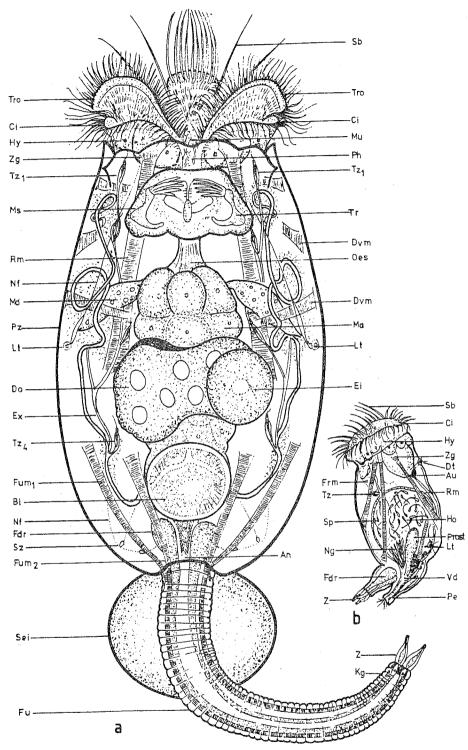
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A Newsletter for Rotiferologists throughout the World



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NEWS, NOTES, AND REQUESTS

Items received by either editor on or before 15 August 1982 have been included in this issue of ROTIFERS NEWS (No. 5), all other items we be published in issue No. 6.

The editors are sorry to inform our readers that we must request help in the mailing of ROTIFER NEWS. As you are well aware, international and even domestic mailing costs are quite high. We are requesting that the readers of ROTIFER NEWS support us in this valuable endeavor by honoring the suggested dues (\$ 4.00 US dollars for two years - 4 issues) which are printed on the accompanying questionnaire which follows the last regular page of this issue.

As ROTIFER NEWS goes to "press" there are less than two weeks before the Third International Rotifer Symposium begins in Uppsala, Sweden. A detailed listing of Symposium III's program will be printed in the next issue of ROTIFER NEWS (planned for EARLY SPRING OF 1983). A reader has suggested that information pertaining to the Fourth International Rotifer Symposium be made available much further in advance than has been done previously. The editors will attempt to honor this request.

- 1. Back issues of ROTIFER NEWS are still available! If you need a back issue (1-4) of ROTIFER NEWS copies are available from Jim Litton. Your comments on any aspect of ROTIFER NEWS is requested by the editors! You may write either one inorder to let your interests be known.
- 2. Harmut Arndt requests information on the culture of brackish water rotifers from anyone having experience in that area (address given below).
- 3. Charles Hussey reports that he has been experimenting with scanning electron microscopy of several rotifers including: Asplanchna priodonta, Floscularia ringens, Trichotria pocillum, and Mytilina ventralis. This work is at present being put into a form suitable for presentation at the third International Rotifer Symposium.

Charles has also recently published the following work: A CHECKLIST AND BIBIOGRAPHY OF RECORDS OF ROTIFERA (ROTATORIA) FROM BRITAIN. Microfiche (1981) 10 fiches + 8pp. booklet.

ISBN 0 565 008447 12.00 pounds.

"Over 600 species have been reported from Britain. This checklist has been compiled from published records and is supported by an extensive biblography of over 970 sources. Additional data has been derived from specimens in the Collections of the British

Museum (Natural History). The work will guide the user through the labyrinth of nomenclatural changes afflicting this group and indirectly provides a chronicle of the long history of their study in this country. For each record, all available details are given of the authority, habitat and locality, and whether a figure or description is provided. A map reference, based on the National Grid has been included for each locality." (see below - Recent Literature.)

- 4. Mark White (address given below): would like to receive information on the media suitable for culture of <u>Brachionus angularis</u>, <u>Keratella spp.</u> and <u>Filinia terminalis</u>, especially when these species are grown together. Also he is particularly interested in information regarding the construction of chemostatic systems (chemostats). Anyone who is famililar with rotifer chemostat systems, has any information about chemostats, or knows someone who does, is requested to share that information with Mark!
- 5. Esther Lubzens (address given below) is interested in receiving English translations of papers written in German (especially Buchner et. al.)
- 6. Linda May has recently completed her Ph.D. Thesis. Following is an abstract of that work.

