

# MolluscaBase editors meeting, 28-30 July, 2022

Venue: Bavarian State Collection for Palaeontology and Geology., Richard-Wagner-Strasse 10, München (Palaeontology and Geobiology section of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University)

Wednesday July 27, optional: Those staying at The Stay Residence may wish to gather at the reception at 8 pm for dinner and/or a drink.

## Day 1 – Thursday July 28th, 2022

9h 00- 9h 30 – Opening session (PB)

Purpose and goals of the meeting, tentative schedule  
Briefing regarding practicalities

(coffee break)

9h50 – 12h Theme 1: **Molluscan editors and the way we function**

New editors to be invited, especially for fossils  
Pros and Cons of numerous distributed editors.  
Coordination among molluscan editors

(lunch break)

13h 30h – 15h30 Theme 2 - **Subgenera and their status as alternate representation**

Handling strings including subgenera  
Determining the rank of a genus group name in XIXth century papers  
Handling alternative views on ranking

(coffee break)

15h50 – 18h Theme 3 – **Handling conflicting views**

Choosing an accepted name among conflicting contemporaneous sources, usage of “unaccepted” vs. “alternate representation” vs. “unassessed”  
Lagging behind for unsettling changes?  
Status of unused senior homonyms  
What to do with unpublished expert opinions currently listed in WoRMS?

(dinner 7:00 pm - Shiva (Indian restaurant), Augustenstraße 96)

## Day 2 – Friday July 29th, 2022

9h – 10h20 Theme 4 - **Synonymies and their display**

Problem of moving synonyms of B to A when B is newly synonymised with A.  
Synonyms to appear in chronological order

(coffee break)

10h40 – 12h Theme 5 - **Master list of authors, initials**

Parse author-date field into two fields?  
Establishment of a normalized master list of authors ?  
Which ones do we want to include with initials, and which not?  
Rules on von, van, de.  
Establish a consensus on the use or non-use of "in" (A in B).  
Who is the author of a name made available from an earlier unavailable source (e.g. Chemnitz

(lunch break)

13h30h – 15h40 Theme 6 - **Entering sources**

- How to handle books which form a series, e.g. Lamarck's Histoire Naturelle.
- How to treat multi-authored books e.g. Okutani 2000/2017?
- Articles published in parts along several issues of the same journal
- List of larger books/articles which are totally covered in MB?

(coffee break)

16h – 18h Theme 7 – **Miscellaneous editorial norms**

- How to handle synonyms of genus names
- Which misidentifications merit to be indexed in WoRMS?
- Use of the terms original combination and basionym.
- How do we treat specific epithets originally combined with incorrect subsequent spellings
- Extra care to be given on date of nomenclatural validity for names (first) published electronically.
- Enforcement of grammatical gender agreement.
- Environment and Fossil should be attributes of the species, and not attributes of the names
- Dealing with homonyms

(dinner 7:00 pm - Trattoria Pizzeria Da Bello e Bello, Elisabethstraße 19)

**Day 3 – Saturday July 30th, 2022**

9h – 10h10 Theme 8 - **Distributions and type localities**

- Distribution data to build lists of species for geographical regions
- Type locality automatically offered to the editor when indexing a newly described species.
- Usage of "Note: Type locality" vs. "Distribution" vs. "Specimen" to enter the type locality.
- What to do with localities expressed as UTM or MGRS?

(coffee break)

10h30 – 11 h Theme 9 - **Images**

- Discuss a commonly acceptable policy on images.

11h – 11h 30 Theme 10 - **Higher classification**

- Potential future options -- e.g., simple and expanded classifications

11h30 – 12 h Theme 11 -**Priorities**

- Updating/improving the MolluscaBase home page texts
- Progress reports on various segments of MB and evaluation of gaps
- Indexation of nomenclatural acts other than new taxa (First Reviser; lecto-/neotype designations);
- Capture of subsequent combination, use of "new combination reference vs. "basis of record"

(lunch break)

13h 30 – time of dispersal **Wrap up**

- Leftover/unconcluded items
- Writing down conclusions
- Any other business?

(dinner: 7:30 pm - Schneider Bräuhaus (traditional Bavarian), Im Tal 7)