

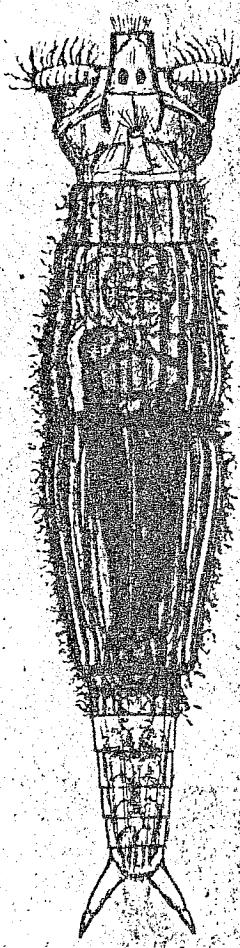
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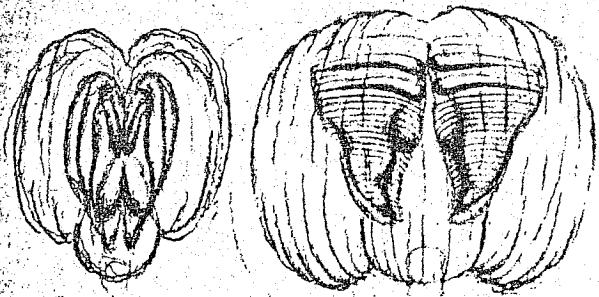
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NEWS, NOTES, AND REQUESTS

Most items received by either editor on or before (1 December 1986) have been included in this issue of ROTIFERS NEWS (No. 13) all other items will be published in issue No. 14.

The editors are sorry to inform our readers that we must require support in the production of ROTIFER NEWS. As you are well aware, international and even domestic mailing costs are quite high. Production costs are also quite expensive. We are requiring that the readers of ROTIFER NEWS support us in this valuable endeavor by paying the annual dues (\$ 5.00 US dollars per year). PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRE/ORDER FORM !! Readers of ROTIFERS NEWS who wish to make contributions beyond the dues are encouraged to do so !!!! Make all checks payable to ROTIFER NEWS.

1. Back issues of ROTIFER NEWS are still available! If you need a back issue (1-12) of ROTIFER NEWS copies are available from Bob Wallace at a cost of \$3.00 per issue to cover mailing and reproduction. Your comments on any aspect of ROTIFER NEWS is requested by the editors!

2. David Strayer <Address: Institute of Ecosystems Studies, Box AB, Millbrook, NY 12545, USA.> has asked us to list the following request:

I am helping to compile the section on "Minor Taxa" for the annual bibliography produced by the North American Bentholological Society and distributed to its 1500 members. I am especially interested in expanding the coverage of the meiofaunal taxa, and would appreciate receiving reprints of or references to work on freshwater meiofauna, including benthic and periphytic rotifers.

3. Charles M. James, (Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, PO. Box 1638, 22017, Salmaia, KUWAIT) has three MSs in preparation.

- (1) James, C.M., Abu-Rezeq, T., and Al-Khaus, A.M. (manuscript). Nutritional discrepancy of Chlorella for feeding the rotifer Brachionus plicatilis for aquaculture.
- (2) James, C.M. and Al-Hinty. (manuscript). Studies on the effect of different strains of marine yeasts for feeding the rotifer Brachionus plicatilis.
- (3) James, C.M. and Abu-Rezeq. (manuscript). Production and nutritional quality of two small-sized strains of the rotifer Brachionus plicatilis for aquaculture.

4. Warren D. Nagata (Pacific Biological Station, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, Nanaimo, BC., CANADA) has an MS in preparation.

Nagata, W.D. Long-term acclimation of parthenogenetic strain of Brachionus plicatilis III. Effect on respiration and excretion rates.

5. Howard L. Taylor (2221 N.E. 123 Street, North Miami, FL 33181, USA) has provided us with a unique look of Dr. Frank J. Meyers.

#### A LEGACY OF DR. FRANK J. MEYERS

Dr. Dr. Frank J. Meyers came to the American Museum of Natural History one day in the early 1930's to add some new holotype and paratype slides to the collection which he had established there. I was working part-time in Dr. Roy Waldo Miner's department of living invertebrates then and studying Rotifera and he introduced us. Dr. Meyers spent a long time that day looking over my work and discussing my aspirations. At the end of the day he invited me to study with him at his home and laboratory in Ventnor, New Jersey. It was an extraordinary opportunity.