ABSTRACT

ECOLOGY OF PLANKTONIC ROTIFERS AT LOCH LEVEN, KINROSS-SHIRE

"The population dynamics of rotifers in Loch Leven was studied over a three year period (1977-1979) from samples collected at weekly intervals. Since up to 55 percent of the smaller rotifers may be lost when collected with a net of 45 micron mesh size, the samples were collected by volumetric methods and concentrated by sedimentation.

Loch Leven was generally well-mixed with rotifers distributed more or less randomly throughout the pelagic zone on most occasions. Population densities could, therefore, be estimated from only a small number of samples.

Rotifers are generally difficult to identify since little is known of their ecology and their morphology is often strongly influenced by environmentally induced polymorphism. In order to avoid any major systematic misunderstanding the species list for Loch Leven is accompanied by short descriptions of the animals with notes on the problem of identification.

Rotifers showed a distinct pattern of seasonal succession which appeared to be influenced, primarily, by species specific responses to changing water temperature. Many species showed a well-defined range of temperature preference beyond which their reproductive success was seriously impaired. Within this range of

temperature preference, the birth rate was dependent upon water temperature and food availability.

Many rotifer species appeared to be food specialists and some observations were made on their feeding habits. Attempts were made to culture rotifers on various algal species in the laboratory to test hypotheses suggested by field observations.

The predation of rotifers by Cyclopoid copepods, the predatory rotifer Asplanchna priodonta and larval perch is discussed. However, little quantitative information was available and the impact of predation on rotifer populations in Loch Leven is still unknown."

- 7. M. Bruzon Gallego is interested in receiving information concerning rotifer culture using algae and the yeast <u>Saccharomyces</u> <u>cerevisiae</u>. Anyone currently using such organisms as food for the culture of rotifers may contact Gallego at the address given below.
- 8. R.J. Shiel and W. Koste have (in preparation) a Key to the Australian Planktonic Rotifera. ROTIFER NEWS will inform its readers when this work is published. Shiel reports that he found a population of Synchaeta pectinata at 25,000 individuals per liter in a local reservoir in December 1981 (South Australia). This may well make the record books for highest population density!

If there are any other such major works in preparation (partially completed) please inform the editors so that we may included that information in the next issue of ROTIFER NEWS.

- 9. Gunter Tzschaschel is in the process of preparing a volume entitled "Rotatoria (Monogononta) for the new edition of "Brauer: Susswasserfauna Deutschlands" and also a synopsis of the interstitial rotifers. He is very interested in receiving reprints dealing with new species, redescriptions of known species, new proposals for systematic and/or taxonomic revisions, keys, etc. For his morphological studies he is interested in permanent preparations and drawings of rare species (to be returned to the owner as soon as possible). Gunter offers his aid to those collegues who are having problems in identifying rotifers. His address is given below.
- 10. Wayne Evans (address given below) is conducting research on the ecology of the sessile rotifer <u>Cupelopagis vorax</u> which occurs on <u>Elodea</u> leaves in small ponds near his laboratory. He would like to hear from anyone engaged in research on <u>C. vorax</u> or any other predatory sessile rotifer for an exchange of ideas and literature. He has successfully cultured <u>C. vorax</u> through three generations using filtered pond water in <u>50</u> microliter Cooke Histo-plates. (The pond water was filtered through a 37 or 64 micrometer mesh screen, then filtered two times througha Whatman # 5 qualitative filter paper. The water should be changed once daily.) The animals were fed epifaunal rotifers such as <u>Lepadella</u>.

Evans has submitted a paper to <u>Hydrobiologia</u> entitled: "Seasonal abundances of psammic rotifers in an acid mine polluted stream. (See also the list of recent literature below.)

