

Special Issue

Diversity, Adaptation, and Biogeography of Gastropods

Message from the Guest Editor

Gastropods are one of the most species-rich and diverse animal group, inhabiting worldwide all habitats and presenting incomparably diverse biology. They inhabit the sea, including the hadal, hot-vents, and shelf waters with tidal zone, fresh waters (also subterranean), and terrestrial habitats. Their species-level diversity, phylogenetic relationships, and diversified modes of life due to their adaptations remain poorly studied. This state-of-art is especially disquieting, since the biodiversity of these animals, most of them rather incapable to migrate to the areas less affected by man, and climate change, diminishes, often drastically. The study of their biology, phylogenetic relationships – including molecular taxonomy – and historic geology enable the reconstruction of the Recent biogeography. With this in mind, this Special Issue aims to explore all new advances in the research of gastropod diversity, adaptation, and biogeography. Research areas may include (but are not limited to): morphology- and molecule-based phylogeny, population genetics, eco-physiology, ecology, ethology, reproduction, faunistics, biogeography, genesis of the fauna, fishery, human impact.

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