

## Special Issue

# Vantage Points in the Morphology of Aquatic Organisms

### Message from the Guest Editor

A vantage point is a significant location or position from which the status and evolution of a field of interest can be viewed and interpreted. A detailed study of a specific morphological subject can provide data for a number of different approaches in vertebrate biology. Some examples are shown below:

- Development of characters for phylogenetic analysis, sometimes together with molecular phylogeny.
- Gaining insight into functions, sometimes combined with various mechanical analyses.
- Studying ecological adaptations.
- Exploring developmental pathways, sometimes combined with gene expression work.
- Integration of several of the above approaches.

Here, we are asking for submissions concerned with key morphological advances that offer a vantage point on the function, ecology, systematics, phylogenetics or development of a group of aquatic organisms. Within the existing literature, this Special Issue will affirm the ongoing importance of morphology in biological research and may serve as a reference point for the use of morphological data.

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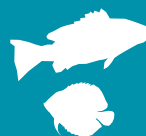
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