

## *Editorial*

### **First European Crustacean Conference**

This Conference was held in Paris, from August 31 to September 4, 1992. It was organized in cooperation between the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, the Université Pierre et Marie Curie and the Ecole Normale Supérieure.

This multidisciplinary meeting received 429 participants from 42 countries who presented 175 oral communications and 170 posters. Various fundamental or applied aspects of the research on Crustacea were presented in the form of state-of-the-art lectures and specialized communications grouped according to twelve main topics (aquaculture, ecology, ecotoxicology, endocrinology, fisheries, metabolism, neurobiology, nutrition, phylogeny, reproduction, structures, systematics). The Conference included also seven specialized meetings [Sea Lice Workshop, Vth Colloquium Crustacea Decapoda Mediterranea, Thalassinid Workshop, Biogeography Workshop, Aquariology Workshop, XII<sup>e</sup> Réunion des Carcinologistes de Langue Française, general meeting of the Groupe d'Etude et de Réflexion sur l'Evolution des Crustacés (GEREC)]. Copies of the abstracts book may be purchased from: Dr. Pierre Noël, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Laboratoire de Zoologie (Arthropodes/Crustacés), 61, rue Buffon, 75005 Paris, France).

According to the topics, the abstracts of the communications will appear in several specific Journals, including : *Aquatic Living Resources* (plenary lectures and a few manuscripts), *Crustaceana* (systematics, phylogeny, ecology), *Cahiers de Biologie Marine* (biology, ecology of marine species), *Invertebrate Reproduction and Development* (reproduction, physiology), *Scientia Marina* (proceedings of the Colloquium Crustacea Decapoda Mediterranea) and *Ellis Horwood Ltd* (proceedings of the Sea Lice Workshop).

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A Second European Crustacean Conference is planned, to be held in Belgium in 1995 (or 1996). Those interested can contact Dr. André Péqueux, Laboratoire de Physiologie Animale, Institut Van Beneden, Université de Liège, Quai Van Beneden 22, B-4020 Liège, Belgium.

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