

# 19<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Subterranean Biology

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**Fremantle, Western Australia  
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SUNDAY 21  
SEPTEMBER 2008

1700-2000

**Registration, reception & poster hanging**

1900-2000

**Performance – Wadumbah Dance Group**

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2008

	0800-1730	<b>Registration &amp; poster hanging</b>
	0845-0940	<b>Opening ceremony</b>
	0940-1030 <u>Wilkens</u>	<b>Evolution – Chair: W.F. Humphreys</b> Genes, modules and the evolution of troglobites
	1030-1100 refreshments	<b>Phylogeography – Chair: S. Taiti</b>
	1100-1120 <u>Strecker</u>	Introgression in <i>Astyanax fasciatus</i> cave populations (Teleostei)
	1120-1140 <u>Cooper, Guzik, Saint, Austin &amp; Humphreys</u>	Comparative phylogeography of crustacean stygofauna from calcrete aquifers of central Western Australia: are they climate relicts?
	1140-1200 <u>Stone, Croom, Howarth &amp; James</u>	Evolution of Hawaiian surface and cave adapted <i>Caconemobius</i> crickets (Insecta, Gryllidae, Nemobiinae)
	1200-1220 <u>Finston, Halse &amp; Eberhard</u>	Morphological and molecular diversity of subterranean nocticolid cockroaches of the Pilbara
	1220-1240 <u>Abrams, Guzik, Cooper &amp; Austin</u>	Molecular phylogeography and phylogenetics of the Parabathynellidae (Crustacea: Bathynellacea) of the Yilgarn region, Western Australia
	1240-1340 lunch	<b>Historical Biogeography – Chair: B. Sket</b>
	1340-1400 <u>Ledford, Paquin, Griswold &amp; Gillespie</u>	Islands underground: species limits, phylogenetics, and conservation of <i>Neoleptoneta</i> spiders in Texas caves
	1400-1420 <u>Allegrucci, Fortunato, Carchini, Cobolli &amp; Sbordoni</u>	Molecular phylogeny and historical biogeography of cave crickets from the southern end of the world
	1420-1440 <u>Karanovic</u>	Zoogeography of Australian subterranean copepods (Crustacea) contradicts assumptions of monophly of large continental blocks
	1440-1500 <u>Cho &amp; Humphreys</u>	Bathynellacean biodiversity of groundwater in Western Australia
	1500-1520 <u>Harvey, Berry, Edward, Humphreys &amp; Walter</u>	A tale of different origins: Western Australian mesas contain subterranean fauna with contrasting evolutionary histories
	1520-1540 refreshments	<b>Management – Chair: G. Humphreys</b>
	1540-1600 <u>Ozimec &amp; Marković</u>	Red book of cave-dwelling fauna of Croatia
	1600-1620 <u>Gibert, Piscart, Marmonier &amp; Simon</u>	Groundwater fauna as indicators of the hydrological exchanges between river and groundwater at the landscape scale
	1620-1640 <u>Tomlinson</u>	Using subterranean science in water planning
	1640-1700 <u>Goater, Storey, Gardner, Dracup &amp; Knott</u>	How much is enough?
	1700-1720 <u>Brad, van Straalen &amp; Röling</u>	Nutrient recycling by protozoan predation can enhance overall bacterial degradation of organic matter in groundwater ecosystems
	1800-2000	<b>ISSB-SIBIOS Council meeting (Council members only)</b>

