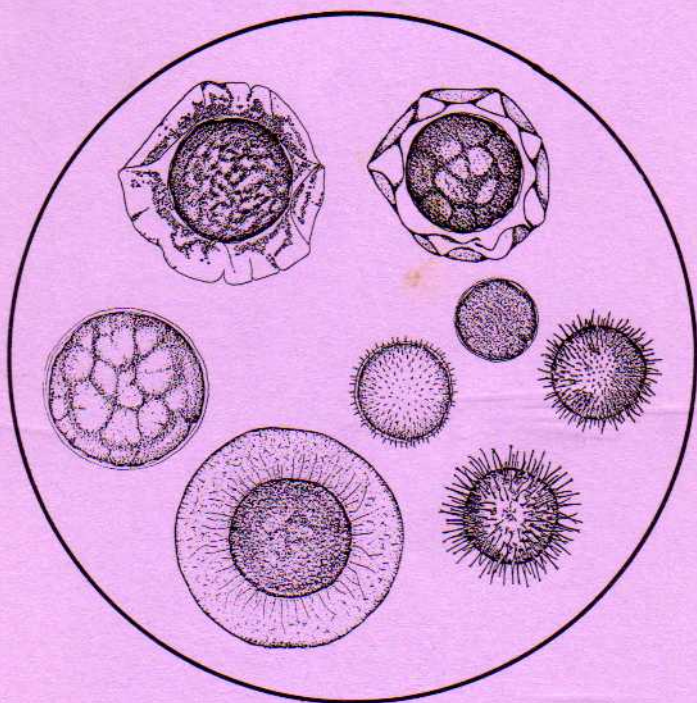


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EDITORIAL

We are all looking back to a most interesting and stimulating conference - the 7th ICOC held in Curitiba. Thanks again to the organizers and their many helping hands! In this autumn issue of MONOCULUS we will include letters of Rubens Lopes, Horst Kurt Schminke and the new president Geoff Boxshall with resumés on this event. In particular we will present the talk of Carlos da Rocha in honour of Tagea Björnberg - to whom this conference was dedicated.

Some sad news also - Arthur Humes, founding member, past president of the WAC and most proliferative Copepod systematist (more than 600 copepod species were described by him) has passed away on the 16th October while being on the way to his lab at Woodshole. An obituary by J.-s. Ho will follow this editorial.

The MONOCULUS 37 spring issue has been transferred to the MONOCULUS homepage (<http://www.hrz.uni-oldenburg.de/monoculus>).

A compilation of all WAC-member addresses is available upon request from Hans-U. Dahms. In particular, we thank Geoff Boxshall, J.-s. Ho, Gerry Marten, Carlos Rocha, Eduardo Soares Morales, Melckzedek Osore, Jens Hoeg, Rubens Lopes, and Horst Kurt Schminke for their contributions. Angelika Sievers, Herta Sauerbrey, and Hilde Juhl are thanked for substantial help with the text, and Mark Pottek for garnishing it with caricatures.

In view of the fact that about 350 colleagues are receiving the MONOCULUS newsletter, much more active participation would be desirable. Please, don't hesitate to send us all information that you consider interesting. Candidate members - without further notice - are requested to send a short biography.

For some time, MONOCULUS has been gathering reprints in the MONOCULUS library. You will find those here under "LITERATURE" marked by an asterisk. Therefore, keep or put MONOCULUS on your mailing list.

We wish all WAC-members a peaceful Christmas and a good and cheerful start into the new millennium!!!

Mailing

Looking at your address label you will find some additional information. This is to remind you of your status in relation to WAC and when to pay the next dues. **Members with dues waived will be removed from the mailing list.**

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† Arthur Grover Humes

22 January 1916 - 16 October 1999

Arthur G. Humes died 16 October 1999 on his way to work at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. He had devoted his professional life to research on copepods, particularly copepods symbiotic with marine invertebrates.

Born on 22 January 1916 in Seekonk, Massachusetts, Arthur G. Humes graduated with a B.A. in 1937 from Brown University. Arthur originally considered a career as a parasitologist and entered Louisiana State University, earning his M.S. in Zoology in 1939. He entered the doctoral program of the eminent parasitologist H. J. Van Cleave at the University of Illinois and completed an extensive study of the parasitic ribbon worms *Carcinonemertes*. Arthur experienced his first close encounter with symbiotic copepods while collecting parasitic nemerteans from the gills and egg masses of various crabs. He was awarded his Ph.D. in 1941. In that year he published his first paper on copepods, about a new species of harpacticoid copepod, *Cancrincola plumipes*, recovered from the gill chamber of a marsh crab that he had collected while studying the parasitic ribbon worms of crabs at Louisiana State University's Marine Laboratory located at Grand Isle, Louisiana.

Upon graduation, Arthur took a teaching position with the Department of Biology at the University of Buffalo in the upstate New York. However, with the outbreak of the World War II, he was drafted in 1942 to serve in the United States Navy and worked at its medical unit in charge of malaria control. There he had an opportunity to apply his knowledge of parasitology during his military service as a Lieutenant Commander stationed in the South Pacific. Toward the end of World War II in 1945, with the northward movement of the frontlines from the South Pacific to Saipan, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, the military life in Kalimantan (Borneo) became relatively relaxed. Thus, Arthur found a little time to resume his life-long hobby of beach combing for invertebrates, and was able to collect copepods associated with crabs and mud shrimps at Tarakan on the northeast coast of Kalimantan, Indonesia. This collecting experience in Indonesia further stimulated Arthur's interest in copepods, and throughout his life he made frequent trips to the tropics to collect symbiotic copepods.

Arthur received his honorable discharge from the U.S.N.R. in 1946 and returned to the U. S. to teach at University of Connecticut for a year before taking a teaching position in 1947 at Boston University. He was affiliated with this institution till his retirement in 1981. In 1970 Arthur was asked to become Director of the Boston University Marine Program, newly established at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, the center of marine biology of North America. Accepting the position would require Arthur to move from Boston, and to assume administrative responsibility with which he was not especially comfortable. He did accept the directorship and made the Boston University Marine Program one of the finest marine programs in the world. In 1981, Arthur retired from the program, but continued work at the Marine Biological Laboratory. He soon agreed to a different set of responsibilities for the newly established The Crustacean Society, editor of the Journal of Crustacean Biology. He produced the first issue of the journal in 1981. Under his guidance it has become the leading international journal of crustacean research with exacting standards of quality for published manuscripts. He was to retire from the editorship at the end of 1999. Knowing his firm intent to retire, The Crustacean Society secretly planned in 1998 to publish a special issue of the Journal in 2000 to honor Arthur's great service and contribution to the Society.

In June 1954, Arthur took his first sabbatical leave, supported by a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. He traveled to the French-speaking West African countries of Senegal, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, and Congo where he collected copepods associated with various marine invertebrates. Before returning to Boston

in June 1955, Arthur made a decision of significance to his research career. With the remaining funds from his fellowship he decided to fly across Africa to Station Océanographique de Nosy Bé on a tiny island off the northeastern shore of Madagascar, the large island off the east coast of Africa. At Nosy Bé he found a great diversity of marine invertebrates and their symbiotic copepods. So rewarding were his collecting efforts that he returned to Nosy Bé three times in the 60's to collect copepods: in 1960 during an expedition sponsored by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia; in 1963-64 as a leader of the U. S. Program of Biology under the auspice of the International Indian Ocean Expedition; and in 1967 through a grant from the U. S. National Science Foundation. In 1993 Arthur published a catalogue containing 244 species of copepods that he had described and collected from Nosy Bé. But, that is not all, he had not yet touched on the many collections of notodelphyids and ascidicolids that were obtained from the tunicates. His collecting effort was not confined to Nosy Bé, Madagascar. With continuous support from the U. S. National Science Foundation, he went to collect in 1969 at Eniwetok Atoll of Marshall Islands, in 1971 at New Caledonia, and in 1975 during the Alpha Helix East Asia Bioluminescence Expedition to Mollucas.