- 11. Paul Turner requests help from his collegues. He is looking for references which might aid him in the identification of Rotifers from South Korea. (See addresses below).
- 12. R.L. Wallace has been asked by someone in the U.S. EPA for information on the geographic distribution of <u>Philodina</u> acuticornis. Anyone with ANY information concerning this species is requested to get in contact with Wallace (address given below).
- 13. Bruno Berzins (address see below) has several works in press including the list of titles which follows. "Zuz Kenntnis der Rotatorienfauna von Madagascar." "Contribution to the knowledge of Rotatoria of Australia." "Die Unterarten von Dissotrocha aculeata (Macrostyla)." "Short notes on Rotatoria."
- 14. Following are several abstracts that have been presented at the 45 th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Inc., which was held June 14 17, 1982 at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina. (NB: These are not all the papers presented at this meeting which might be of interest to rotiferologists. We only printed those abstracts for which the author's written permission was given.)
- (A) N.G. Hairston, Jr., W.E. Walton, and W.R. Munns -- The timing of copepod resting egg production: An adaptation to unpredictable environments.

"For freshwater zooplankton, resting egg production represents means of escaping harsh periods in the environment. The switch from subitaneous to resting eggs is usually considered to be induced by some environmental cue that presages the onset of unfavorable conditions. In 4 populations of Diaptomus sanguineus both temporary and permanent ponds this switch appears to be more strictly regulated. Maturing females produce one or two clutches of subitaneous eggs and then make all future clutches resting eggs. This is true whether the harsh period comes in spring as it does in permanent ponds when fish feeding activity increases, or in late summer as it does when temporary ponds dry Computer simulations of competition between a variety of up. possible fixed and induced strategies show that when the onset of harsh conditions is even moderately unpredictable, a fixed sequence of subitaneous eggs first followed by resting eggs is nearly always dominant."

(B) R.E. Magnien and J.J. Gilbert -- Diel cycles of reproduction and vertical migration in the rotifer <u>Keratella</u> cochlearis and their influence on the estimation of population dynamics.

"Diel cycles of reproduction and vertical migration were observed in the rotifer Keratella cochlearis. A strong persistant egg hatching synchrony was observed during the summer months when 73% to 93% of eggs hatched during an afternoon period of 6 to 7 hours duration. We hypothesize that this synchrony develops during oogenesis in response to diel changes in lake temperature. Vertical migration resembled a regular. mean depths of the population when were examined. Migrations differed in timing, however, for ovigerous non-ovigerous fractions of the population. Ovigerous animals reached their lowest and highest positions in the water column approximately 4 and 6 hr later, respectively, than non-ovigerous animals. Differences in timing produced diel changes in the depth profile of egg depths. On two successive years, sampling at different times of the day produced variations in egg ratio and the calculation of b, the instantaneous birth rate, that approached an order of magnitude."

(C) W.J. McManus -- Clonal Coexistence and the Evolution of Sex: A new look at Williams Aphid-Rotifer Model.

"Williams Aphid-Rotifer Model was modified to incorporate the of obligatory parthenogenetic clones. simulation of this (modification) indicated that the coexistence of 2 - 4 obligatory clones reduced the effects of the proposed immediate selective advantage of facultative parthenogenesis. coexistence of 5 or more clones had less additional effect. Also, the incorporation of recombination load to the model further reduced the proposed advantage of reproducing sexually. results bring into doubt the importance of immediate selective pressures to account for sexual reproduction in cyclic parthenogens."

(D) P. Starkweather -- Rotifers and Blue-greens: Variability in behavior and trophic interactions.

"The cosmopolitan rotifer Brachionus calyciflorus is found in mesotrophic waters and is capable of feeding on many types of blue-green algae [bluegreen bacteria]. Despite this behavioral ability to consume diverse cell types, not all cyanophytes are utilized with equal efficiency, as assayed via feeding life-table experiments. The blue-greens fall into 3 categories: acceptable - supporting population growth at relatively low densities (e.g. Anabaena flos-aquae), 2. marginal supporting growth only at high food densities (e.g. Synechococcus unacceptable - not supporting population growth cedorum, and 3. regardless of available cell densities (e.g. Microcystis aeruginosa). These results illustrate that generalizations which contrast the trophic value of eucaryotic versus cyanophyte foods are not sustained for this species, and perhaps for other rotifers which commonly co-occur with blue-greens. In addition, strain differences among conspecific cyanophytes may add significant variability to both feeding and life-table comparisons."

