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# AMPHIPOD NEWSLETTER 43

## Dear Amphipodologists,

AN 43 arrives only just after the 18th ICA in Dijon, where we again met many old friends and made many new ones. Sadly we have also in 2019 lost two dear colleagues. John Holsinger and Augusto Vigna Taglianti. An extensive in memoriam for John Holsinger has been written by David Culver (see bibliography), while we hope to be able to include an in memoriam for Augusto Vigna Taglianti (Roma) in AN 44. We have an interview with Charles Griffiths in Cape Town, the foremost author on S. African amphipods, but someone who never has made it to our conferences. There are also shorter contributions by Roman Alther and Dmitry Sidorov as well as a report from a workshop on Patagonian amphipoda. We are very happy to hear from you - and we are pleased to present both small and large reports from your work, workshops and gatherings! Information about getting in contact with the newsletter is at page 63.

The bibliography this time contains 392 papers. The number of new species contained in it is with 72 maybe a bit less than in the earlier newsletters, but 53 new genera in one Newsletter is probably a record, due mainly to Jim Lowry & Alan Myers revisionary work on the Talitroidea. The higher classification of our beloved amphipods is clearly still in a state of flux.

We are very grateful to Tammy Horton for much help with AN43.

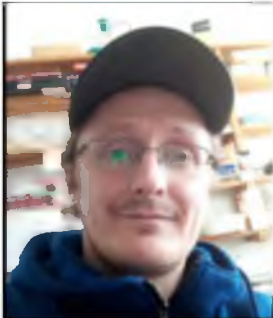
*Wim and Anne Helene*

### *Statistics from this Newsletter*

53 new genera

72 new species

## Who helps Sidorov?



My name is Dmitry Sidorov. Currently, I'm employee of the East Asia Terrestrial Biodiversity Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Vladivostok and engaged in research mainly of amphipods and slightly isopods. The most interesting, but also a difficult object in terms of research is a minute crustaceans which are still a lot of unspecified in the Far Eastern region of Russia. At the moment I dispose of a decommissioned microscope Carl Zeiss NU-2 in a deplorable technical condition, on which I working for many years. Prior to this, this microscope served in the walls of the POI FEB RAS and was made in the ancient soviet times. It was a very good microscope, but already it has

anti-reflection coating covered with unremovable divorces, the light is darkened, there no mercury lighting lamps and collimating procedure is needed. I happened to try different ways to fix it, but did not achieve any tangible success. Due to the lack of the good financial opportunity to purchase a microscope as a part of a grant, I unfortunately were left without equipment. I would be grateful if someone could help in this situation. I need some kind of microscope with magnification up to 800X-1000X supplied with a drawing device (camera lucida), phase contrast is desirable (it can be amortized second-hand microscope). Perhaps I will be able to pay the shipping and/or customs duty. In gratitude, I will determine a collections of your amphipods, if you need it for your project. Or I will gather some living creatures from the vicinity of Vladivostok/Primorye for your research.

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