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2008

	0830-1730	<b>Registration</b> <b>Phylogeography – Chair: T. Finston</b>
	0900-0920 <u>Page, Humphreys &amp; Hughes</u>	Subterranean homesick blues or: How I learned to stop worrying and love Australian cave shrimps
	0920-0940 <u>Fong, Hutchins &amp; Carlini</u>	Three distinct clades of the stygobiotic isopod <i>Antrolana lira</i> (Crustacea, Cirolanidae) in the Shenandoah Valley of the Eastern United States
	0940-1000 <u>Guzik, Cooper, Humphreys &amp; Austin</u>	Identifying potential mechanisms of speciation in Australian stygofauna
	1000-1020 <u>Bradford, Adams, Humphreys, Austin &amp; Cooper</u>	Comparative mtDNA phylogeography of subterranean amphipod (Chiltoniidae) species from a single Yilgarn calcrete aquifer
	1020-1100 refreshments	
	1100-1120 <u>Humphreys</u>	<b>Conservation – Chair: J. Anderson</b> Subterranean biodiversity in Australian shield regions and arid areas: are there global implications?
	1120-1140 <u>Deharveng, Brehier, Bedos, Tian Minggyi, Li Youbang, Zhang Feng &amp; Tan Xuefeng</u>	Mulun karst, a hot-spot of subterranean biodiversity in China
	1140-1200 <u>Husana, Kase &amp; Yamamuro</u>	Biodiversity of cavernicolous crabs and conservation of cave habitats in the Philippines
	1200-1220 <u>Eberhard, Bell, Moulds, Stevens &amp; Muirhead</u>	Terrestrial subterranean diversity in non-karstic Archaean rock terrains: another Aladdin's Cave opening in the Pilbara region of Western Australia
	1220-1240 <u>Halse, Cocking, McRae &amp; Scanlon</u>	Perspectives of troglofauna conservation assessment and short range endemism
	1240-1340 lunch	
	1340-1400 <u>Ketmaier, Rampini, Di Russo, Latell, Bernhardt, Tiedemann &amp; Cobolli</u>	<b>Phylogeography – Chair: R. Leijis</b> Molecular evolutionary divergence and phylogeography among Southern Chinese cave crickets of the genus <i>Diestrammena</i> (Rhaphidophoridae)
	1400-1420 <u>Giuliana, Rampini, Todisco &amp; Sbordoni</u>	Molecular biogeography of cave crickets: phylogenetic inference and evolution of the Eastern Mediterranean <i>Dolichopoda</i>
	1420-1440 <u>Ribera &amp; López-Pancorbo</u>	Origins and distribution of the family Nesticidae (Arachnida: Araneae) in the Mediterranean basin
	1440-1500 <u>Polak &amp; Trontelj</u>	Molecular phylogeny and new systematics of leptodirine subterranean beetles (Coleoptera, Leiodidae = Cholevidae) - first results
	1500-1520 <u>Paquin &amp; Hedin</u>	Does bad taxonomy favour conservation purposes? The case of the eyeless <i>Cicurina cueva</i> (Araneae: Dictynidae) from caves in the vicinity of Austin (Travis Co.) Texas
	1520-1540 refreshments	
	1540-1600 <u>Susac &amp; Anderson</u>	<b>Biodiversity – Chair: L. Deharveng</b> Discovery of subterranean 'Hidden Treasures' within the Northern Agricultural Region, Western Australia
	1600-1620 <u>R &amp; J Anderson</u>	An overview of subterranean fauna and habitats in the Napier Ranges, Kimberley, Western Australia
	1620-1640 <u>Holsinger, Fong, Shafer &amp; Culver</u>	A surprising new stygobiotic species of the amphipod genus <i>Gammarus</i> (Crustacea, Gammaridae) from groundwater habitats in central Pennsylvania, USA
	1640-2000	<b>Poster session &amp; Reception</b>

**WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2008**

	<b>Excursion to Yanchep National Park. Leader: S. Goater</b>
700	Assemble at Maritime Museum, front stairs
730	Bus departure
0900-0940	Welcome at Yanchep National Park
0945-1315	Tours and presentations
1320-1400	Lunch
1410-1545	Tours and presentations
1600	Assemble for departure
1630	Departure
1800	Expected return to Maritime Museum