In the 50's Arthur completed his studies of copepods collected during his sabbatical leave to West Africa. During the 60's he published mostly on the copepods collected from West Indies and Nosy Bé. In the 70's there was a gradual shift in his studies from the Caribbean Sea and western Indian Ocean to the copepods living in association with various invertebrates occurring in Eniwetok Island, Mollucas, and New Caledonia. Arthur began in the 80's to publish his works on the copepods collected in the water around deep-sea hydrothermal vents, which had been discovered in the late 70's, as well as the copepods associated with vent animals.

Arthur's greatest contribution to copepodology is his discovery and description of many symbiotic copepods which occur in association with a diversity of marine animals, ranging from primitive sponges to more specialized marine mammals. In his half century (1941-1999) of work, he published more than 250 papers and monographs on the symbiotic copepods, described no less than 650 new species and created more than 140 new genera and 16 new families. An exact number of species and genera of copepods new to science cannot be determined at this time because there are manuscripts by Arthur either in press or submitted for publication. In the history of copepodology, no copepod taxonomist has been as productive.

More than a wonderfully effective taxonomist, Arthur was a distinguished teacher as well as an excellent editor and director of scientific programs. In 1983 he served as President of the American Microscopical Society; in 1990 he was elected President of the World Association of Copepodologists. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Research Associate at the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard University. In 1982, William Jaspersohn, a popular writer of a series of photodocumentary books, selected Arthur among the many eminent marine biologists in Woods Hole to be the model of his new book "A Day in the Life of a Marine Biologist". The book describes Arthur's day, work in his office and laboratory, plus a field trip with students in his class in marine invertebrate zoology. It is a book very pleasantly read, about a kind and considerate gentleman who also is an excellent biologist and scholar.

Arthur is well known among his associates, colleagues, and students as a kind and considerate gentleman. This courteous nature of Arthur is also revealed in his works on the symbiotic copepods. From time to time he would produce review articles or monographs for a group of copepods or a group of hosts with all of the reported copepod associates, in order to facilitate an easy way for the interested biologists to follow. Some notable examples of such works are in his reviews of the lichomolgid-complex, xarifid copepods, poecilostomatoids associated with soft corals, copepods of holothurians, and copepods associated with sea anemones.

In his more than half-a-century affiliation with Boston University, the hardworking Arthur enthusiastically directed many of his students along the path of parasitology, copepodology, and marine invertebrate zoology that he had gingerly paved. Aside from being the teacher, mentor, and director of his students, Arthur served also the role of guardian to them. Every day at work, he would have in his office a tea time in the morning and a coffee break in the afternoon for his students to get together to relax, joke around, and talk about anything. Five of his former students followed his footsteps in copepodology, they are Roger F. Cressey, Masahiro Dojiri, Ju-shey Ho, John P. Murnane, and David C. Rosenfield. Arthur will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues around the world in addition to his former students.

Ju-shey Ho (prepared with help from Frank D. Ferrari)

7th International Conference On Copepoda – Curitiba, Brazil

It was a great pleasure to host our triennial conference last July. We enjoyed every minute of those busy days behind the scenes! Many thanks to all 228 attendants from 37 countries who contributed with their presentations (a total of 142 posters and 64 talks), discussions and interesting conversations. Hope that you profited from the scientific and social activities as much as we did. Being aware of the difficulties in raising travel funds these days, we were extremely happy to meet so many colleagues in Curitiba. I'd like to point out that graduate students working on the different aspects of copepod research comprised 40% of the audience – such figure seems to reflect the exponential growth phase of our world association! We are now working hard on the submitted manuscripts and expect to finish the first round of revisions in a few more weeks. With our warmest regards,

Rubens M. Lopes (Ilhéus)
On behalf of the Organizing Committee

Report on the preconference workshop in São Sebastião 20 – 23 July 1999

"COEPEPOD DIVERSITY IN THE NEOTROPIS: PRESENT KNOWLEDGE AND NEW DIRECTIONS FOR RESEARCH"

Everything was perfect. It was my first trip to South America. Carlos Rocha awaited his guests at the airport in São Paulo. We were taken by taxi to the Lorena Flat Hotel in the city where others had already spent a night and from where a bus took us to São Sebastião. A welcome reception in the evening at the Ana Doce Hotel allowed first contacts with South American copepodologists among whom there were some I knew only from the literature. The next morning we sat in the lecture room of CEBIMar (Centro de Biologia Marinha), the marine research station of the University of São Paulo, a few kilometres outside São Sebastião with a magnificent view down to the sea. Steps that were easy the way down led to the beach which is the type locality of a number of copepod species. Tagea Björnberg was full of stories about the history of the station of which she herself was a prominent part.

The parade of neotropical copepods began. First came the parasitic and associated copepods, then the marine ones followed by a long row of freshwater copepods representing different nationalities and introduced first from north to south in the following order: Mexico; Nicaragua, Colombia, Venezuela, Guayana, Surinam, French Guayana, then from south to

north in the sequence Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, to end up with Brazil. As German speaking authors had left their marks in every country a summary was finally given of their achievements and taxonomic legacy written in German and of no easy access for today's South American copepodologists. This parade took one and a half days.

Before discussing the results we were introduced to a research programme of the State of São Paulo for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use which was impressive not only because of its concept but also because of the funds available for it. Nothing equivalent can be found in Germany and in many other European countries either. Inspired by such prospects the group discussions produced recommendations for future research on neotropical copepods without aiming at formulating concrete research plans. These recommendations reveal the enormous amount of work that remains to be done starting with very basic taxonomic work. When this has been done phylogenetic and biogeographic studies may follow. The prospects were discussed further on a bus tour to the historical town of Paraty and the national reserve Parque Estadual da Serra do Mar – Nucleo Picinguaba. Finally a summary was produced which was shown as a poster at the Curitiba conference.

The organizers had done a marvellous job. As I said at the onset, everything was perfect. The next step must be concrete research projects. Without them the workshop would not be the signal it was meant to be. Here are the main conclusions and recommendations:

Gaps:

a) In taxonomic knowledge

In Brazil, very little is known about parasitic and associated copepods, marine benthic and planktobenthic copepods, and harpacticoid copepods in general. In other Latin American countries harpacticoids also are sorely in need of study. Certain groups of copepods are important in aspects of public health, fisheries, aquaculture and threatened habitats, and their study is directly relevant to and justifiable to promote human welfare.

b) In taxonomic expertise

There are some 44 taxonomists and other specialists capable of identifying copepods in Latin America, geographically distributed as follows: Brazil (13), Mexico (10), Nicaragua (2); Costa Rica (1); Colombia (2); Venezuela (2); Bolivia (2); Chile (5); Uruguay (1); and Argentina (10). Regional directories of taxonomists would be useful. The future of taxonomic research appears uncertain because of the lack of positions and low levels of support for taxonomic projects from governments.

c) In geographical coverage

Areas especially in need of investigation include: the Mexican deserts, Nicaraguan lowlands including coastal areas, the Central American bridge, the high Andean lakes, the Orinoco basin, Caribbean and Bolivian lowlands, and the Chaqueña biogeographical province. There are extensive geographical lacunae including the entire country of Guyana.

d) In habitat sampling

Certain kinds of habitats are of special interest, because they are poorly known, or may harbour especially species-rich and/or endemic copepod faunas. These include the non-limnetic zones of lakes, river systems, cryptic habitats (such as the psammon, hyporheos, and phytothelmata), coastal ecosystems, and coral reefs.

Taxonomic tools

Collections are vital resources. Identifying and rescuing "orphan" collections as well as organising directories of regional collections are also very important.

It was strongly recommended that voucher specimens from ecological surveys should be deposited in museums. Taxonomists are encouraged to produce user-friendly keys, and articles on new taxa may usefully include sections with updated keys. Phylogenetic studies should be encouraged.

Training needs

Regional or even international courses on copepod identification would provide good opportunities for junior taxonomists and ecologists to learn about identification of various groups and to improve the quality of determination of local faunas. Scholarships are required to facilitate the participation of students. Courses in phylogenetic and molecular methods should also be emphasised. The series of meetings of the "Congreso Brasileiro de Plâncton" should be reactivated.

