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Invitations by national societies



BSP, Liverpool, UK

Jean Dupouy-Camet was invited by Prof Magda Azab & Prof Nadia El Dib to attend, in November 2014, the meeting of the **Egyptian Parasitologists United** in Cairo. He was also invited in April 2015 to the Spring meeting of the **British Society of Parasitologists** in Liverpool (by Prof Russ Stothard) & in May 2015 to NICOPA 9, National & International Congress of the **Iranian Society of Parasitologists** (by Ass Prof Keyhan Ashrafi) in Langarud, Guilan (Iran). In all these meetings, Jean Dupouy-Camet was very impressed by the presence of a lot of young scientists enthusiastically presenting their MSc or PhD work. Parasitology still attracts students! International guests were invited & it was, for all, a good opportunity to initiate cooperation & to share experiences.



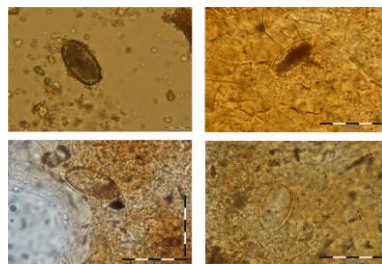
EPU, Cairo, Egypt



NICOPA9, Guilan province, Iran

Paleoparasitology in Iran

Dr G Mowlavi is organizing paleoparasitology in Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) with the help of PhD students. The zoogeographical location of Iran, has attracted researchers in many fields to this historic I&C. Chehrabad Saltmummy & Saltmine Exploration Project (www.saltmine-iran.com/tiki-index.php) has provided the first practical opportunity to encourage interdisciplinary research, such as paleoparasitology in the country. This ongoing archaeological project is led by German scientists from Ruhr University in Bochum. The results of analysis of human & animal paleo-faeces from the Sassanid era (1500 BP) are already published: identification of *Taenia sp* in a natural human mummy, paleoparasitological findings from rodent or canine coprolites. Other studies on burial soil obtained from a cemetery in the Zagros mountain area, described the oldest dicrocoeliasis in the Bronze age in ancient Iran. An international scientific investigation resulted in the publication of a probable case of hepatic capillariosis & hydatidosis in an adolescent from the late Roman period excavated by S. Kacki in Amiens (France). Currently, the School of Public Health at Tehran University (TUMS) is conducting a comprehensive paleoparasitological study in Shahr-e Sukhteh ("Burnt City", Bronze age, 4500 BP, Unesco World heritage) in south-eastern Iran. Thanks to Dr SMS Sajjadi, director of the project, the analysis of more than 300 burial samples & many other animal coprolites is still in progress. (www.iranreview.org/content/Documents/Iran_s_Burnt_City.htm).



Capillaria hepatica eggs from a Roman burial

**Save the date of EMOP 12 !
20-24 July 2016, Turku, Finland**



<http://emopxii.blogspot.fr/>

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Young Scientist Awards

The EFP will offer during the next EMOP **Young Scientist Awards** to stimulate the participation of young parasitologists & contribute to the increasing development of Parasitology. Candidates must be less than 35 years old & be a national of one of the countries that are members of the EFP. Six prizes will be awarded: three in "Basic Parasitology" & three in "Applied Parasitology". Prizes include 1000, 600 & 400 euros for 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes; a diploma & refunding of EMOP registration fees. The applicants have to register for the congress & to give a 15 minute presentation on their work, during EMOP.

Student scholarships for EMOP

Young parasitologists are invited to participate in EMOPS & to contribute to the development of Parasitology. To help & stimulate them, a number of scholarships covering the congress fees will be offered. Candidates should be students & nationals of a country attached to EFP & studying in an institution whose country is a member of the EFP. Their results will have to be communicated at EMOP.

Details on how to apply will be available in due course on the EFP webpages.

Schistosomiasis in Corsica (the rest of the story...)

Molecular studies on the Corsican schistosome strain have shown that, in addition to pure *S haematobium*, most of the eggs collected from patients are hybrids of *S haematobium* & the livestock species *S. bovis*. A European initiative is being launched, coordinated by the **Parasitic Disease Threat Quick Response Committee of the EFP**, to assess the questions posed by this outbreak; evaluate the potential risk in Portugal, Spain, & Italy & establish a European Network of specialists on snail vectors & snail-borne diseases to assist the European CDC in its preparedness activities. More details in: Boissier J, Moné H, Mitta., Bargues MD, Molyneux D, Mas-Coma S, 2015 Schistosomiasis reaches Europe. *Lancet ID*, 15 (7): 757-758.

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