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First Ascidiacea World Database Editor Workshop

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This presentation will present the outcomes of the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS, <http://www.marinespecies.org>) Ascidiacea editors workshop which was held at the Flanders Marine Institute in Oostende, Belgium between the 15th and 17th February 2016. The meeting brought together all of the WoRMS Ascidiacea editors for the first time and included a special guest, namely the world-renowned ascidian taxonomist Françoise Monniot. She shared both her extensive knowledge and a database that comprises decades of taxonomic research compiled by both her and Claude Monniot. The workshop provided an invaluable opportunity to discuss more efficient ways to coordinate the work among the editors, as well as between the editors and the WoRMS Data Management Team based at the Flanders Marine Institute. The editors learned how to use the full set of online tools available, which has allowed for an increasingly effective editing of the content of the Ascidiacea World Database (one of the Global Species Databases of WoRMS, see <http://www.marinespecies.org/ascidiacea/>). In addition, many species records and taxonomic issues (e.g. missing authorities, homonyms) were resolved during the workshop. Finally, species distributions were revised and a total of 714 PDFs uploaded, which ensures easier access to species distribution information and primary literature for both users and editors. This workshop therefore marks the start of a comprehensive revision of the Ascidiacea World Database.

Notes:

Further information can be found:

<http://www.marinespecies.org/news.php?p=show&id=4483>

http://www.marinespecies.org/docs/activities/2015/Ascidiacea_Workshop_Report_Final.pdf

<http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/tidebites/Vol32/>

<http://depts.washington.edu/ascidian/AN77.pdf>