The question of introduced / invasive species in the neotropics

Organizing a directory of invasive species and likely routes of invasion is desirable. The focus should be on estuaries and port areas. We recommend controls on ballast water, and on imported and translocated fish and crustaceans, particularly in regard to management of parasitic copepods.

Vulnerable / endangered species and habitats

An array of human activities constitute potential threats to the neotropical fauna. These include construction of dams, urban/industrial development, pollution, tourism and associated development, deforestation, and gold mining. Areas especially in need of protection are wetlands, anchialine environments, karstic habitats, mangrove areas, and saline lakes. Specialists are encouraged to alert government agencies to the existence of species of concern, i.e., *Microdiaptomus* and certain species of *Boeckella*, for example by listing them in Red Data Books.

Biogeographical indicators

Useful biogeographical indicator taxa could be hypogean harpacticoids, Diaptomidae, and Boeckellidae. Comparative studies of the South American and African faunas, as well as those of Patagonia / Antarctica / Australia would certainly contribute to the understanding of the biogeography of those continents or regions. The origin of island faunas should be better investigated. Supposedly cosmopolitan and/or amphiatlantic taxa require re-examination.

Horst Kurt Schminke (Oldenburg)

FAREWELL TO CURITIBA

by Geoff Boxshall - President elect of the WAC

It is my very pleasant duty as new President of the WAC to collectively express the heartfelt gratitude of the copepodological community to the organisers of the Seventh International Conference on Copepoda held last July in Curitiba, Brazil. It is all too easy, as we fly to and from conferences, to forget that this intense week of communication and science represents just the tip of a massive iceberg to the organisers. Rubens Lopes, the local organising committee and the legion of willing helpers had been hard at work for months and months before we arrived - preparing programmes, abstract books, websites, searching for funds and answering countless questions from participants. They are still at work now, with the editing of the proceedings volume. It was only through their sustained efforts and detailed planning that we all had rooms, food, entertainment, local transport and a science programme that did justice to our research.

So, on behalf of all the participants at the 7th ICOC in Curitiba, I would like to say a huge "thank you" again to Rubens, to the whole local committee and to all those colleagues who contributed so substantially to its success. We had a great time.

WAC BUSINESS MEETING

The WAC continues to grow and to evolve. It is an honour to thank the past president, Dr Ju-shuey Ho, the Secretary (Eduardo Suarez Morales) and Treasurer (John Fornshell), and all the executive Council Members (Grace Wyngaard, Jack Greenwood, Ruth Boettger-Schnack, Hans-Uwe Dahms, Shuhei Nishida and Rubens Lopes) for their endeavours on behalf of the Association. You all did a grand job and we are all grateful for the time you spent guiding the WAC through the past three years. A short formal report of the WAC business meeting has been submitted by the Secretary (Eduardo Suarez Morales) and is also contained in this issue of Monoculus.

TAIWAN 2002

We all sincerely congratulate Prof Jiang-Shiou Hwang on his successful bid, on behalf of the copepodologists of Taiwan, to host the Eighth International Conference on Copepoda. The members voted convincingly for Taiwan as the next venue and we are delighted that Jiang is so willing and enthusiastic to invite us all in 2002. I am excited that the meeting will be held in Taiwan and I am looking forward to helping Jiang prepare for 2002. His contact details are as follows - keep watching Monoculus for more details of this next meeting.

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THE FUTURE OF THE WAC

It was apparent at the business meeting that the time is right for a re-examination of the constitution of the WAC, the structure and size of the Executive Council, and its programme of work. The new Executive Council is taking forward these issues and will prepare recommendations which will be circulated to the members *via* Monoculus and *via* a new WAC website, prior to the next conference.

We have identified a number of priority issues and for each one we have (a) member(s) of the Executive Council who will act as the focal point for any feedback and dialogue. The issues and the focal points are:

1. Reexamine the constitution of the WAC and the structure/size of the Executive Committee - and propose any changes to next meeting in 2002.

Geoff Boxshall (g.boxshall@nhm.ac.uk)

2. Circulate these proposed changes to the WAC membership well in advance of that meeting.

Geoff Boxshall (g.boxshall@nhm.ac.uk)

3. Consider the difficult question of non-paying members (a separate issue from our continuing support of those members that are unable to pay).

Eduardo Suarez Morales (esuarez@ecosur-qroo.mx)

and John Fornshell (JFORNSHE@lan.tjhsst.edu)

4. Develop a student bursary scheme.

Janet Reid (reid.janet@nmnh.si.edu)

5. Develop and publicise a Best student papers scheme ready for Taiwan 2002

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6. Discuss the establishment of an electronic version of Monoculus

Hans-Uwe Dahms (HUDAHMS@hrz1.uni-oldenburg.de)

7. Establish a WAC website

Rubens Lopes (rmlopes@jacaranda.uesc.br)

8. Consider a phased expansion of WAC activities - into training, into pushing the profile of copepods in the general scientific arena, into inter-conference activities, etc.

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Please pass any comments and ideas you have on to the appropriate focal points. We need your input.

COMPETITION

We have seen some splendid conference logos - and I know Jiang has a great one prepared for Taiwan 2002 - but the Executive Council has decided that the time is right to have a WAC logo (to be displayed on our website etc.).

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So, all you budding artists and designers - send your entries to me (Geoff Boxshall, The Natural History Museum, London SW7 5BD, UK) or direct to Rubens (rmlopes@jacaranda.uesc.br). They can be hard copy or electronic files.

The closing date will be 31st January 2000 - this should give you all sufficient time and inspiration as the new Millennium dawns.

Geoff Boxshall (London)
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A Homage to Tagea

Brazilian copepodologists and many colleagues from other countries would, we believe, in this opening session of the 7th ICOC, like to pay homage to a colleague who has had, and continues to have, an outstanding role in the development of copepodology in Brazil: Prof. TAGEA KRISTINE SIMON BJÖRNBERG.



Tagea has dedicated herself to science and teaching for 51 years. She has been a prominent figure in Brazilian oceanography and zoology. She was responsible for the upbringing of several generations of oceanographers, and more important still, of us Brazilian copepodologists. Several of her graduate students continued with the study of copepods, and then trained other students. Almost all present-day Brazilian copepodologists and many planktonologists in some way fell under Tagea's influence in their early careers.

Even though Tagea was associated with the University of São Paulo for most of her career, she also worked in Curitiba for some time. Here was where Tagea had her first chance to give classes in a University course. This was from 1952 to 1954, when she helped Prof. Jesus Moure to establish the Department of Zoology of the Federal University of Paraná, which is hosting this Conference today.

Returning to São Paulo in 1954, Tagea also collaborated in the organization and installation of the Plankton Section of the Oceanographic Institute of the University of São Paulo. From 1961 to 1966 she organized and eventually became the head of the Nekton Section of the Institute. In 1965 she lectured in the Advanced Latin-American Course on Planktonology in the Institute of Marine Biology of Mar del Plata, Argentina, under UNESCO sponsorship. For several years afterwards she worked actively as a consultant in several projects by students who had participated in that course. Thus we believe that many Latin-American planktonologists would like especially to join with us in expressing our appreciation.

In the beginning of her career as a researcher, Tagea dedicated herself to the study of tornaria larvae of *Balanoglossus*. During the second period of research, she dedicated herself entirely to the study of plankton, focusing specifically on the Appendicularia, in collaboration with Dr. Liliana Forneris. This collaboration resulted in 4 articles, the results of which are still valid and are a "must read" for everyone in Brazil interested in these animals.

In the beginning of the 60's, encouraged by Dr. João de Paiva Carvalho, Tagea began to study Brazilian marine copepods. Her first article on copepods was published in 1963. This extensive and significant work established the relationships of copepod species assemblages to the water masses along the Brazilian coast. Following the same line of studies, in 1973 she published an article on marine copepods collected along the western coast of South America.

At that time also, Tagea participated in a cruise of the Soviet oceanographic ship M. Lomonosoff, under UNESCO sponsorship. The resulting article, published in 1964, dealt with the distribution of deep-sea copepods.

