

# Report of the XIII InterRad

— Luis O'Dogherty —

The thirteen InterRad Conference on Fossil and Recent Radiolarians met at the Monasterio de San Miguel in El Puerto de Santa María (Cadiz, Spain), March 25-29, 2012. Many issues of interest to micropaleontologist and biologist were discussed in a charming place. The 81 participants came from 16 countries; being the Japanese team the most numerously represented with 26 active members. Particularly pleasing the relative large number of students and the quality of their presentations.

A total of 94 abstracts were presented at the conference. In addition to the oral papers (63), 31 posters were presented. The complete peer-reviewed abstracts were published in the last issue of the association's newsletter (Radiolaria Newsletter 28). Issues of the conference include: a) Radiolarian paleobiology and biostratigraphy, b) Radiolarian as proxy to reconstruct past environmental conditions, and c) Radiolarians in tectonic complexes and Ophiolite successions.

Two special sessions were also organized. The first was a Memorial to Professor Kojiro NAKASEKO (1925-2011), who is considered the pioneer of radiolarian researches in Japan. The second, devoted to the systematic of radiolarians, was celebrated in honor of Paulian DUMITRICA, at the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Prizes for the best student talk and poster were presented just before the business meeting, and were awarded to Anders K. Krabberød, (for his talk "*18S + 28S rDNA phylogeny divides Radiolaria into Polycystina and Spasmaria and supports the Retaria hypothesis*"), and Johan Renaudie (for his poster "*Advances in Antarctic Neogene radiolarian high-resolution stratigraphy*"). These prizes were sponsored by The Micropalaeontological Society (TMS) and InterRad association. The prizes sponsored by The Micropalaeontological Society (TMS) consist of £150 and a 3 years free membership in the InterRad Society (45 Euros) for the "best oral presentation" and for the "best poster presentation". A third prizes kindly offered by Prof. Jade Yeh, was assigned to Lei Shi.

After the conference, a field trip of four days in the Betic Cordillera took place. The aim of the field trip deal with regional aspects of this Alpine orogenic belt. The general assembly of the association decided to celebrate the next Conference in Turkey on 2015.

Thanks to all participants for making this InterRad 13 a success.

# Report of the Business Meeting, XIII InterRad

— Marco Chiari —

As new secretary of the InterRad association I wish to share with you the news from the Business Meeting of the InterRad XIII.

The president, Luis O'Dogherty, explained that he charged the edition of the last Radiolaria newsletter (volume 27) and he decided also to use the Newsletter as media to hold the abstracts and fieldtrip (volume 28, and volume 28 supplement).

Furthermore the treasurer Elspeth Urquhart, showed the InterRad financial situation, which is the following:

- Funds received September 2009 - January 2012, **578.13 GBP**
- Account balance January 2012, **2538.47 GBP**
- Funds received since January 2012, **255.94 GBP**
- Funds received during this meeting, **858.65 GBP**
- Account balance March 2012, **3653.06 GBP**
- Funds allocated for InterRad 13 meeting in Cadiz, **2600.00 GBP**
- Balance after Cadiz expenses, **1053.06 GBP**
- No InterRad funds were requested for China meeting
- Payments out from funds since January 2006 for New Zealand meeting, **0.00 GBP**
- Radpeople list - c.170
- Members of InterRad who are paid up until 2012 - 21
- Members who are paid up beyond this meeting - 31 members
- Members who are in arrears in 2012 (and before) - 183

After the presentation of Elspeth Urquhart the assembly continued and the participants voted for several proposals. The assembly decided:

1) To change the fees for the InterRad annual subscription from 15 USD to 10 GBP. It will be also possible to pay the fees annually, i.e. to renew your membership every year, or to purchase a three year membership to run from meeting to meeting. From the next InterRad meeting the registration fees will be increased by 20% for the participants who are not fully paid up members of InterRad.

2) To change the name of the association from INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RADIOLARIAN PALEONTOLOGISTS to INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RADIOLARISTS.

3) To accept the proposal of Ugur K. Tekin to hold the InterRad XIV in March 2015 in Turkey, and also the one of A. Matsuoka for the 2018 meeting that will be held in Japan.

4) To accept the board members for the next three years (2012-2014):

- T. Danelian for the Paleozoic Working Group, A. Matsuoka for the Mesozoic Working Group, G. Cortese for the Cenozoic Working Group;

- Jane K. Dolven as webmaster;

- M. Chiari as secretary.

5) To accept the proposal of T. Danelian to make a partnership between InterRad and Revue de Micropaleontologie.

Furthermore, we decided also to prepare two issues of the Newsletter every year (Summer and Winter issue). In the Summer issue the activities of the working groups will be described, the deadlines for meetings and other news. In the Winter one, we will again report the activities of the working groups, together with other news and also with the list of the published papers of the previous year.