisia) “Biodiversity, distribution and habitat preferences of the Tunisian millipedes (Diplopoda)”
12:50
L. Bonato, Padova (Italy)  
A. Minelli, Padova (Italy)  “Geophilomorph centipedes in the Mediterranean region: revising taxonomy opens new evolutionary vistas”

13:10 to 14:30 Lunch break

Chairwoman: K. Voigtländer, Görlitz (Germany)

14:30
J. Lewis, London (UK)  “A review of the characters used in the taxonomy of Cryptops (subgenus Cryptops) (Scolopendromorpha, Cryptopidae)”

14:50
A. Schileyko, Moscow (Russia)  “New record of Ectonocryptopinae from Belize with a critical survey of current knowledge of the systematics of the order Scolopendromorpha”

15:10
R. Mesibov, Launceston (Australia)  “New and little-used morphological characters in Polydesmida (Diplopoda)”

15:30 to 15:50 Coffee break

15:50
P. Sierwald, Chicago (USA)  “A world-wide species catalog for the class Diplopoda”

16:10
P. Djursvoll, Bergen (Norway)  “The geographical distribution and morphological variation in Polydesmus coriaceus Porat, 1870, including description of a new species from Spain”

16:30
M. Short, Melbourne (Australia)  C. Huynh, Melbourne (Australia)  “A new Australian species of bristly millipede in the family Polyxenidae raises questions about the genus Propolyxenus”

16:50
H. Read, Farnham Common (UK)  H. Enghoff, Copenhagen (Denmark)  “Siphonophoridae: review and evaluation of taxonomic characters following the study of a collection from Brazil”

17:20 to 19:00 Poster session II (Section 2, 6 and 7)  (seminar room, museum building)
Wednesday, 23 July 2008

09:00 Excursion to the “Upper Lusatia Heath and Pond Landscape Biosphere Reserve”
http://www.biosphaerenreservat-oberlausitz.de
meeting in front of the Humboldt-Haus

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10:45 St. Negrea, Bucharest (Romania)

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11:05 to 11:25 Coffee break

11:25 I. Kos, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

“Centipedes of the Dinaric Mountains (Europe)”

11:45

J. Tufova, Olomouc (Czech Republic)
K. Pavelková, Olomouc (Czech Republic)
K. Tajovsky, České Budějovice (Czech Republic)
Ivan H. Tuf, Olomouc (Czech Republic)
J. Štrichelová, Olomouc (Czech Republic)

“Millipedes and centipedes of the White Carpathians, Czech Republic”

Section 5 – Myriapod distribution: faunistics and biogeography

Thursday, 24 July 2008

09:00 to 15:35

Chairman: H. Enghoff, Copenhagen (Denmark)

09:00

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S. I. Golovatch, Moscow (Russia)
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12:05
A. Mock, Košice (Slovakia) “Distribution of millipedes (Diplopoda) along a climatic inversion compared to their thermopreferences: a case study from the Zadiel Gorge (Slovakia)”
V. Sustr, České Budějovice (Czech Republic)
B. Molitorisova, Košice (Slovakia)
J. Hamorsky, Košice (Slovakia)

12:25
H. Hauser, Groß Glienicke (Germany) “Zoogeography of the millipedes (Diplopoda) of eastern Germany”
K. Voigtländer, Görlitz (Germany)

12:45 to 14:15 Lunch break

Chairman: J. Lewis, London (UK)

14:15
E. Stöckli, Basel (Switzerland) “The fauna of the Swiss Chilopoda: a checklist”

14:35
T. Wesener, Bonn (Germany) “Phylogeny and biogeography of Giant Pill-Millipedes, with a special emphasis on endemic species from Madagascar (Diplopoda, Sphaerotheriida)”

14:55
M. Hamer, Scottsville (South Africa) “Conservation of the millipede (Diplopoda) fauna of the Drakensberg Mountains of South Africa”
R. Slotow, Scottsville (South Africa)

15:15
D. Nguyen, Hanoi (Vietnam) “The millipede family Polydesmidae recorded in Vietnam for the first time, with a description of a new species (Diplopoda, Polydesmida)”

15:40 to 16:00 Coffee break

Section 6 – Ecology and community studies

16:00 to 17:25
Chairwoman: P. Sierwald, Chicago (USA)

16:00
Keynote speaker: J.-F. David, Montpellier (France) “Ecology of millipedes in the context of global change”

16:45
A. Barber, Ivybridge (UK) “Littoral myriapods”

17:05
E. Kondeva, Sofia (Bulgaria) “Millipedes (Diplopoda) in recreation zones at the foot of Lozen Mountain (Bulgaria)”

17:30 to 18:45 Poster session III (Section 1, 3 and 5) (seminar room, museum building)
Friday, 25 July 2008

Section 6 – Ecology and community studies

09:00 to 11:20

Chairman: S. I. Golovatch, Moscow (Russia)

09:00
K. Tájovský, České Budějovice (Czech Republic)
K. Aurová, České Budějovice (Czech Republic)

“Millipede and centipede assemblages in deciduous woodlands affected by ungulate activities”

09:20
J. Wytwer, Warsaw (Poland)
S. I. Golovatch, Moscow (Russia)
L. Penev, Sofia (Bulgaria)

“Variation in millipede assemblages in oak woodlands of the eastern European plain (Diplopoda)”

09:40
M. Jabin, Cologne (Germany)
W. Topp, Cologne (Germany)

“Microclimate and the distribution pattern of centipedes”

10:00
J.-J. Geoffroy, Brunoy (France)
S. Salmon, Brunoy (France)

“Responses of myriapod communities (Diplopoda & Chilopoda) to environmental management of grassland, woodland and moorland ecosystems in central France (Brenne Natural Park)”

10:20
M. Ion, Bucharest (Romania)

“The chilopod fauna in urban environments in the city of Bucharest”

10:40
P. Riedel, M. Navrátil, I. Tuf, J. Tufová, Olomouc (Czech Republic)

“Distribution of centipedes and millipedes in medium-sized town (Hodon and Jičín, Czech Republic)”

11:00
T. Grgič, Lubljana (Slovenia)

“Comparison of centipede catch with two different sampling methods”

11:20 to 11:40 Coffee break
Section 7 – The smaller groups: Onychophora, Symphyla, Pauropoda

11:40 to 13:25

Chairman: W. Xylander, Görlitz (Germany)

11:40

Keynote speaker:
H. Ruhberg, Hamburg (Germany)  “Researching Onychophora: old knowledge and new insights”

12:25

G. Mayer, Melbourne (Australia)  “Structure and development of the onychophoran nervous system and the evolution of Panarthropoda”
S. Harzsch, Jena (Germany)
P. M. Whittington, Melbourne (Australia)

12:45

N. Tait, Lane Cove (Australia)  “Cryptic speciation in the Onychophora”
J. Norman, Sydney (Australia)
C. Edwards, Canberra (Australia)

13:05

S. R. Daniels, Matieland (South Africa)  “Spectacular speciation evident among South African velvet worms (Onychophora, Peripatopsidae, *Peripatopsis*): conservation implications”
M. Picker, Rondebosch (South Africa)
M. L. Hamer, Scottsville (South Africa)

15:00 to 17:00  General Assembly

19:00  Farewell dinner and official end

Outside the conference programme

Saturday, 26 July 2008

09:00  Sight-seeing tour to Dresden, Capital of Saxony
      Accommodation in Dresden is possible.
      (not included in the conference fee, price: 20 €)
      meeting point in front of the Humboldt-Haus
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