In 1972, she published what was possibly her most influential contribution, entitled "Developmental stages of some tropical and subtropical planktonic marine copepods". In this article, she described 158 developmental stages of copepod species belonging to 19 families (slides de pranchas). Many of these species are very frequent and abundant in Brazilian waters. She also included a chapter on the evolution of copepods based on nauplii and their movements.

Fifteen master's theses and 10 doctoral dissertations were produced under her competent supervision, and two others are now in preparation. The subjects of those works include the anatomy, systematics, life cycle, distribution, and feeding of benthic and planktonic copepods from marine, brackish, and fresh waters, the systematics and distribution of amphipods, and the distribution of several planktonic groups such as jellyfish, cladocerans, ostracods, Sergestidae, and fish eggs and larvae.

Her participation in the Ottawa ICOC together with her impressive presentations and fervent pleas for more appreciation of the nauplii and more research focus on them, which attracted the attention of many colleagues, is very well known.

But we want to talk about more than Tagea's scientific contributions, which many of us present recognize as being extremely important for the progress of copepodology in the world, and especially in Brazil.

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In the beginning of her career as a researcher, Tagea dedicated herself to the study of tornaria larvae of *Balanoglossus*. During the second period of research, she dedicated herself entirely to the study of plankton, focusing specifically on the Appendicularia, in collaboration with Dr. Liliانا Forneris. This collaboration resulted in 4 articles, the results of which are still valid and are a "must read" for everyone in Brazil interested in these animals.

In the beginning of the 60's, encouraged by Dr. João de Paiva Carvalho, Tagea began to study Brazilian marine copepods. Her first article on copepods was published in 1963. This extensive and significant work established the relationships of copepod species assemblages to the water masses along the Brazilian coast. Following the same line of studies, in 1973 she published an article on marine copepods collected along the western coast of South America.

At that time also, Tagea participated in a cruise of the Soviet oceanographic ship M. Lomonosoff, under UNESCO sponsorship. The resulting article, published in 1964, dealt with the distribution of deep-sea copepods.

In 1972, she published what was possibly her most influential contribution, entitled "Developmental stages of some tropical and subtropical planktonic marine copepods". In this article, she described 158 developmental stages of copepod species belonging to 19 families (slides de pranchas). Many of these species are very frequent and abundant in Brazilian waters. She also included a chapter on the evolution of copepods based on nauplii and their movements.

Fifteen master's theses and 10 doctoral dissertations were produced under her competent supervision, and two others are now in preparation. The subjects of those works include the anatomy, systematics, life cycle, distribution, and feeding of benthic and planktonic copepods from marine, brackish, and fresh waters, the systematics and distribution of amphipods, and the distribution of several planktonic groups such as jellyfish, cladocerans, ostracods, Sergestidae, and fish eggs and larvae.

Her participation in the Ottawa ICOC together with her impressive presentations and fervent pleas for more appreciation of the nauplii and more research focus on them, which attracted the attention of many colleagues, is very well known.

But we want to talk about more than Tagea's scientific contributions, which many of us present recognize as being extremely important for the progress of copepodology in the world, and especially in Brazil.

We would also like to talk about Tagea the teacher, the advisor, and the friend, solicitous of her colleagues and students, always smiling, ready to collaborate with everybody, communicative and playful.

Rare indeed are courses in which 50 to 60 undergraduate students decide to throw a party for their professor to commemorate the end of a course. And you, Tagea, had the opportunity of enjoying many such moments.

Who of your colleagues in the Zoology Department of the University of São Paulo, where you worked for more than 20 years, doesn't remember the Christmas parties in the 70's? Those parties are unforgettable. Besides the good food, drinks, and conviviality, everybody would anxiously wait for the arrival of Santa Claus during the party. We returned to old times of childhood and deliciously relived the old fantasies. It was very exciting to wait for the large door to open and, with the sound of a bell, who entered? Tagea, of course, dressed as Santa Claus! Not having a reindeer and a sleigh, she conjured up a very Brazilian solution and entered the room riding the stuffed tapir which spent the rest of the year on display at the entrance of the Department. Dudu, as the tapir is affectionately called, continues to occupy his place in the hall. If he could say anything, he would certainly say he misses those good old times.

Well, we could say much more, but we know that everyone here appreciates the value of your long scientific and academic career, and how pleasant it has been to work with you. To mark this special occasion we would like to offer you a small token of our appreciation, which we hope you will like.

Finally, the Organizing Committee dedicates to you this Conference. Thank you!

Carlos E.F. Rocha (Brazil)

WAC BUSINESS MEETING

Date: July 29, 1999 (during the 7th International Conference on Copepoda)

Time: 16:45 to 18:00

Place: Barigui Park Convention Center, Curitiba, Brazil.

1.- Report of the General Secretary (ES-M).

The number of candidates asking for membership in the WAC was of 46; all of them were unanimously accepted. The number of inscribed members of the WAC increased to 872. There were two resignations. The number of countries with copepodologists represented in the WAC is now 69.

2.- Report of the Treasurer (JF).

A general balance was presented (the figures are available). Although the balance showed a healthy financial situation, special recommendations from the treasurer were: 1) payment of 3 years dues during each meeting; 2) members should keep paying their dues.

3.- Election of new WAC officers.

In order to maintain an administrative continuity of the WAC, the positions of General Secretary (ES-M) and of Treasurer (JF) were not put up for re-election. Two copepodologists were nominated to become the President of the WAC: Geoff Boxshall, and Jeff Turner. By a majority vote of WAC members, Geoff Boxshall was elected as the new President of the WAC. The Vice-President position was between two nominees: Hans G. Dam and Janet W.

Reid. By majority vote Janet Reid was elected as Vice-President of the WAC.

The Executive Council was also restructured. Two members, Jack Greenwood and Ruth Boettger-Schnack, had served for two terms, and Shuhei Nishida indicated his wish not to serve a second term after completion of his first. Grace Wyngaard, with one term in the EC, was re-elected. Hans Dahms, editor of Monoculus, remains on the EC. Three new members of the EC were elected by direct vote: these were Rubens Lopes, Susumu Ohtsuka, and Rony Huys.

4.- Venue of the 8th International Conference on Copepoda

Two proposals were presented to the consideration of the WAC members. The first was presented by Professor Jiang-Shiou Hwang of the National Taiwan Ocean University at Keelung - requesting the venue for Taiwan. The second was presented by Ioanna Siokou-Frangou, to have the next WAC Conference in Greece. By direct majority vote of WAC members present, Taiwan was selected to host the next Conference on Copepoda in 2002. Professor Hwang becomes a member of the Executive Council.

Eduardo Suarez Morales (Chetumal, Mexico)
Secretary WAC

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1997

Funds transferred from Germany	\$14,429.14
Dues Paid	\$ 1,088.00
Banking Fees	\$ 89.65
December 31, 1997	\$15,427.49

1998

Funds transferred from Germany	\$15,427.49
Dues Paid	\$ 1,354.00
Banking Fees	\$ 50.13
MONOCULUS	\$ 1,991.33
December 31, 1998	\$14,740.03

1999

Funds transferred from Germany	\$14,740.03
Dues Paid	\$ 1,080.00
Banking Fees	\$ 20.00
December 31, 1999	\$15,800.03

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David K. Camp
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... LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS ...

Dear members of the WAC, I want to inform you that I have changed my address. In the last ten days my wife and myself left the country because of the war. Besides NATO's strike against Yugoslavia, in Montenegro everything is preparing for the civil war, which is the worst war that can happen. As we have seen such a war in Bosnia, we did not want to wait for it to come to us. We are in one way very lucky, because my wife has a sister in Italy, so we are now at the safe. What is also very important, we have successfully transferred all of our collection, literature, and working equipment (microscope, computer etc.) so that we are now able to continue with our work. My wife works on ostracods (Crustacea, Ostracoda) and for six years we were together collecting material from Serbia and Montenegro. A great part of the copepod material is now part of my Ph.D., which is almost complete.

Very soon I expect my six papers to be printed. Now I am preparing some new manuscripts, also about Balkan copepod fauna (new *Allocyclops*, some new and interesting *Elaphoidella*, subterranean species of the genus *Eucyclops*, etc.). Unfortunately, I am now unemployed, but I am offering my services all over the world. So please, if you want, you can recommend me at any place that you think I would be useful. Of course, I would be very satisfied with a job in a small institute, museum, or other institution at any remote spot.