During the next few years I visited him in Ventnor, staying several weeks at a time, and spent part of one summer with him in the Pocono mountains. He was a wonderful teacher, full of enthusiasm for our little rotifer friends and generous to a fault with his time. He was meticulous in every phase of his work and very consistent in the practice of good microscopy. He was highly perceptive and blessed with an adroit hand for rendering faithful drawings of what he saw. There was no photographic equipment in his laboratory.

Dr. Myers knew how meager my financial circumstances were at that time and that I might well have to lay up my microscopes for a while. He had me take copious notes from the very beginning and to these he added his own notes and diagrams. When I was back in New York, we corresponded extensively on subjects related to work, on identifications and we exchanged drawings. All of these I still have.

After the difficult depression years and some five years overseas during WWII, my work with microscopes was performe sporadic. I was active in several fields of optics and later in electronics, printed circuitry design and in mechanical quality control. Throughout these years I benefited from the exposure to Dr. Myers' methodical approach to problem solving. When I retired recently, I set up my laboratory in my home at 2221 N.E. 123 Street, North Miami, Florida, 33181, USA.

My project is a study of the Rotifer fauna of the Everglades from the source of its flow at Lake Okeechobee down to Everglades National Park where the waters turn brackish and on down to Florida Bay -- ninety some miles of superb country. At the same time, I have been reviewing Dr. Myers' techniques and instrumentations which I have continued to use during these many years. My aim has been to take advantage of substances and materials which were not available to him.

First priority has been given to finding a better way to make permanent slide mounts of specimens in aqueous media. The slides at the Museum in New York and my own collections show signs of serious deterioration. It seems that the sealant was not compatible with the glycols, not sufficiently impermeable to water and it became brittle in time. This was aggravated by using the same sealant for ringing.

Many tests and talks with chemists of leading firms have led me to a new compound which is commercially available and easy to handle with a special procedure. For ringing I have found another compound which handles well in traditional use and is commercially available; it is fully compatible with the new sealant. Both compounds provide excellent adhesion to glass. It is my belief that the procedure produces truly archival slide mounts for this difficult medium. My immediate plan is to remount my own collection, and, if that goes well, to remount some of the slides at the American Museum of Natural History. Publication of all pertinent information is planned for release in 1987.

Regarding instrumentation: design, prototyping and testing has been completed for the following: 1.) a new microcompressor which overcomes limitations that I have found in other such instruments. The new unit is compatible with and throughout the entire range of our modern light microscopes; 2.) a new type of micropipette for precision, manual control in isolation and transfer procedures; 3.) a very low profile ringing table which can also be used on the stage of a dissecting microscope for remounting procedures. Publication of detailed descriptions and availability of these instruments is planned for 1987.

Dr. Myers' gift to me has been a lifetime avocation, and now a full-time occupation, doing what I have looked forward to for many years. I hope that I can, in turn, help others.

6. Sigrid Neumann Leitão a publication in press (see also her Master Thesis listed in the recent literature.

Sigrid Neumann Leitão & Nogueira, J.D.C. Rotifers, cladocerans and copepods of Pernambuco. I. Planktonic species of prawn culture ponds at Nova Cruz, Pernambuco, Brazil. Amais do V Congresso Rordestine de Zoologia, Natal.

7. Walter Kleinow (Zoologisches Institute der Universität zu Köln, Weyertal 119, D-5000 Köln, FRG) has two papers in press.

(1) Kleinow, W. and Bender, K. in press. On the chemical composition of the lorica of Brachionus picalitis (Rotatoria). Verh Dtsch Zool Ges 79.

(2) Kleinow, W. in press. Effects of acrylamide on Brachionus picalitis (Rotifera). Comp Biochem Physiol.

#### DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW SPECIES

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- 184] Vidrine, M.F., McLaughlin, R.E., and Willis, O.R. 1985. Free-swimming colonial rotifers, Monogononta: Flosculariaceae: Flosculariidae, in southwestern Louisiana (USA) rice fields. <Address: Division of Sciences, LA State University - Eunice, Eunice, LA 70535, USA> Freshwater Invertebrate Biology 4(4):187-193. <Abstract: BIOSIS: 81-102929. During the summer of 1984, free-swimming colonial rotifers were collected incidental to field studies on mosquitoes in 335 rice fields in southwestern Louisiana. Six of the seven known species of free-swimming colonial flosculariid rotifers were found: Lacinularia elliptica Shepard, Lacinularia flosculosa (Mueller), Lacinularia ismailoviensis (Poggapol), Sinanthernia semibullata (Thorpe) Sinanthernia socialis (Linnaeus) and Sinanthernia spinosa (Thorpe). Lacinularia causeyae n. sp., a species new to science, was collected and is described herein. Of the 335 fields sampled, 225 fields had at least one species of these rotifers, which were locally abundant. Estimates of relative abundance are presented. > [Editor's notes: this journal is no longer in print. Each volume consisted of 4 issues. FIB ran from February 1982 (Volume 1, issue 1) through November 1985 (Volume 4, issue 4). It has been replaced with a new journal entitled Journal of the North American Bentholological Society. Those interested in JNABS may write Irwin Polls, Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago, Biology Research, 550 South Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL, 60193, USA.] <Keywords: sessile rotifer, Lacinularia ismailoviensis, Lacinularia elliptica, Lacinularia flosculosa, Sinanthernia semibullata, Sinantherina socialis, Sinantherina spinosa, Lacinularia causeyae new species, population, taxonomy>

#### RECENT LITERATURE

The literature cited below has been gleaned from several sources as noted above. We apologize for any incorrect citations which may follow! An attempt is always made to cite works completely and properly. We would like to be informed of any important errors in these citations; corrections will be published in the next issue (Number 14) which is scheduled for printing in June 1987. The editors encourage authors to send us reprints so that they can be properly cited and abstracted. Only if reprints are received can we properly annotate the citations. These references have been indexed at the end of RECENT LITERATURE section by using such keywords as the specific species names, predation, salinity, biogeography, etc. Suggestions concerning the index are welcome.

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late Precambrian Ediacaran fauna), ctenophores, platyhelminths, nemerteans, nematodes, nematomorpha, rotifers, priapulids, pogonophores, echiurans, and sipunculans. The available fossil record of these groups is unlikely to revolutionize our understanding of the lower invertebrate phylogeny, but it does give some indication on the first appearances and the subsequent evolution of lower invertebrates, especially with respect to adaptive radiations. <Keywords: evolution, phylogeny>

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*Philodina acuticornis* is a dose-dependent fashion, with no other discernible physiological effect. When six to eight eggs accumulate, the animals distend, burst and die. No other cholinergic agonist has been shown to produce a similar effect. (2) The antagonistic effect of six anticholinergic drugs and five acetylcholinesterase-inhibitor insecticides was investigated on egg retention. All compounds were found to inhibit this phenomenon to varying degrees, but on the basis of their EC<sub>50</sub> neuromuscular blockers appear to be most active in inhibiting egg retention. (3) We suggest, therefore, that egg retention is caused by a spasm or increased tone of the cloacal sphincter rather than a paralysis of muscles needed in the peristaltic expulsion of the egg. (4) Five acetylcholine-esterase inhibitory insecticides also inhibit egg retention. <Keywords: enzyme inhibitor, drug effects, acetylcholine, anesthetic drugs, autonomic system, insecticide, toxic agent, environmental toxicology, egg retention, muscle, acetylcholinesterase, bdelloid, *Philodina acuticornis*, neuropharmacology>

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could be reduced slightly when pH was stabilized at <7.0. Because living Elodea in neutral to alkaline water can remove  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  from beneath its leaves and release it from adaxial surfaces while photosynthesizing, we hypothesized that larvae initiate substrate activities on any surface when they are in microhabitats having ambient  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  concentrations below a threshold concentration. Short-term, in vitro growth experiments showed that rotifers attached to abaxial surfaces of Elodea leaves grew significantly taller and produced more eggs per female than those which had been induced to settle on adaxial surfaces. > <Keywords: larvae, Collotheca gracilipes, habitat selection, sessile rotifer, substrate selection, calcium.>

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