

# Opisthobranch Newsletter

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## Editor's Notes:

As most of you know by now, I have gotten onto the Internet and am working to improve my home page <<http://oo.net/~miranda>>. Mike Miller has spent a tremendous amount of time helping me get going. Bernard Picton has offered a lot of useful information & Gary McDonald figured out how to get his entire bibliography over via the internet.

The Opisthobranch Mollusk home page provides access to the Opisthobranch Newsletter, Bibliography of Opisthobranchia & Opisthobranch Taxon List. I put the new issue of the ON on the net on the first of each month. I also update the bibliography at least monthly. Please send me copies of any articles on opisthobranchs or lists of species found in specific articles to add to the bibliography. E-mail is probably the easiest way to get things to me.

I have put a taxon list on the net from an old file. I will clean it up as time permits and would appreciate any help you can give. I am especially looking for names published since 1983 when I last updated the list. I will put a systematic list on the net as soon as I can enter the data. The other list I want to put on the net is an address list for branchers along with interest areas.

I need help from everyone who is seeing the ON -- please mention the ON whenever you are contacting people who are interested in branches. There are many people interested in opisthobranchs who are not aware the ON is back in production.

## Current Events:

29 June - 3 July, 1996. 62nd Annual Meetings of the American Malacological Union, The Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois. Call for papers -- due by 1 April, 1996. John Slapcinsky, Division of Invertebrates, The Field Museum, Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL60605, phone: 312-922-9410 ext. 577, FAX: 312-663-5397, e-mail <slapcin@fmnh.org>.

Conchologists of America (COA) has announced its molluscan research grants for 1996. Applications must be received by May 1, 1996. For further information contact Dr. Gary Rosenberg, Malacology Department, Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1195, e-mail <rosenberg@say.acnatsci.org>.

## Information Exchange:

From Gilianne Brodie, Dept. Marine Biology, James Cook University, Townsville 4811, Australia: I am interested in finding information concerning the influence of seahares on algal biomass. I am particularly interested in tropical systems where large herbivorous fish and echinoderm fauna may have been removed. Any relevant comments, or names of people working in this area that may not be on the molluscan list server, would be appreciated.

From Deborah Wills: You might want to check out my "Internet Resources for Conchologists" page <<http://fly.hiwaay.net/~dwills/shellnet.html>>. While the title says "Conchologists," there are many sites listed that would be of interest to malacologists. I am in the process of working on another update which will not only include

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new sites, but will also split the list into smaller pages to make it easier to load.”

The National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, has prepared the first installment of its on-line type catalogue of Recent mollusks. The catalogue includes Monoplacophora, Polyplacophora & Scaphopoda so far. Access on WWW at <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/gopher-menus/Mollusks.html>.

The web site for Aplysia Database Project is <http://www.med.cornell.edu/Aplysia/db-home.html>. This is a neurophysiology network database for neuroscience researchers. Daniel Gardner is the principal investigator, Cornell University Medical College <[dan@aplysia.med.cornell.edu](mailto:dan@aplysia.med.cornell.edu)>.

The British Columbia Creature Page is set to “explore the animals that live under British Columbia’s ocean waters.” Home page <http://www.forthrt.com/~kerry/creature/creature.htm>. Contact Kerry L. Werry e-mail <[werry@mpr.ca](mailto:werry@mpr.ca)>. Photos of more than a dozen nudibranchs.

The Veliger Larva Home Page from Steve Kempf includes pictures of opisthobranchs, including veliger larvae and information on opisthobranch larval anatomy and nervous systems. Home page [http://www.auburn.edu/academic/science\\_math/zoology/veliger.html](http://www.auburn.edu/academic/science_math/zoology/veliger.html).

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