T. Karanovic (Bellizzi, Italy)



... INTERVIEWING COPEPODOLOGISTS ...

Professor **Ju-shey Ho** - the outgoing WAC President

During the just concluded International Copepod Conference (ICOC) in Curitiba, Brazil, I had the honour of interviewing one of the founder members of the World Association of Copepodologists (WAC) who is also the outgoing President of the Association, Professor Dr. Ju-shey Ho.

The following is the excerpt of our interview:

Osores: Dr. Ho, I thank you for granting me the opportunity to interview you. Could you briefly tell our readers about your academic and professional background?

Prof. Ho: I graduated from National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan in 1958 with a major in Fishery Biology. After completion of the 18-month military service, I worked as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Zoology of my Alma Mater for two and one-half years before going to Boston University to study symbiotic copepods with Dr. Arthur G. Humes. In the beginning, I was a Teaching Fellow working for Dr. Humes in charge of the laboratory portion of his class of Invertebrate Zoology. But two years later, I was moved to a position of Research Assistant and worked for Dr. Humes on his vast collections of symbiotic copepods obtained from the invertebrates of Madagascar. This experience of working with Dr. Humes has tremendously expanded my understanding of the symbiotic copepods, because before then, I worked only on those parasitic on fishes. Upon completion of my doctorate degree in 1969, I continued to work with Dr. Humes on the symbiotic copepods of marine invertebrates for another year before taking up my current job of teaching at the California State University, Long Beach.



Osores: When did you develop interest in copepod research?

Prof. Ho: When I was a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Zoology at National Taiwan University, there came a Fulbright Visiting Professor - an eminent parasitologist, Dr. Glenn A. Noble - to teach "Animal Parasitology" and I was assigned to work with him. At that time, there was no biological supply house in Taiwan and so an assistant was responsible for collection and preparation of materials needed in the laboratory exercises of the class. Therefore, I spent the first half of the summer of 1960 travelling around the island collecting any kind of animal parasites that I could get my hands on. During the second half of the same summer, I stayed in the laboratory, searched through the literature with an attempt to place a name on each and every parasite that I had collected, ranging from the trypanosomatid flagellates to mallophagan insects. It was during this later part of the preparatory work I learned that the parasitic Copepoda of Taiwan are practically unknown. Although Japanese zoologists had studied and published many papers on the metazoan parasites of the fishes of Taiwan during the 50 years of Japanese occupation (1895 - 1945), there was only one paper that dealt with a species of freshwater parasitic Copepoda - *Ergasilus japonicus* sp. nov. - by Isokiti Harada which appeared in 1930. It was right there and then I decided to work on the parasitic copepods. I wanted to be the first Taiwanese to work on parasitic Copepoda.

Osores: As the outgoing President of the WAC, what advice would you like to give to young and upcoming copepod researchers regarding this field?

Prof. Ho: We need to remind ourselves constantly that Copepoda are the most common and most abundant metazoans in the waters that cover more than two-thirds of the surface of the Earth. Thus, we are working on a very important group of aquatic animals. Also, what we know now about the copepods is only the tip of the iceberg, there is a lot more of the unknown hidden in every aspect of the copepod biology waiting to be studied and investigated. And we should keep in mind that, as we work on our own chosen subject(s) on this fascinating group of animals, we should make every possible endeavour to inform the general public about the important roles that copepods play in nature. It is only with the general public's understanding that we can continue to ask for support to our studies and research on the Copepoda.

Osores: What role do you intend to play in the preparation and hosting of the forthcoming WAC Conference in the year 2002 which will in fact be held in your country of origin, Taiwan?

Prof. Ho: The Constitution/Bylaws of WAC states clearly that the Local Secretary shall take a leading role in organizing the ICOC and the local organizers have the financial responsibility for the conference. Therefore, I shall work closely with Dr. Jiang-Shiou Hwang when I am called upon to help. Having served two terms on Executive Council of the WAC (1987-1990, 1990-1993), one term each as the Vice President (1993-1996) and President (1996-1999), and attended all of the previous ICOC, I shall be competent to work with the Local Organizing Committee on the planning of the 8th ICOC in 2002.

Osores: Most African nations and many other developing countries are often underrepresented in WAC fraternity and in copepod research generally, yet they are located in areas adjacent to high copepod diversity. What role should WAC play to encourage them to join?

Prof. Ho: As you have witnessed this time at the Curitiba conference, a large number of the attendants are from the countries of Latin America, representing the largest number of Latin American participation in the history of ICOC. Similarly, when the ICOC was held in Europe, we saw the largest representation of European participants; in Ottawa and Baltimore, the largest delegation of North American researchers; and in Karuizawa, the largest group of Japanese copepodologists. Thus, the best way the WAC can do to encourage the participation of researchers from the African nations is to sponsor an ICOC in a nation in Africa. Of course, this has to be initiated by a copepodologist in Africa who is willing to lead the organization for the ICOC.

Osores: Based on the founding objectives of WAC, would you say that much progress has been achieved to date since the association was established or has the development been very slow?

Prof. Ho: The WAC was officially established in 1987 at the 3rd ICOC held in London. The purpose for establishing this Association was simply to promote and support "interest in all aspects of research on Copepoda". The uninterrupted publication of the biannual MONOCULUS and continuous sponsorship of the triennial ICOC with publication of the conference proceedings speak for themselves the progress that the WAC has been achieving so far. I can see that the Association is striving toward obtaining more researchers to join the membership and raising more funds to assist members' participation in ICOC. Although the WAC is far from getting all of its members (over 800) to the ICOC, but, slowly, we are getting there. For instance, at the first ICOC held in Amsterdam, there were only 126 attendants; but the attendance is nearly doubled at the last ICOC taken place in Curitiba.

Osores: Members from poor countries often feel that the annual membership fee of US\$ 20 is very prohibitive considering their monthly income of less than US\$ 200. What is your advice to them?

Prof. Ho: As I reported at the Business Meeting during the 7th ICOC in Curitiba, the members of WAC who feel that the annual membership fee of US\$ 20 is "prohibitive", can apply to the WAC's Executive Council to have the dues waived. They will receive the MONOCULUS as the regular members. Once approved, the waiver is good for 3 years. Of course, a continuation of waiver can be granted if the applicant's financial situation is not improved.

Osores: Nowadays most journals and newsletters are going on-line and are thus accessible via the internet. Is the future of MONOCULUS as a hard copy paper version doomed? If so, shouldn't WAC intervene not only to maintain the new electronic version but also to retain the hard copy version for the benefit of those without internet access?

Prof. Ho: The Officers of WAC met prior to the Business Meeting during the 7th ICOC and discussed on several issues that were brought up via e-mail before meeting in Curitiba. One of the issues discussed was about going on-line of the MONOCULUS and registration for the ICOC. The Executive Council passed a resolution specifying that: while to maintain the electronic version, the hard copy version of MONOCULUS is to be issued and distributed continuously to all members. The WAC's EC is well aware of the limitation of access to the internet in some places.

Osores: The cornerstone for any association and its future prospects heavily depend on the active participation of its youthful members. What strategy would you advise WAC to initiate in order to win and maintain young scientists?

Prof. Ho: Yes, vitality of an association needs a constant infusion of young blood and the WAC is no exception to this rule. The Executive Council of WAC is aware of this but due to the lack of fund, nothing could be done in the past. As you remember, the WAC Treasurer, Dr. John Fornshell, reported at the Business Meeting in Curitiba showing us that, for the first time, the WAC finance is in a "healthy" state, with enough fund to pay for the publication and distribution of MONOCULUS for the next three years. With this assurance the Executive Council at Curitiba meeting decided that a part of the WAC fund should be allocated to the establishment of small "grants in aid" for research on the copepods. In addition, the WAC should set up awards for the best poster and best oral presentation for the graduate students in the future ICOC. The new Executive Council shall work out the details, rules and requirements for these new installations.

Osores: As we approach the new millennium, what is your vision for WAC and its future?

