

# Report of the XIV InterRad

— U. Kağan Tekin —

The fourteen InterRad Conference on Fossil and Recent Radiolarians met in Antalya, Turkey, on March 22-26, 2015. Before the congress, a four day excursion was organized to the Karakaya Complex and to the Izmir-Ankara Suture Belt in central and western Turkey; 14 people attended. During this trip, many well exposed radiolarian-bearing sequences have been visited in 8 different stops.

A total of 93 participants attended the Conference, from 19 different countries and they discussed many topics about radiolarians and related subjects. The Conference included the following five sessions: a) Taxonomy, systematics and phylogeny of radiolarians (Conveners: Paula Noble and Nikita Bragin), b) Recent advances in radiolarian biostratigraphy (Conveners: Rie S. Hori and Taniel Danelian), c) Radiolarians in geodynamics (Conveners: Peter O. Baumgartner and Marco Chiari), d) Reconstruction of paleoenvironmental conditions and detection of climate changes through time using radiolarians (Conveners: Giuseppe Cortese and Qinglai Feng) and e) Biological and ecological characteristics of recent radiolarians (Conveners: Demetrio Boltovskoy and Atsushi Matsuoka).

A total of 102 abstracts (59 for the oral sessions and 43 for the poster session) were presented at the conference, signed by 225 contributors. All the abstracts were published in the newsletter (Radiolaria 35, March 2015).

During the mid-conference excursion, we visited some outcrops where the Cenomanian/Turonian Anoxic Event in the Doyran Section is exposed, west of the Antalya city.

After the congress, 13 people participated to the four-day excursion to the Antalya nappes, and visited sequences with rich and diverse radiolarians of Triassic to Cretaceous age, in southern Turkey.

I would like to express my thanks to all contributors for the success of this fourteen InterRad Conference.

# Report of the Business Meeting

— Marco Chiari —

During the business meeting the president U. Kağan Tekin proposed to edit the abstract volume of the next Interrad meetings following the volume edited by Luis O'Dogherty for the Interrad XIII (Radiolaria 28, March 2012). Furthermore, he suggested to add - as subtitle - this sentence: "An International conference on Fossil and Recent radiolarians", as presentation in the cover of the abstract volume. The participant of the assembly agreed with this second point.

The assembly accepted the proposal of Atsushi Matsuoka to hold the InterRad XV in October 2017 in Japan and the proposal of Špela Goričan for the 2020 InterRad that will be held in Slovenia.

Taniel Danelian introduced the InterRad financial situation compiled by the Treasures Elspeth Urquhart which is:

- Balance January 2012	£ 2538.47
- Dues paid in 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2012 until 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	£ 1629.09
- Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012	£ 4167.56
- Payment Out to InterRad XII Cadiz	£ 2464.40
- Balance 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	£ 1703.16
- Bank Interest	£ 1.59
- Balance November 2014	£ 1704.75
- Payment Out to InterRad XIV Antalya	£ 1105.92
- Balance 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	£ 598.83
- Dues Collected December 2014 until 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	£ 516.28
- Balance 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	£ 1115.11

The President, U. Kağan Tekin, assigned the Prize for the best talk "Expansion of Southern Ocean radiolarian fauna linked to a late Eocene cooling event" to Kristina M. Pascher (GNS Science, New Zealand; K.Pascher@gns.cri.nz).

Taniel Danelian and Marco Chiari introduced the two special issues, *Revue de Micropaléontologie* and *Ofioliti* for the proceedings of the presentations of the meeting. They also communicated the date of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 as deadline for the submission of the papers.

The assembly also accepted the following board members until the next meeting:

- Paula Noble as treasurer (noblepj@unr.edu)
- Marco Chiari as secretary (mchiari@geo.unifi.it)
- Yoshihito Kamata for the Paleozoic Working Group (yoshi\_kamata@geol.tsukuba.ac.jp)
- Špela Goričan for the Mesozoic Working Group (spela@zrc-sazu.si)
- John Rogers for the Cenozoic/Recent Working Group (john.rogers@anu.edu.au)
- Jane Dolven as webmaster (jane@radiolaria.org)

Last, Taniel Danelian illustrated the special issue of *Revue de Micropaléontologie* entitled “Radiolarian taxonomy and biostratigraphy: in memory of Professor Kojiro Nakaseko (1925-2011)” edited by Atsushi Takemura and Rie Hori (Volume 58, Issue 1, January-March 2015).