



## **Preface: Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop on Symbiotic Copepoda**

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The 1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop on Symbiotic Copepoda (IWOSC) was held from 4–8 December, 2010, at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) in San Pedro, California, U.S.A. We, along with Kazuya Nagasawa of Hiroshima University, Japan, organized the workshop. Ju-Shey Ho of California State University Long Beach, U.S.A., Geoff Boxshall of The Natural History Museum, U.K., and Rodrigo Johnsson of Universidade Federal da Bahia, Brazil, served as tutors.

The participants of the IWOSC included a total of 24 postgraduate students, academics, and professionals from Australia, Brazil, Germany, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, and the U.S.A. Ju-Shey Ho provided the keynote address at the opening ceremony of the workshop, while on the second day, the plenary lecture was given by Geoff Boxshall and 16 oral and 13 posters were presented. During the remaining three days of the workshop, the participants: a) learned scientific illustration techniques and practical methods for collecting, curating, and identifying symbiotic copepods (from a suite of local marine invertebrate and fish hosts collected by CMA aquarists); b) contributed to a ‘roundtable’ discussion regarding ways to promote this scientific discipline; and c) enjoyed a tour of CMA and the nearby beaches and tidepools. Due to the overwhelming success of this workshop, the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop on Symbiotic Copepoda is planned for 2013 at the University of Limpopo in South Africa.

A total of ten manuscripts on topics ranging from systematics, biodiversity, and ecology were accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the IWOSC following peer review. As co-editors of the Proceedings, we acknowledge the following reviewers for their efforts which improved the quality of the manuscripts: Eugenia Bandera, George Benz, Geoff Boxshall, Paola Braicovich, Francisca Cavaleiro, Mercedes Conradi, Craig Hayward, Ju-Shey Ho, Slava Ivanenko, Kunihiro Izawa, Brian Jones, Il-Hoi Kim, Ione Madinabeitia, Francisco Morales-Serna, Kazuya Nagasawa, Wojciech Piasecki, and Raul Castro Romero.

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