Prof. Ho: In as much as copepodologists are dealing with a group of animals that are the most common and most abundant metazoans in the lakes, rivers and seas, the information generated by them through their works will grow larger and larger. Thus, the Association

made up of these workers shall create a strong sense of belonging and accomplishment for its members by acting as an information management center. This center shall collect and manage all kinds of information pertaining to copepodology and make it available to the public. This is particularly important when the fisheries of the world are moving from the fishing/catching of the past millennium to the farming/rearing of the new millennium. We know the copepods are food to fish larvae and, at the same time, pests to the fishes in aquaculture. Thus, for the copepodologists, regardless of working on the free-living forms or parasitic forms, they all have works to do and at the same time need to be informed of the progress in other areas or from other parts of the world.

Osores: Is there any final word that you would like to tell members of WAC and all the readers of MONOCULUS in general?

Prof. Ho: I would like to reiterate what I have said in my Maxilliped Lecture at the Curitiba conference. If we are to promote the copepodology to a noticeable branch of the modern biological sciences, we need to pay more attention to the symbiotic copepods. Currently, more than one-third of the reported copepods (4,200/12,000) exist as symbionts, yet we have less than 10% of the members of WAC working on them. We do need more researchers from every walk of copepodology to join these 10% of the WAC members in their endeavour to build up our knowledge on the symbiotic copepods.

Melckzedek K. W. Osores (Mombasa, Kenya)

NOTES & NEWS

Tumors in Freshwater Zooplankton

Zooplankton, near the bottom of marine and freshwater food chains, can develop tumors like those of higher life forms according to scientists at the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory and the University of Michigan Centre for Great Lakes and Aquatic Sciences in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The evidence, including photographs, will be presented on May 27 during the annual meeting of the International Association for Great Lakes Research, which begins on May 24 in Cleveland, Ohio. Although tumors in zooplankton were reported in 1994 from an area of the Baltic Sea, this is the first time photographs have been taken of the abnormalities and that preliminary evidence has been presented that the tumors are cancerous. The affected zooplankton are Copepoda and Cladocera, which are crustaceans that are usually less than an eighth of an inch in size.

Tumors, or neoplasms, have been found in a variety of invertebrates such as molluscs, insects, and flatworms, but reports of tumors on crustaceans are rare.

Earlier research speculated that tumors might form in zooplankton, but the organisms would die at moulting before tumors would be obvious. The team found large tumors on juveniles and on young, recently moulted adult zooplankton in Lake Michigan.

Researchers found tumors in several species of copepods and cladocerans.

Predatory species were more likely to have tumors than herbivorous species.

Preliminary analyses suggest that tumors are more common nearshore than offshore.

Zooplankton showing the tumors were collected during 1995 and 1998 as part of GLERL's food web and water-quality monitoring programme and as part of Michigan Sea Grant-Supported research by D. Jude on larval fish and zooplankton interactions in the nearshore zone. Analysis of the tumors by T. Rizki showed a high frequency of dividing cells, which is suggestive of cancerous growths. M. Omair was the first one to observe the abnormalities in a

contract to identify and count zooplankton in preserved samples from GLERL's monitoring study. Only a few samples have been analysed so far.

"We can only speculate as to when the tumors first occurred in Lake Michigan zooplankton," said Dr. Vanderploeg. "Because such tumors have never been seen until now, despite the many programmes on the Great Lakes that have monitored or collected zooplankton, we suspect the occurrence of the tumors is a recent phenomenon in the Great Lakes in general and in Lake Michigan in particular."

It is also possible that previous monitoring efforts, restricted to a few spring and late summer collections, would have missed the tumors because of their limited seasonal coverage and focus on offshore surface waters. The research team plans to examine archived collections and make new collections at many nearshore and offshore sites to find hot spots that might be associated with some environmental factor. Careful microscopic analyses of the tumors also may give some insight into their cause.

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Meeting of German Carcinologists

There is no national society of carcinologists in Germany, but this does not in any way prohibit our German colleagues from maintaining an active meeting agenda. Thus, the 9th Meeting of German Carcinologists (9. Crustaceologen-Tagung) was recently held in Berlin from 25-28 February 1999 under the auspices of Prof. Gerhard Scholz of the Humboldt University with more than 75 attendees. Although these meetings are intended as informal gatherings, this certainly did not reflect on the quality of the many oral and poster presentations during the two full days of sessions. As part of the welcome reception, the meeting was opened by a "behind the doors" tour of the adjacent Museum für Naturkunde. As this was an evening tour, one experienced the still far from adequate lighting conditions in this marvellous building. However, this only made a large sauropod (which I still call "Brachiosaurus") appear even more impressive. Fortunately, there was no need for parallel sessions for the oral presentations, and all posters were on display for the duration, so active discussion could take place around them during the breaks. On the second evening, Prof. Horst Kurt Schminke of the University of Oldenburg gave a most entertaining talk on "Crustacean diversity: spectacular or modest". This took place in a very old amphitheatre which made for a better lecture hall than many modern facilities. This was followed by a buffet which extended into the late evening. After the official two days ended by a symposium dinner, the meeting concluded Saturday morning with a tour of one of Berlin's two zoos, the Tierpark Friedrichsfelde, enabling us to get a glimpse behind the scenes. Prof. Scholz and the many colleagues assisting him made a tremendous effort to make this a very smoothly run meeting. Naturally the language of the talks and most posters were in German. But attendees from adjacent countries were also present and very welcome, and anyone with the slightest grasp of German was able to benefit from this event as languages mixed easily during the breaks. The 10th such meeting will be hosted by Prof. Angelika Brandt of the Hamburg University and I am confident that carcinologists in Northern Europe will all look forward to this event.

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CYCLOPOIDS, MOSQUITOES, AND DENGUE HEMORRHAGIC FEVER

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(This history of dengue fever, and the use of cyclopoid copepods to control mosquitoes that transmit the disease, is based on a source document prepared in collaboration with Scott Halstead and Vu Sinh Nam for an article to appear in Scientific American magazine next year.)

The last *Aedes aegypti* mosquito in Phanboi was seen in August 1994. It was a significant moment for this village in Vietnam because this mosquito is the principal vector of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) (Halstead 1997, 1998), an "emergent" disease that has hospitalized nearly two million Vietnamese and killed more than 13,000 children since appearing in Vietnam forty years ago. It was also of general significance for mosquito-borne disease control because it was the first time in more than 20 years that even local eradication of any kind of mosquito had been documented anywhere in the world, and it was accomplished without pesticides. The keystone to success was biological control with *Mesocyclops*, a tiny crustacean that preys on mosquito larvae. The stories of DHF and *Mesocyclops* illustrate how modernization creates new public health problems and how ecological technologies can contribute to sustainable solutions.

Dengue is a flavivirus related to yellow fever. It may have originated in non-human primates, which still provide a natural reservoir in Africa and Asia. Non-human primates do not show symptoms, but humans can be seriously ill. First-time dengue infections in children are usually mild, often unnoticed, but first time infections in adults are often severe. Fatalities are rare, but high fever, chills, headache, vomiting, severe prostration, muscle and bone aches, and severe weakness for more than a month after the fever subsides make dengue fever an illness that many adults remember as the worst they ever experienced.

Aedes aegypti (AE) (Christophers 1960) is the principal vector of both dengue and yellow fever. Originally a tree-hole-breeding mosquito in Africa, it long ago acquired an urban lifestyle by breeding in similar situations around human habitations. AE now breeds in man-made containers such as water storage tanks, wells, clogged rain gutters, and discarded objects such as tires, tin cans, and jars that collect rainwater. The mosquito lays her eggs on the side

of a container a few millimeters above the water level. The eggs can sit for months without hatching if they remain dry, but they hatch within minutes if covered with water. The fact that this normally happens only when more water is added to a container increases the probability that a container will have enough water for the larvae to complete their development before the container dries out.

