

A tribute to Pál Mihály Müller

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Currently, some 50 palaeontologists worldwide actively contribute to our knowledge of extinct decapod crustaceans, mostly lobsters, anomurans and brachyurans, which is demonstrated by the numerous papers that have been published in recent years. At regular intervals of three years, these palaeocarcinologists meet to discuss ongoing studies. The start of this series of workshops took place at Montecchio Maggiore (Vicenza, northern Italy) in 2000. The most recent meeting in this series, the fifth, was staged at Kraków (southern Poland) in June 2013 (Krobicki, 2014). During the concluding discussion of that workshop, attendees decided that contributions submitted would be guest edited by us for a special issue of *Scripta Geologica*, as a homage to our much respected colleague and good friend, Dr Pál Müller (Budapest), who could not attend due to severe illness. Thanks to timely submission and a swift review process, these proceedings can now appear in print just over a year after the workshop took place.

Contributions to the present issue include an overview of Pál's scientific output (Hyžný *et al.*, 2014a), as well as a range of papers on Late Jurassic to Quaternary anomurans and brachyurans, as follows:

- a new Late Jurassic pylochelid abdominal tergite from southern Poland (Fraaije *et al.*, 2014);
- a new Early Cretaceous frog crab from northwest South America (Luque, 2014);
- a new Late Cretaceous porcellanid from Morocco (Garassino *et al.*, 2014);
- mid- and Late Cretaceous dromioid crabs from western Germany and Iran (Jagt *et al.*, 2014a);
- early Late Cretaceous dynomenids and associated scalpelliform cirripedes from the Czech Republic (Kočová Veselská *et al.*, 2014);
- a new Late Cretaceous family of kiwaiform stem-lineage squat lobsters (Ahyong & Roterman, 2014);
- latest Cretaceous icriocarcinids from North America (Nyborg *et al.*, 2014) and coeval 'odds and ends' amongst decapod crustaceans from the type area of the Maastrichtian Stage (Jagt *et al.*, 2014b);

- early Paleocene crabs from Alabama (Feldmann *et al.*, 2014);
- Eocene carpilioids from Louisiana (Schweitzer *et al.*, 2014), majoids from Spain (Artal *et al.*, 2014) and panopeids from northeast Italy (De Angeli & Garassino, 2014);
- a revision of European Cenozoic species of *Calappilia* (Busulini *et al.*, 2014);
- Miocene squat lobsters from the Central Paratethys (Hyžný *et al.*, 2014b), a new xanthid crab from central Europe (Hyžný *et al.*, 2014c) and a new munidopsid anomuran from Cyprus (Fraaije, 2014);
- Pliocene majoids from Japan (Kato *et al.*, 2014);
- and, lastly, Pleistocene freshwater and terrestrial crabs from Sarawak (Ng & Cranbrook, 2014) and coeval crabs and mantis shrimp from Galveston, Texas (Collins *et al.*, 2014).

A range of new genera and species are introduced in these papers, most of which are dedicated to Pál Müller, as a token of appreciation of his decapod crustacean work.

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