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2008

	0830-1730	<b>Registration</b>
	0900- 935 <u>Hoch, Howarth, Stone &amp; Wessel</u>	<b>Evolution and Adaptation – Chair: S. Cooper</b> Cavernicolous planthoppers (Insecta: Hemiptera: Cixiidae) from Hawai'i and Australia: model systems for evolutionary biology and speleogenomics?
	0940-1000 <u>Oromí, Contreras, Moya, Ribera &amp; Juan</u>	Geological age and troglobiomorphism in volcanic islands: is there a correlation?
	1000-1020	Conference photograph
	1030-1100 refreshments	
	1100-1120 <u>Parzefall &amp; Plath</u>	<b>Evolution and Adaptation – Chair: O. Moldovan</b> Evolutionary ecology of the Mexican cave fish <i>Poecilia mexicana</i> (Poeciliidae) compared to epigean relatives
	1120-1140 <u>Trontelj</u>	Adaptive radiation under ground
	1140-1200 <u>Trajano</u>	Ecological scenarios in the evolution of troglobites
	1200-1220 <u>Taiti &amp; Humphreys</u>	Subterranean terrestrial isopods (Crustacea, Oniscidea) from Western Australia
	1220-1240 <u>Geoffroy</u>	The cave-dwelling millipede fauna of Vanuatu (Espiritu Santo Island): preliminary results and perspectives on diplopod biodiversity, with comments on the millipede families Pyrgodesmidae, Haplodesmidae and Doratodesmidae (Diplopoda: Polydesmida)
	1240-1340 lunch	
	1340-1400 <u>Reid</u>	<b>Ecology – Chair: E. Trajano</b> Methane subsidy and stonefly migration in an alluvial aquifer ecosystem
	1400-1420 <u>Zagmajster &amp; Sket</u>	Patterns of troglobiotic beetle (Coleoptera) biodiversity compared to sampling intensity and recent environmental correlates in the Western Balkans
	1420-1440 <u>Martínez, Brito, Núñez &amp; Worsaae</u>	Distribution patterns of the interstitial Nerillidae (Annelida: Polychaeta) in La Corona lava tunnel (Lanzarote, Canary Islands), with some remarks on the recent colonization processes of the meiobenthic communities of the cave
	1440-1500 <u>Torres-Talamante &amp; Escobar-Briones</u>	<i>Speleonectes</i> sp. (Crustacea: Remipedia): habitat, abundance and trophic relations in “Crustacea” anchialine system, Quintana Roo, Mexico
	1500-1520 <u>Culver &amp; Pipan</u>	New insights into subterranean life: superficial subterranean habitats
	1520-1540 refreshments	
	1540-1600 <u>Hancock</u>	<b>Ecology – Chair: A. Boulton</b>
	1600-1620 <u>Taylor, Krejca &amp; Hackley</u>	The dynamics of groundwater invertebrate communities in alluvial aquifers during and following drought Urban and rural cave invertebrate communities: Isotopic evaluation of trophic structure ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ , $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ) & the relationship between taxa richness and cover types in central Texas, USA
	1620-1640 <u>Moldovan, Levei, Miclean, Abraham, Meleg, Brad &amp; Iepure</u>	Interstitial fauna as indicator for heavy metal pollution
	1640-1700 <u>Korbel, Hose, Hancock &amp; Serov</u>	Stygofauna in northern New South Wales - unpredictable but interestingly diverse?
	1700-1720 <u>Fenwick, Drake &amp; Hartland</u>	Groundwater ecosystem functioning along a contamination gradient
	1720-1800	Break
	1800-2000	<b>Subterranean Biology editorial meeting (Editorial Board members only)</b>
	2000-2200	Films (if offered, see conference organisers)