Starting in the Sixteenth Century with expansion of European colonialism and trade, AE spread around the world by hitching rides in water storage containers on boats. Dengue and AE were together in Asia for centuries without a serious problem because the distribution of AE was limited by *Aedes albopictus*, an indigenous Asian mosquito that is physiologically capable of transmitting dengue but not associated with significant dengue transmission in practice. Asian towns and cities were well endowed with trees and shrubs, and *Aedes albopictus* competitively excluded AE wherever there was vegetation.

The spread of DHF was probably delayed by the appearance of DDT in 1943. DDT was like a miracle. It was harmless to vertebrates at concentrations used to kill insects, and it was effective for months after application. In 1955 the World Health Organization began a global campaign to spray every house in malarial areas with DDT. Malaria virtually disappeared from many areas by the mid-1960s, and at the same time AE disappeared from most of Latin America and some parts of Asia such as Taiwan.

The incredible success of DDT was short-lived because mosquitoes evolved resistance that spread quickly around the world, probably accelerated by heavy use of DDT for agriculture. Third World governments could not afford to continue intensive spraying, particularly when alternatives to DDT such as malathion cost more than ten times as much. Malaria started to return in force by the late 1960s, and by the mid-1970s AE returned to the areas from which it had previously been eradicated. Dengue did not return to the United States because window screening and air conditioning led to an indoor life style that reduced the contact between people and mosquitoes. However, the four dengue serotypes and DHF spread rapidly through tropical Asia, settling into a permanent pattern of recurring local DHF outbreaks as the four serotypes continued to circulate. DHF entered the Americas in 1981 with an epidemic in Cuba that hospitalized 116,000 people in three months. Dengue quickly spread through much of Latin America, sometimes punctuated by dengue fever epidemics of hundreds of thousands of people, but DHF was generally sporadic because most areas had only one serotype. Although dengue was common in many parts of sub-Saharan Africa, it was not a major health problem because Africans are generally resistant to severe dengue infection.

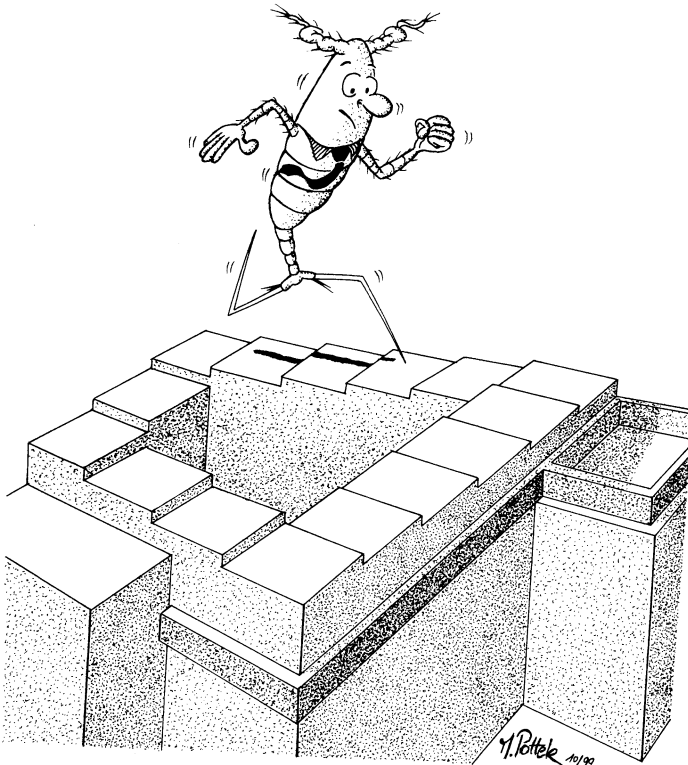
There has been no noticeable decrease in dengue fever or DHF cases during the past 20 years. Worldwide about 50-100 million people are infected with dengue each year. There are several million clinical dengue fever cases and hundreds of thousands of DHF cases each year. Fatalities have remained high in some countries, but other countries have reduced fatalities dramatically by providing extensive medical treatment. Several hundred thousand people are hospitalized with DHF in Vietnam and Thailand every year, but the fatality rate is less than 0.3%. Nonetheless, the economic costs are high. Patients require 1-3 weeks of hospitalization, and parents lose work time while caring for sick children in hospitals. Global warming could eventually extend the geographic range of dengue as higher temperatures, and consequently shorter viral incubation times in mosquitoes, stimulate transmission.

Though biological control with predators of AE larvae offers the possibility of functioning without the frequently repeated applications necessary for pesticides, biological control did not receive serious consideration when the DDT strategy collapsed. Fish were widely used against

malarial mosquito larvae prior to the DDT era, but the use of fish for AE control was limited because fish were expensive and did not survive for long in most containers. Besides, many people did not want fish in their water storage containers, particularly if they used the water for drinking. Many aquatic animals such as planaria, dragon fly nymphs, and aquatic bugs were known to prey on mosquito larvae, but none had ever proved effective enough or practical enough to go into operational use. Mosquito-control professionals and public health officials, who relied heavily on chemical pesticides throughout their careers, considered biological control a "pipe dream". Opportunities for profit were too remote to stimulate research and development by the private sector.

This was the situation in the early 1980's, when Francois Riviere ("Louis Malarde" Medical Research Institute, Tahiti) reported that virtually no *Aedes* larvae survived in water-filled containers if the copepod *Mesocyclops aspericornis* was present (Riviere and Thirel 1981). Soon after, the same thing was observed independently in Colombia and Hawaii (Suarez et al. 1984, Marten 1984).

Cyclopoid copepods are different from other aquatic invertebrates that prey on mosquito larvae. If mosquito larvae are numerous, cyclopoids eat only a small part of each larva, giving each copepod the capacity to kill 30-40 larvae per day, far more than they actually eat. Even more important is their large numbers. Cyclopoids eat small animals up to twice their own



size, but they also eat phytoplankton, protozoa, and rotifers – a diet that provides enough food to make cyclopoid copepods the most abundant predator in most freshwater habitats. The total capacity of a cyclopoid population to kill mosquito larvae is enormous. Most species of cyclopoids are too small (0.3-1.2 mm body length) to prey on even the smallest mosquito larvae, but *M. aspericornis* and other large species of cyclopoids (1.2 mm body length or more) attack and consume newly hatched mosquito larvae without hesitation. About 10% of the places with water where mosquitoes might breed have natural populations of *Mesocyclops* or other large cyclopoids, which drastically reduce the survival of mosquito larvae. Malarial mosquito larvae (*Anopheles*) have been observed to be consistently absent from aquatic habitats in Latin America that contained natural populations of *Mesocyclops longisetus*, the largest known species of *Mesocyclops* (Marten et al. 1989).

The same thing that happens in nature can be achieved by introducing appropriate cyclopoid species to sites that don't already have them. *Anopheles* larvae virtually disappeared after *M. longisetus* and several other species of *Mesocyclops* were introduced to rice fields and small marsh areas in Louisiana (Marten et al. 1994a). Unfortunately, the potential of cyclopoids for malaria control has not been developed further because control of *Anopheles* mosquitoes has been almost entirely abandoned. Ecological management of relatively complex *Anopheles* breeding habitats has not appealed to malaria-control practitioners accustomed to the simplicity of pesticides. Contemporary malaria control is based almost entirely on anti-malarial drugs, whose long-term effectiveness is doubtful due to drug-resistance already widespread among malarial parasites.

The development of cyclopoid copepods for dengue control has been much more successful because cyclopoids are so effective and easy to use in the simple container habitats where AE breeds. It is unusual for cyclopoids to get into man-made containers on their own, but they thrive in many kinds of containers when introduced, and they do so independently of the supply of mosquito larvae. Typical populations are 100 adult copepods in a rainwater-filled tire, 500-2,000 in a 200-liter water storage drum, and 10,000 in a larger cement tank. The largest species usually kill more than 99% of the AE larvae, and they usually stay in a container for as long as there is water. Even without water, they can survive as long as there is moisture.

Subsequent research focused on finding the best copepod species to use against AE in various parts of the world. Suitable species were always available locally because cyclopoids large enough to kill mosquito larvae occur naturally virtually everywhere that AE is a problem. Brian Kay (Queensland Institute of Medical Research) surveyed Australian and Southeast Asia cyclopoids and field-tested them in wells and water storage containers (Brown et al. 1991, Jennings et al. 1995, Russell et al. 1996). The New Orleans Mosquito Control Board began a search for promising species in the Western Hemisphere, developing procedures to mass-produce copepods for operational use and working out details of how to use them (Marten 1990a, Marten et al. 1994a, 1994b).

