



3rd International Symposium “Coleoid Cephalopods through time” in Luxembourg, September 2008?

Dear coleoid expert,

the **International Symposium “Coleoid Cephalopods through time”** was first held in 2002 at the Institute for Geological Sciences, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany). The subtitle of the meeting was: “Neontological approaches to their palaeobiology in the light of the fossil record”. The intention of the initiators, Prof. Dr. Helmut Keupp (Berlin, Germany), Dr. Kerstin Warnke (Berlin, Germany) and Prof. Dr. Sigurd von Boletzky (Banyuls-sur-Mer, France), was to open an interdisciplinary blend of biologists and palaeontologists in order to discuss the still poorly understood evolutionary history of coleoids. Indeed, neontological and palaeontological contributions of both, the first and the second symposium (held in 2005 at the Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic), were well-balanced and thus very successful.

The high frequency of fossil coleoids in Luxembourg recently induced increased research efforts and inspired the palaeontological department of the **Musée National d’Histoire Naturelle, Luxembourg (MNHN)** to organize the **3rd symposium**. Apart from the primary goal of the symposium, namely significant scientific contributions and discussions, it is planned to activate public interests by means of popular scientific presentations in evening sessions. Our meeting of international experts would fit well within the scope of a special exhibition about fossil and living Mollusks at the museum as well as in a special cephalopod volume of the *FERRANTIA*, the series of scientific works in the MNHN, which appears in 2008.

As the number of participants has withered in Prague, this is an attempt to ask for potential participants. **To receive an appraisal of general interest, please, send us a short statement about your opinion.** In case of general acceptance, we start planning the next symposium immediately.

Sincerely

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