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2008

	0830-1730	<b>Registration</b>
		<b>Development and Genomics – Chair: D. Culver</b>
0900- 0930	<b>Wu, Wood &amp; Friedrich</b>	Sensory receptor gene family evolution in cryptozoic insects: first insights from the red flour beetle <i>Tribolium castaneum</i>
0930-1000	<b>Borowsky</b>	Are cave populations evolutionary dead ends?
1000-1030	<b>Jeffery</b>	Developmental relationships between eye regression and constructive traits in <i>Astyanax</i> cavefish
1030-1100	refreshments	
		<b>Genetics – Chair: S. Halse</b>
1100-1130	<b>Protas &amp; Patel</b>	The genetic basis of morphological change in the cave isopod, <i>Asellus aquaticus</i>
1130-1150	<b>Leijs</b>	Does subterranean fauna have altered rates of molecular evolution?
1150-1210	<b>Merritt &amp; Aotani</b>	Bioluminescence in cave glow-worms: signs of altered circadian rhythmicity
1210-1230	<b>Colson, Hervant, Morales &amp; Douady</b>	Identification and expression of the first inducible Hsp70 gene from a subterranean crustacean, <i>Niphargus rhenorhodanensis</i>
1230-1340	lunch	
		<b>Biodiversity – Chair: M. Harvey</b>
1340-1400	<b>Clarke</b>	The subterranean biodiversity of China: some recent examples
1400-1420	<b>Bichuette, de Pinna &amp; Trajano</b>	<i>Glaphyropoma</i> sp. n. (Siluriformes: Trichomycteridae): the first subterranean copionodontine catfish in Brazil with distribution and ecological data
1420-1440	<b>Sidorov, Holsinger &amp; Takhteev</b>	Biogeographic significance of the recent discovery of a new species of <i>Stygobromus</i> (Amphipoda, Crangonyctidae) from groundwaters in eastern Siberia near Lake Baikal
1440-1500	<b>Karanovic</b>	From “terra incognita” to the center of biodiversity: The story of Australian Candoninae (Crustacea, Ostracoda)
1520-1540	refreshments	
1540-1800		<b>General Assembly ISSB-SIBIOS</b>
1800-2300		<b>Conference dinner</b>

# POSTERS

	<b>E Aden</b>	Ontogenetic and phylogenetic aspects of regression processes in cave fish: immunohistochemical studies on the blind fish <i>Phreatichthys andruzzii</i> Vinciguerra, 1924
	<b>GL Bennison &amp; PJ Hancock</b>	Ord River Irrigation Area Stage 2 Expansion Groundwater Fauna Survey
	<b>ME Bichuette, M Maestre, E Trajano &amp; R Borowsky</b>	Relationship among cave catfish populations, genus <i>Rhamdiopsis</i> (Ostariophysi: Siluriformes: Heptapteridae), from a karst area of northeastern Brazil
	<b>MC Brito, A Martínez &amp; J Núñez</b>	Changes in the stygobiont polychaetes communities due to the bioturbative activity of <i>Bonellia viridis</i> in the lagoon cave of Jameos del Agua, Lanzarote
	<b>J-L Cho &amp; J-W Yum</b>	Justification of <i>Kimberleybathynella</i> Cho et al, 2005 based on morpho-phylogenetic analysis
	<b>A Clarke</b>	Defining cave micro-habitats: a Tasmanian perspective with new species examples
	<b>C Colson, C Douady, D Renault, A Gravot &amp; F Hervant</b>	Is cold tolerance a general ecophysiological response in the subterranean crustacean <i>Niphargus rhenorhodanensis</i> ?
	<b>E Dumnicka</b>	Comparison of oligochaete fauna inhabiting surface and cave water bodies in the sandstone mountain region of Poland
	<b>S Eberhard &amp; PM Giachino</b>	New species of cave and forest litter dwelling Trechinae (Coleoptera Carabidae): emerging patterns in morphology, distribution and evolution of Tasmanian cave beetles
	<b>K Fabrio, B Jalžić &amp; S Gottstein</b>	Subterranean amphipods in karst and flysh zone of Istria, Croatia
	<b>MT Filippelli, M Baratti &amp; S Taiti</b>	Phylogeny and convergence in the two cavernicolous genera <i>Spelaeonethes</i> and <i>Titanethes</i> (Crustacea, Isopoda, Oniscidea)

## TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 1640-2000

C Fišer, A Bogdan, M Gal, M Horvat, R Keber, V Kereži, Ž Kovačec, R Luštrik, A Moškrič, S Novak, E Ogorevc, A Palandančić, V Petkovska, M Pustovrh, T Sečen, D Slana, M Škrget, M Turjak, H Potočnik & B Sket	Teaching speleobiology for understanding biology: an ecology case study (interaction of surface and subterranean amphipods in springs)
MA Gowarty, R Borowsky & B Borowsky	The eyeless cave amphipod crustacean <i>Niphargus ictus</i> Karaman 1985 responds to light
NR Gunawardene, EJ Thomas, VS Campagna, SJ Gregory, FE Taukulis, JM Puglisi, RZ De Lange & KA Moiler	Analysis of taxonomic diversity of stygofauna of the Pilbara Region, Western Australia
MJ Lategan & GC Hose	Quantifying the heterogeneity of microbial activity and diversity in aquifers
H López, AJ Pérez & P Oromí	Preliminary data on the prospection of the mesovoid shallow substratum (MSS) on Gran Canaria (Canary Islands, Spain)
GJ Magniez	From 1896 to 2008, a sight of the stygobitic family Stenasellidae (Crustacea, Isopoda, Asellota)
P Marcia & A Casale	Recent investigations on subterranean animal species in Sardinia, and on their conservation
A Martínez, MC Brito, TM Iliffe, S Koenemann, K Worsaae & J Núñez	Anchialine fauna from the Canary Islands: a checklist of recorded taxa for the La Corona lava tunnel (Lanzarote)
I Meleg, T Brad, S Iepure & O Moldovan	Aquatic fauna in the unsaturated area in caves of Pădurea Craiului Mountains (northwest Romania)
S Montagud, A Sendra, S Teruel, VM Ortuño & A Moreno	Biodiversity on caves of the Valencia Community
J Muriel-Cunha, M CC de Pinna & J AS Zuanon	The first vertebrate from the hyporheic: a new species of <i>Phreatobius</i> Goeldi, 1905 (Siluriformes, Incertae Sedis) from northern Amazon, Brazil
J Muriel-Cunha & M CC de Pinna	Using DNA to resolve the phylogenetic placement of a morphologically aberrant taxon, the stygal catfish <i>Phreatobius</i> (Goeldi, 1905) (Ostariophysi: Siluriformes)

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J Núñez, A Martínez & MC Brito	A new species of genus <i>Sphaerosyllis</i> (Polychaeta: Syllidae: Exogoninae) from the Atlantida Tunnel, Lanzarote, Canary Islands
AJ Pérez, H López & P Oromí	The cave-dwelling fauna of Gran Canaria (Canary Islands, Spain): the importance of artificial caves
B Roudnew & R Leijs	Biodiversity of stygofauna and stygomicrobes of aquifers in South Australia in relation to environmental factors
K Salin, Y Voituron, C Colson & F Hervant	To colonize subterranean environment without starvation tolerance capacity: the case of fish <i>Astyanax fasciatus mexicanus</i>
B Sambugar, U Ferrarese, E Martínez-Ansemil, F Stoch & A Zullini	The aquatic fauna of the karstic cave system 'Piani Eterni' (Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park, Southern Limestone Alps, Italy)
D Sansone & Trajano	Food web in a cave from northeastern Brazil
I Schön, K Martens & S Halse	Phylogeography of two putative ancient asexual ostracod species (Darwinulidae, Ostracoda, Crustacea) from above and below ground
A Sendra, VM Ortuño, S Teruel & S Montagud	A new hotspot of subterranean biodiversity in the Iberian Peninsula. The beasts in the caverns of the "Middle Earth" where "Gollum"-japyx dwells
F Stone, N Lo & J Walker	Current status of the family Nocticolidae (Insecta, Blattaria); a tropical Old World and Australian group rich in cave adapted species
E Trajano, S Secutti, ALF Guil, V Felice & ME Bichuette	Population ecology of <i>Rhamdia enfurnada</i> , troglobitic catfish from northeastern Brazil (Siluriformes: Heptapteridae)
K von Rintelen, TJ Page, Y Cai, D Wowor, TM Iliffe & T von Rintelen	Evolutionary biology of cave shrimps (Crustacea, Decapoda, Atyidae) from the Indonesian island Sulawesi
Z Yrneh, T Ulloa, J A Faría S, MM Castillo & M Gamboa	Distribution of benthic macroinvertebrates in two streams of the Alfredo Jahn Cave, Venezuela

