

TAXONOMIC INTERCALIBRATION NEWSLETTER

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Next Scheduled Meeting: May 17, 1982 at 9:30 a.m.

Place: Marine Biological Consultants
947 Newhall Street
Costa Mesa, California 92627

Guest Speaker: None scheduled; speaker will be replaced by discussion of a name for the organization, specimen exchange protocol, and general development of the organization.

Pot Pourri: Continuation of discussion.

Topic Taxonomic Group: Scaleworms, Aphroditidae through Chrysopetalidae

MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 1982

Purpose of the Intercalibration Program

- Discussion of problem groups through guest speakers.
- Intercalibration of species through a specimen exchange followed by discussion of findings and review of literature and helpful hints on identifying the species.
- Develop a literature exchange.
- Develop an intercalibrated reference collection housed at MBC, AHF.
- Intercalibration provisional nomenclature.

Committees

Chairperson,
John Shisko

The chairperson will call the meetings to order, carry out the business and then adjourn them. Also John will be developing protocol for the specimen exchange.

Agenda Committee,
Dave Montagne,
Tom Gerlinger,
Rick Ware

This committee will set the date of meetings, topic, and develop long term calendar of events.

Speaker/Literature
Committee,
Don Cadien, John Dorsey

This committee will arrange for
guest speakers and keep track of
literature and bring to the
meetings, both new and old literature
pertaining to the topic taxonomic
group.

Secretaries,
Tony Phillips, Ann Martin

The secretaries' duties are split
into two functions. One will
organize the specimen exchange and
the other will take minutes of the
meetings and distribute the
newsletter.

Charter Committee,
Don Bauer, Karen Green,
John Shisko, Ann Martin

The committee will develop and
present (in time) a formal charter
of organization.

AGENDA

EXCHANGE GROUP

It was decided that the group will meet on a monthly basis at the first
of the week. The topic taxonomic group will be run on a 3-2-1 basis.
Due to the dominance of polychaetes within the soft-bottom benthos, the
emphasis will be placed on this group of organisms. The tentative
schedule for the first 18 months is:

May, June, July	polychaetes
August, September	amphipods
October	miscellaneous amphipods MISC
November, December, January	polychaetes
February, March	mollusks
miscellaneous phyla; ophiuroids, cnidarians, polyclads	
May, June, July	polychaetes
August, September	pelecypod mollusks
October	miscellaneous phyla

The meetings will be organized into morning/afternoon sessions. Mornings
will be devoted to business, the guest speaker, and the specimen exchange.
The afternoons will be set aside for the intercalibration work.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Prior to 9:30	Return specimens distributed at the previous meeting.
9:30	Meeting will be called to order, followed by reports of the various committees.
10:00	Guest speaker or if no guest speaker, discussion of interesting information on habitats, ecology or other relative taxonomic subjects.
10:30	Pot Pourri - general open discussion
11:00	Specimen distribution
11:30	One hour lunch
12:30	intercalibration work

Specimen Exchange Protocol

Mark specimens by latitude, longitude, date, depth, sediment type, and agency. Bring one difficult and one common organism.

Intercalibration

Bring own forceps, slides, bottles.
Bring along literature used in determining the species.

HELPFUL HINTS

This section will be a regular feature of the newsletter. Ideas and easy methods for identifying species that were discussed during the meetings will be listed. Basically the helpful hints will deal with the topic group from the afternoon intercalibration session. Helpful ideas brought up during the meeting about other organisms also will be included. An example is the helpful hint that was brought up at the April 21 meeting:

TO HELP SEPARATE BOCCARDIA AND POLYDORA USE MENTHYL GREEN TO ENHANCE THE BRANCHIAE.

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