The simple life cycle of cyclopoid copepods and their ability to thrive on a diet of protozoa made mass production easy and inexpensive. The New Orleans Mosquito Control Board's production system (Marten et al. 1997) uses bacteria on decomposing wheat seed as food for *Chilomonas* (a flagellate protozoan that provides food for young cyclopoids) and *Paramecium caudatum* (a ciliate protozoan that provides food for the larger stages). The system is simple, inexpensive, and highly resilient, functioning in open containers of any size or shape. One hundred adult female *Mesocyclops* produce about 25,000 new adult females within a month. Females are inseminated during adolescence and require no further contact with males to produce 50-100 eggs weekly during their several months life span. Although males

and females are born in equal numbers, adult females enormously outnumber adult males because females are larger and eat the males.

Taxonomic revisions and species identifications by copepod specialists were crucial for evaluating the potential of copepods for practical mosquito control because superficially similar species can be so different in their ability to survive in different aquatic habitats. Janet Reid (Smithsonian Institution) has had a central role in almost every study during the past fifteen years. More recently Maria Holynska (Zoological Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences) revised Southeast Asian *Mesocyclops* and assisted with their identification.

The New Orleans Mosquito Control Board found that nearly all large cyclopoid copepods prey on mosquito larvae, except gigantic *Homocyclops ater* (3 mm body length), which has completely different habits from other cyclopoids. However, predation on AE larvae was not in itself sufficient for effective AE control. Natural populations of *Acanthocyclops vernalis*, for example, killed mosquito larvae in temporary pools on the ground, where this copepod could survive in dry soil for more than a year. When introduced to containers, *Acanthocyclops* eliminated AE larvae as long as their adults grew to full-size, but *Acanthocyclops* often multiplied to such large numbers in containers that they exhausted their food supply, making them too stunted to kill AE larvae.

The first demonstration of how effective *Mesocyclops* could be on a larger scale began in 1993, when Vu Sinh Nam (Vietnam National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology) introduced three local species of *Mesocyclops* (*M. woutersi*, *M. thermocyclopoides*, *M. ruttneri*) to Phanboi. Like most of rural Vietnam, the two main sources of AE in this village of 400 houses were several-thousand-liter cement tanks that nearly every house uses for long-term storage of rainwater from the roof, and clay jars (20-200 liter capacity) used to store water for immediate use. Vietnam had tried projects with fish for people to put in their containers, but long-term coverage of the important containers in a community seldom exceeded 20%.

Most communities in the program have repeated the scenario at Phanboi, with AE declining to zero within 12-18 months after *Mesocyclops* introduction. The few exceptions have been urban communities, where AE has declined but not disappeared, the reason being incomplete coverage of the houses by local collaborators. It is sometimes necessary to recruit collaborators of unproved reliability in urban areas that lack ongoing house-to-house health programs. While most new collaborators do a good job, some do not, and their task can be complicated by lower social cohesion in cities. This year the program will face its greatest challenge as it extends to southern Vietnam, whose tropical climate is ideal for AE and dengue transmission throughout the year. New kinds of containers will be encountered as the program expands. For example, ant traps are a major breeding habitat in one area, and empty fish sauce jars that collect rainwater are a problem in another area.

Vietnam reported 234,000 DHF cases in 1998, responsible for more deaths than any other infectious disease. In 1999 the government initiated a high-priority national dengue program with *Mesocyclops* in a leading role. The program has both emergency response and prevention. The government provides MacElisa kits to local health workers for rapid blood analysis of suspected dengue cases so an immediate emergency response can go into action wherever dengue is confirmed. Health teams use ultra-low-volume backpack sprayers to apply insecticide to every house in an outbreak neighborhood. In recent years the government has encouraged dengue outbreak neighborhoods to capture fish from local ponds to put in their

water storage containers, but as the supply of *Mesocyclops* increases, *Mesocyclops* will be mailed to outbreak areas on foam rubber cubes for immediate distribution to every house.

The key to sustainable long-term DHF control is prevention, which in Vietnam's national dengue program means applying the Phanboi model. Television publicity and school education programs are making *Mesocyclops* a household word. A Government Inquiry Telephone Line refers interested communities to health workers who can provide *Mesocyclops* and explain their use. With twelve million households in high-risk areas, the potential number of households to be served is enormous. The bottleneck is training health workers and local collaborators. Some provinces are now setting up their own *Mesocyclops* production and training centers.

Can other countries use *Mesocyclops* as successfully as Vietnam? The prospects are particularly promising in Southeast Asia, where DHF is a major health problem, public concern is high, and most AE breeding habitats are similar to the water storage containers that have proved ideal for *Mesocyclops* in Vietnam. Public motivation is not so strong outside Southeast Asia, and some of the breeding habitats are not so ideal for *Mesocyclops*. While dengue control in other areas will often require substantially more than *Mesocyclops* and container recycling, *Mesocyclops* can eliminate AE production from at least some kinds of containers almost everywhere that dengue is a problem. Marco Suarez, for example, is using *Mesocyclops longisetus* in small storm-drain catch basins in Colombia.

The mechanics of production and distribution are not an obstacle to extending *Mesocyclops* to other countries. Production is inexpensive, and shipment to local distributors is easy. While production and distribution in Vietnam is by national, provincial, and local government, distribution in other countries could use any combination of government, NGOs, and the private sector that works under local conditions. The key to successful use of *Mesocyclops* is community organization. It is straightforward enough to put copepods in containers and restock the containers whenever copepods are lost, but it is essential to make sure that everyone does it. Success can proceed neighborhood by neighborhood. One hundred houses that work together can free themselves of AE even if houses in the surrounding area do nothing.

The most promising strategy is to distribute *Mesocyclops* where local networks provide the greatest prospects for success. Vietnam has the advantage that most of its dengue is in rural areas where community organization is strongest and house-to-house health programs are already functioning well. Fortunately, thousands of communities in other countries also have house-to-house networks of one sort or another for primary health care, family planning, paramedical malaria treatment, agricultural extension, religious charity, small business support, etc. These same networks could serve as vehicles for distributing *Mesocyclops* and ensuring their proper use on a community scale. Even private marketing networks, which so effectively distribute insecticide spray cans and mosquito coils, could have a role if rewards based on community use are built into the incentive system. With each success, the demonstration effect should stimulate more communities to organize so that they can use *Mesocyclops* successfully.

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THE WORLD OF COPEPODA

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Kope = Greek for "oar" Podos = Greek for "foot"

Hence = oar-footed, referring to their broad paddle-like swimming legs



Sapphirina auronitens
Claus, 1863



Pontellina plumata
Dana, 1852



Copilia vitrea
(Haeckel, 1864)



Oncaea venusta
Philippi, 1843

(from Giesbrecht, 1892)

These aquatic crustaceans are very diverse and are the most numerous Metazoan in the water community. The copepod habitat ranges from fresh water to hypersaline conditions, from subterranean caves to water collected in bromeliad leaves or leaf litter on the ground and from streams, rivers, lakes to the sediment layer in the open ocean. Their habitats also range from the highest mountains to the deepest trenches in the world and from the cold polar ice-water interface to the hot active hydrothermal vents. They are free-living, symbiotic, internal or external parasites on almost every phylum of animals in water. Ecologically they are important if not vital links in the food chain linking microscopic algal cells from juvenile fish to whales. Copepods also have the potential to act as control mechanisms for malarial mosquito larvae and are also important as intermediary hosts of many parasite diseases. Branchiura are also included with the Copepoda, since many parasitic copepod researchers also study these parasites of fish, commonly referred to as sea lice.

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Monstrilloida	Mormonilloida	Platycopioida	Poecilostomatoida	Siphonostomatoida

The literature has reported approximately 209 families, 2,280 genera and 19,580 species.

The Class Branchiura is comprised of 1 Family and 4 Genera

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