



## Workshop: MolluscaBase

We gather taxonomic editors for MolluscaBase in this workshop in order to consolidate the mollusk component of WoRMS and to expand the land and freshwater part of MolluscaBase.

The workshop will be held in two parts:

**(1) *Involvement of new editors for the land & freshwater part of MolluscaBase:***

The addition to MolluscaBase of Ruud Bank's *Classification of the Recent terrestrial Gastropoda of the World* creates the conditions for the involvement of new taxonomic editors that we know have high quality data and have indicated their willingness to join the editorial team and/or hand over their data.

**(2) *Editing/consolidation of attributes/traits for the marine molluscs***

The addition in WoRMS of attributes / traits for the marine molluscs has been implemented a little erratically and is in need of consolidation and validation. The classification of the Mollusca is in fact highly predictive for natural history traits (e.g., all Eulimidae are parasitic on echinoderms; all Ovulidae feed on octocorals) and MolluscaBase could be enriched with such traits relatively easily.

### **Aims:**

The aims are directly linked with the above information:

- Learn the newly involved editors how to work with the online editing interface
- Validate existing traits information and add new traits for Mollusca

### **Venue:**

Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) – Wandelaarkaai 7, 8400 Oostende

- 5-6 February 2018: Part 1: Land & freshwater part MolluscaBase
- 7-8 February 2018: Part 2: Traits for MolluscaBase

### **Confirmed participants Part 1:**

Philippe Bouchet, Serge Gofas, Ruud Bank, Eike Neubert, Maxim Vinarski, Bram Breure, David (Dai) Herbert, Ira Richling, Barna Pall-Gergely, Frank Köhler

### **Confirmed participants Part 2:**

Philippe Bouchet, Serge Gofas, Yuri Kantor, David (Dai) Herbert

## Monday 5 February 2018 (day 1)

### 9h:

- Welcome [Philippe Bouchet]
- Practical information [Leen Vandepitte]
- Round table [all]
- Short introduction by responsible organising editor [Philippe Bouchet]
- General introduction to WoRMS [WoRMS DMT]

### 10h30: coffee / tea break (30')

### 11h:

- WoRMS online editing [WoRMS DMT]
  - o How to edit online
  - o Overview of existing tools & functionalities

### 12h30: sandwich lunch

### 13h30:

- How to deal with:
  - o Status of names
  - o Usage of taxon inquirendum / nomen dubium
  - o Compulsory corrections (e.g. wrong gender agreement)
  - o Usage / status of combinations with subgenera
- Hands-on online data entry [all]

### 15h: coffee / tea break (30')

### 15h30:

- Hands-on online data entry [all] (continued)

### 17h30: End of day 1

*Possibility for participants to stay later and continue working (18h)*

## Tuesday 6 February 2018 (day 2)

### 9h:

- Sum-up of day 1, evaluation of hands-on online data entry
- How to deal with:
  - o authorship: spelling of authors, diacritical signs, how to handle A in B; homonyms, von/van, de
  - o date of publication, treatment of names first published electronically;
  - o creating a new literature source; flagging incorrect dates; linking to BHL

- Overview of extra databases/files/publications from the participants that can contribute to MolluscaBase

**10h30: coffee / tea break (30')**

**11h:**

- Hands-on online data entry [all] (continued)

**12h30: sandwich lunch**

**13h30:**

- Defining priorities and plan future work
- Discuss communication & outreach opportunities

**15h: coffee / tea break (30')**

**15h30:**

- Defining priorities and plan future work (continued)
- Discuss communication & outreach opportunities (continued)

**17h30: Closure of workshop**

**19h: Dinner in Ostend, offered by LifeWatch Belgium (Faro restaurant)**

<b>Wednesday 7 February 2018 (day 3) [WORKSHOP PART 2]</b>
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**9h:**

- Short introduction by responsible organizing editor [Philippe Bouchet]
- General introduction to already available traits in WoRMS [WoRMS DMT]
- Discuss traits to be tackled

**10h30: coffee / tea break (30')**

**11h:**

- Traits editing with the DMT

**12h30: sandwich lunch**

**13h30:**

- Traits editing with the DMT

**15h: coffee / tea break (30')**

**15h30:**

- Traits editing with the DMT

**17h: End of day 3**

*Possibility for participants to stay later and continue working (18h)*

<b>Thursday 8 February 2018 (day 4)</b>
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**9h:**

- Linkage to type photos online

**10h30: coffee / tea break (30')**

**11h:**

- Linkage to type photos online (continued)
- Traits editing with the DMT

**12h30: sandwich lunch**

**13h30:**

- Traits editing with the DMT

**15h: coffee / tea break (30')**

**15h30:**

- Wrap up of the workshop

**17h: End of workshop**

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**Some important practical information for the hands-on online data entry**

- Bring your own laptop
- Please can all participants bring with them a dataset. This can be a recent or not so recent publication (e.g. a revision or an excel file of associated data) which contains information to be entered to MolluscaBase.  
E.g. This can include a list of new (and/or old) taxa and may include information on synonymy, type material, distributions, diagnoses that can be added to the database. Training will be provided in how to carry out additions of new information and editing/updating of problematic data.