Starkweather is interested in hearing about other research documenting interactions between rotifers and blue-green algae: Subjects could include feeding, antibiosis, substrate interactions, etc.

- 15. Manfred Siebert (address given below) has developed with his collegues a new bioassay for the sublethal effects of chemicals. Basically they use parameters of rotifer population dynamics such as: carrying capacity, "little-r" (the intrinsic rate of natural increase), and the frequency of population level oscillations as bio-indicators of the sublethal effects of chemical substances. The rotifers are grown under controlled constant environmental conditions (25 degrees C, 15-ml experimental vessels, 1 X 10 algal cells/ml, and standardized medium). Up to the time of this entry (17 MAY 1982) they have tested pentachlorophenol, phenol, 4-nitrophenol, and 4-chloroaniline.
- 16. R. Gulati and coworkers have recently started a baseline zooplankton study of a number of shallow, eutrophic lakes that form an open system and receive nutrient-rich water from a river. In the very near future, these lakes will receive treated phosphate poor-water from Amsterdam-Rhine canal, instead of the polluted water. The main object of our study is to examine the changes in the rotiferan and cladoceran fauna, and their grazing pressure during the next several years.

Gulati also has a long term project (10 years) on Lake Vechten. In Lake Vechten rotifers are not important in terms of biomass, but they can reach rather high densities (4000-5000 individuals per liter) in short periods of time. The important genera in this lake are: Keratella spp., Kellicottia sp., and Asplanchna sp.

- 17. J.J. Gilbert has several reviews on rotifer reproduction biology in press to be published in: Reproductive biology of invertebrates. Editors: K.G. Adiyodi and R.G. Adiyodi; Wiley and Sons. -- VOL I: Female reproductive system, female types, oogenesis, egg types and envelopes, and oviposition; VOL Biology of monogonont males, male reproductive system, spermatogenesis, and spermatozoa; VOL III: Accessory sex glands: development: VOL V: Sexual and IV: Fertilization differentiation and behavior: VOL VI: Asexual reproduction and reproductive strategies.
- 18. R.L. Wallace is interested in receiving preserved samples of sessile rotifers (5% formalin if possible). Contributors are asked to please include relevant collection data (i.e. collector, location, date, water temperature, substratum, and habitat chemistries if available). <ADDRESS: Biology Department, 300 Seward street, Ripon, WI, 54971, U.S.A.>
- 19. Brian J Ford <Address: Scientific Unit, Mill Park House, 57 Westville Road, Cardiff CF2 5Df, U.K.> has the following paper

in press. "The Rotifera of Antony van Leeuwenhoek." Microscopy (1982).

- 20. Readers are requested to inform the editors their opinion on the following problem: Many of the papers which are currently being found by our searching methods (See opening paragraph to RECENT LITERATURE) are concerned with rotifers as food for fish larvae (etc.) and not really directed to the biology and ecology rotifers. What we would like to know from the readers is, do you wish to see these peripheral works in the recent literature or not. For the most part they have been included in this issue of ROTIFER NEWS.
- 21. So little information concerning rotifer culture media was sent to ROTIFER NEWS that no special section will be devoted to this topic in Issue #5. However, see Stemberger (1981) in the Recent Literature section.
- 22. Leonard Bennetch reports that he has a number of important rotifer reprints for sale. The library includes, "100 separate papers, comprising 2400, pages, 3440 rotifer listings, and 3132 descriptive drawings or figures." If you wish further details (a list of the papers) of this offer please write:

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This is not a complete list of the Mailing list of ROTIFER NEWS. Most of the following people returned the questionnaire from the last issue, or verbally indicated their research interests to the Editors. A few names were added when the Editors discovered changes of address from reviewing the literature. The mailing list for ROTIFER NEWS is based on the list developed by John Gilbert (see past issues) and several new researchers who have recently discovered ROTIFER NEWS. Any rotiferologist who knows of other people who should be receiving it should let the editors know as soon as possible.

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Ultrastructural and biochemical parameters of the organs and organelles of rotifers, particularly the cell membrane structure/function relationships.

Fungal endoparasites of rotifers.

Developmental polymorphism in rotifers.

Feeding behavior of rotifers and the role of feeding in structuring fresh water zooplankton communities.

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Rotifer taxonomy, The rotifer fauna from Madagascar, Australia, Greenland, Kambodga. Computer correlation analysis of Swedish rotifers and abiotic factors.

Ecology of sessile rotifers.

Ecology of Canadian rotifers.

Rotifer community structure. Rotifer-cladoceran interactions.

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Effects of synthetic oils on rotifers and other zooplankton in experimental ponds. Population and community dynamics of rotifers.

Effects of weight, temperature, and food concentrations on P and excretion in zooplankton. Rotifers as components in P and N remineralization in lakes of different trophic status.

The use of <u>Asplanchna</u> brightwelli in aging research

Population dynamics of the rotifer fauna of sand bars in streams and freshwater beaches. Ecology of Cupelopagis vorax.

Systematics, ecology, zoogeography of zooplankton. Role of rotifers as food of fish.

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Systematics and biogeography of marine rotifers from the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Population dynamics, production and grazing rates of rotifers in lakes of the central volcanic plateau of North Island, New Zealand.

Taxonomy, morphology, ecological, studies of <u>Sphagnum</u> bog rotifers, including reproduction, population dynamics, and trophic relations, especially in Auvergne (French Central Massif).

Feeding ecology of planktonic rotifers.

Mass culture of marine zooplankton, for example the Rotifer: Brachionus plicatilis and Artemia sp.

Zooplankton (including rotifers) of UK waters.

Polymorphism in <u>Asplanchna</u>. Feeding rates and food selectivities of suspension-feeding rotifers. Competitive interactions between

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Horst Hertel Institut fur Tierphysiologie suspension-feeding rotifers and crustaceans.

Systematics of the Brachionidae.

Altitudinal and latitudinal variation in rotifers

Taxonomy, distribution and population ecology of New Zealand planktonic rotifers.

Culture, biossay, bioaccumulation studies on rotifers; use of rotifers as food for invertebrate predators.

Population dynamics of rotifers and cladocera in eutrophic waters; zooplankton grazing studies; zooplankton studies on Lake Vechten.

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Brigitte Koch-Althaus Technische Universitat Dresden Role of rotifers in the limnetic zooplankton. Population ecology (Filinia): cyclomorphosis (Keratella cochlearis)

Curation of National Collections, Scanning Electron Micrographical studies on rotifers, Taxonomy of rotifers.

Developmental rates of eggs in fluctuating temperatures; population dynamics of predatory and prey rotifers.

Quantitative genetics: tolerance to salinity variation and the heritability of rates of sexual VS asexual reproduction in B. plicatilis.

Zooplankton energetics; seasonal distribution of planktonic rotifers.

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Systematique, dynamique, et ecologie des populations en lacs et eaux courantes.

Thermal pollution and aquatic ecology.

Zooplankton community structure and energetics. Zooplankton production in Carp ponds. Mass lab culture of Brachionus.

Polymorphism in rotifers. Effects of tocopherols and related compounds on rotifers. Ecology of freshwater and marine rotifers.

Reproductive biology of Brachionus plicatilis, including: sexuality; resting egg production, preservation, control of hatching. Mass culture of rotifers.

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Species composition, seasonal changes in density; vertical distribution of planktonic rotifers. Competition. Culture of Asplanchna spp. feeding, and developmental biology.

Laboratory culture of rotifers; Effects of food supply, water temperature on growth rates. Population dynamics. Rotifers of Loch Leven.

Clonal coexistence of rotifers. Evolution of sexual reproduction. Further analysis of the Williams rotifer-aphid model. Modelling.

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Ecology and evolution of Bdelloid rotifers: life table studies and mass culture techniques.

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